Kendall County Sheriff’s Office Presents Accreditation Award

In March of 2015, the Kendall County Correctional Facility began a long and lengthy process of accreditation through the American Correctional Association (ACA). The process moved to the audit stage which was completed with a two day onsite assessment of our correction facilities by the ACA which concluded on September 19, 2017. The ACA reported that the jail met 100% of the mandatory standards and greater than 93.2% of the non-mandatory standards. The goal of ACA accreditation is to improve facility operations through adherence to clear standards relevant to all areas and operations of the facility, including safety, security, order, inmate care, programs, justice, and administration.

In January of 2018 the ACA’s Commission on Accreditation reviewed the final audit report and voted on initial accreditation at the Winter Conference in Orlando, Florida. Members of the Kendall County Sheriff’s Office accepted the formal award of accreditation.

On February 20, 2018, the Kendall County Sheriff’s Office presented the American Correctional Association Award to Kendall County Board Chairman Scott Gryder. Gryder said “We are very proud of the hard work undertaken by the Sheriff and Kendall County corrections team to earn ACA accreditation. ACA accreditation is intended to improve operations by adherence of clear standards. It is notable that Kendall County serves as a standard for operational efficiency as one of a few jails in the state to earn accreditation. This is a highly commendable recognition of our correctional staff.”
Sheriff Baird added, “ACA accreditation is an important and highly respected indicator which demonstrates that this jail is being operated safely, professionally, humanely and in compliance with the U.S. Constitution. My congratulations to all of the men and women in our Corrections Bureau who work hard on a daily basis to ensure that this jail can be held up as one of the finest in the nation. This was an outstanding conclusion to an outstanding effort, and I am very proud of our corrections staff.”

Pictured from left to right are: Sheriff Dwight Baird, Kendall County Board Chair Scott Gryder, Deputy Commander Joseph Gillespie, Accreditation Manager Sgt. Jeanne Russo, Under Sheriff Harold Martin, and Corrections Commander Sabrina Jennings.