Kendall County Correctional Facility Completes the First Phase of the Accreditation Process

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 19th. 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.

The next step in this process will not come until January of 2018 when the ACA’s Commission on Accreditation will review the final audit report and vote on initial accreditation at the 2018 Winter Conference in Orlando, Florida.

“It is imperative to perform to the highest standards to minimize liability to avoid lawsuits and reduce risk to staff. By having an independent assessment that examines your operations and services can greatly assist in accomplishing these goals. I would like to thank each and every correctional staff member for their dedication and professionalism. The Assessors had a lot of complimentary and supportive comments about the staff, great job everyone!” said Sheriff Dwight Baird.

Pictured in photograph from left to right: Under Sheriff Martin, Visiting Committee Steven Bailey, Corrections Commander Jennings, Visiting Committee Chairperson Paul Hastmann Accreditation Manager Sgt. J. Russo, Deputy Commander Gillespie and Sheriff Baird