

# **Okaloosa County News Release**

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Photo Outline: Corrections Staff were recognized at the Board of County Commission meeting for their perfect score on Accreditation and its third accreditation award.

## **Department of Corrections Gets 100 on Accreditation**

The Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission (FCAC) voted unanimously on October 12, 2010 to award re-accreditation status to the Okaloosa County Department of Corrections. The department was in compliance with 100 percent of the mandatory and non-mandatory standards required to receive accreditation using criteria set by FCAC and Florida Model Jail Standards. The accreditation inspection is held every three years, and this is the third successful inspection to be held at Okaloosa County Department of Corrections since 2004.

“This is truly a remarkable achievement given our limited resources. I am proud of our outstanding team of professionals and look forward to continuing to maintain the high standards we have set for ourselves,” exclaimed Director Larry Caskey, Okaloosa County Department of Corrections.

The FCAC accreditation is a voluntary accreditation program that, according to FCAC, is more comprehensive than current Florida inspection standards. The inspection takes three days, and includes the following:

Interview of staff members and inmates

Inspections of the facility

Administration procedures and records inspections.

The accreditation standards are patterned after a combination of the Florida Model Jail Standards, standards from the American Correctional Association, and the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. In addition, the Okaloosa County Department of Corrections is accredited by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care. For more information, contact Okaloosa County Department of Corrections, 850-689-5690.

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