



Pamunkey Regional Jail
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Jail Completes State Audit; Earns Exceptional Rating

For Immediate Release: Yesterday, the Virginia State Compensation Board completed a rigorous audit of the Pamunkey Regional Jail's inmate records, and was pleased to award the facility 'Exceptional' ratings across the board. This is the highest rating achieved in nine years of operation.

Superintendent James Willett attributed this audit achievement to the records and intake staff of the Pamunkey Regional Jail, who helped make sure inmate records are checked on a daily basis to ensure they are error free. Colonel Willett also thanked the jail's Local Inmate Data System (LIDS) staff for their hard work: Captain Kim Hopkins, and Amy Bennett.

State External Auditor Rick Burkett also complimented Captain Hopkins and Ms. Bennett, saying how responsive they were to inquiries and their ability to provide prompt, accurate information.

Colonel Willett said, "I am very pleased with the hard work my staff put into this task. It is very evident by the 'exceptional' scores received that my staff's commitment to providing immaculate records is shown on a daily basis." In 2006, the Pamunkey Regional Jail processed 4,724 unique records which had to be accurately entered into the LIDS system.

Currently, the Jail is reimbursed at a rate of \$8.00 a day for local inmates and \$14.00 per day for each Department of Corrections inmate housed in the Pamunkey Regional Jail. Without an accurate LIDS accounting, costs associated with housing offenders could fall on the local taxpayers. Jails that do not successfully pass this type of audit face de-certification, which means the loss of their per diem reimbursement.

Utilizing the LIDS system, the State is able to forecast crime trends, track the impact of crime legislation and make policy decisions by compiling offender information from the Virginia localities.

The Pamunkey Regional Jail makes LIDS submissions to the State on a daily basis. This type of frequency in data reporting helps ensure data from all Virginia jurisdictions is readily available, particularly for tracking sex offenders statewide.

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