



Pamunkey Regional Jail
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Unconditional Certification Awarded by Virginia Department of Corrections

For Immediate Release: Yesterday, the Pamunkey Regional Jail was honored to receive 100% compliance with the Virginia Department of Corrections' (DOC) unannounced annual audit and inspection. This is the ninth straight year that the jail has received a perfect rating for an inspection of this type.

This annual re-certification effort culminated in an onsite review and inspection by corrections professionals from the Local Facilities Unit of the DOC, who scrutinized areas such as the jail's staff training, inmate records, jail security & operations, jail physical plant, food service, safety & sanitation, health care and other inmate services & programs to ensure compliance with the numerous Life, Health and Safety standards necessary for certification.

Superintendent James Willett credited the success of the re-certification process to all of the staff of the Pamunkey Regional Jail, who helped ensure that standards were met or exceeded on a daily basis. Colonel Willett also thanked the jail's accreditation staff for their hard work: Captain Mary White, and Officer Karen Hurd.

The Virginia Minimum Standards for Jails and Lockups address the administration and operations of Virginia's local and regional jails and lockups, and the supervision of inmates in those facilities. These standards must be met by successful achievement of specific requirements for facility certification, which assures minimum compliance of jails and lockups throughout the Commonwealth.

All correctional programs and facilities in the Commonwealth operate under minimum standards that are designed to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of staff and offenders within a correctional setting. The Regulations Governing Certification and Inspection serve as a necessary enforcement mechanism in monitoring the minimum standards so that local jails, state correctional facilities, residential centers, probation and parole offices and other correctional programs and facilities may be evaluated through a uniform process and be certified as efficient and safe.

The Minimum Standards for Jails and Lockups, as well as the Certification Regulations, guide the departmental audits and inspections of local correctional facilities. Inspections, which are unannounced, are performed on an annual basis.

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