



Pamunkey Regional Jail
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Pamunkey Regional Jail is Nationally Re-Accredited

For Immediate Release: At the winter conference of the American Correctional Association (ACA) in January, 2009, the Pamunkey Regional Jail was honored to be re-accredited by the ACA. This was the third accreditation process the jail has undertaken in its 11 year history through ACA.

This three-year re-accreditation effort culminated in an onsite review and inspection this past October by corrections professionals from across the country, who scrutinized areas such as the jail's administrative operations, budget/fiscal management, staff training, inmate records, jail security & operations, inmate classification and discipline, jail physical plant, food service, safety & sanitation, health care and other inmate services & programs to ensure compliance with the 384 standards necessary for accreditation.

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

To be accredited by the ACA, a jail must be in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards and at least 90% of the non-mandatory standards. The Pamunkey Regional Jail was re-accredited with 100% compliance of mandatory standards and 99.74% of non-mandatory standards, which is higher than the jail's initial accreditation in 2003, and the same percentage as the first re-accreditation in 2006.

The three year re-accreditation award granted to Pamunkey Regional Jail does not signal the end of the Pamunkey Regional Jail's involvement in the accreditation process. During this award period, staff will continue to work to maintain continuous compliance with the

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standards. The jail received its initial ACA accreditation in 2003, and at the time, was only the 8th Virginia jail to do so. In addition to ACA, the Pamunkey Regional Jail is also accredited through the Virginia Department of Corrections, Local Facilities Unit, and is compliant to the detention standards established by both the U.S. Marshals and the U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement.

ABOUT ACA ACCREDITATION

The accreditation program is a professional peer review process based on national standards that have evolved since the founding of the Association in 1870. The standards were developed by national leaders from the field of corrections, law, architecture, health care and other groups interested in sound correctional management.

ACA standards address services, programs and operations essential to effective correctional management. Through accreditation, an agency is able to maintain a balance between protecting the public and providing an environment that safeguards the life, health and safety of staff and offenders. Standards set by ACA reflect practical up-to-date policies and procedures and function as a management tool for agencies and facilities throughout the world.

If you have any questions concerning the Pamunkey Regional Jail's accreditation process, please do not hesitate to contact Captain Mary White at (804) 537-6400 Extension 3024. To find out more about the national accreditation program, visit: www.aca.org/standards .