



Cumberland County Sheriff's Office receives the "Triple Crown Award" from the National Sheriff's Association

Since 2001, the American Correctional Association (ACA) has accredited the Cumberland County Jail. Since then, the jail has been through six (6) successful re-accreditations. In October 2019, the jail was audited by members of the ACA Accreditation team made up of professionals from across the country and received a score of 99.3% out of a possible 100% compliance.

The jail also holds a certification for the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). This process began in January 2016 and the facility was found compliant through an audit in April 2018. The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed by Congress in 2003. The purpose of the act is to "provide for the analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape in Federal, State, and local institutions and to provide information, resources, recommendations and funding to protect individuals from prison rape."

The Corrections Department medical unit has also been accredited since 2005 through the National Commission on Correctional Health Care. The medical department developed policies and demonstrated compliance with 63 standards. Our next audit will be in of November 2020.

In November 2019, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office earned re-accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). The Sheriff's Office was initially accredited in 2015 and is only one of six (6) law enforcement agencies and the only Sheriff's Office in Maine to have attained this recognition of professionalism.

To have earned a CALEA law enforcement accreditation the Sheriff's Office developed policies and demonstrated compliance with 184 standards. The standards for each individual and accreditation cover nearly every aspect of a modern professional law enforcement agency's activities. In June of 2019, two CALEA Assessors from outside the State of Maine visited the agency to conduct interviews and observations with agency members, peer and partner organizations and community members to ensure the agency's compliance with the standards and ideals of CALEA accreditation. The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office was found to have complied with all applicable standards.

These accreditations and certifications demonstrate the professionalism of all the people that make up our agency and their ongoing commitment to maintaining these standards of excellence. The culmination of the aforementioned accreditations and certifications, place the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office in a prominent position. There are more than 3000 Sheriffs' Offices in the country and Cumberland County is one of the less than three percent (3%) of Sheriffs' Offices who obtained the "Triple Crown Award" from the National Sheriff's Association.

Cumberland County Sheriff, Kevin J. Joyce stated, "The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office has the best law enforcement, corrections and civilian employees and now I have the proof."