



Pamunkey Regional Jail
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Unconditional Certification Awarded by Virginia Department of Corrections

For Immediate Release: The Pamunkey Regional Jail was again honored to receive 100% compliance with the Virginia Department of Corrections' (DOC) annual audit and inspection. This is the tenth year in a row that the jail has received a perfect rating for an *unannounced 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.

James C. Willett, CJM, CCM, Superintendent of the jail credited the success of the re-certification process to all staff that helps ensure standards are met or exceeded on a daily basis. He also thanked the jail's accreditation staff for their hard work: Captain Mary White, Officer Karen Hurd, and Officer Doris Mines. "This is a fine example of how the Pamunkey Regional Jail endeavors to uphold the professional standards that the community has come to expect from their jail," Colonel Willett said.

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 compliance of jails throughout the Commonwealth.

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.

For more information regarding the Department of Corrections Local Facilities' inspection process, please contact the Accreditation Section at 804-365-6400 Ext. 3024.

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