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Lake County Jail Passes 2018 Inspection in All Categories

Sheriff Mark Curran is pleased to announce that the Lake County Sheriff's Office received the results of an inspection conducted by the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) of the Lake County Jail. The detailed inspection of the Lake County Jail took place on June 7, 2018.

The IDOC inspection is conducted on an annual basis. IDOC auditors thoroughly inspect over 330 different categories during the inspection of the jail. The Lake County Jail received passing status in each of the applicable categories.

Several improvements were made over the past year and documented by auditors:

- Supply of Naloxone in all transport vehicles and other places inside the facility, and Naloxone training for the inmates conducted by Lake County Health Department
- "Building Families Together – Fatherhood and Re-Entry Program" started for inmates, running two days a week for twelve weeks about fatherhood, responsible adulthood, and re-entry to society
- New facility camera installation
- Vivitrol Program where inmates receive first injection while in custody, and transported to the Lake County Health Department upon release for continuation of care
- Jail High Utilizer Program – identifies individuals who have been booked into the jail two to three times in a 12-month period. These inmates volunteer to be in the program and are provided a case worker upon release from jail who directs services throughout the county such as mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, and/or family advocacy.

- Currently testing two new body-worn cameras to determine which works best
- Jail kitchen has been renovated and expanded, scheduled to open this month
- New computers are being obtained for the inmates to utilize while in jail

This year, from January through June, the Lake County Jail housed 542 inmates, on an average daily basis, made 6,619 jail inmate transports for various court hearings, and served over 335,000 meals.

Sheriff Mark Curran said, "The Illinois Department of Corrections 2018 Inspection validates the exceptional work of our Corrections staff. The Lake County Sheriff's Office is committed to treating inmates with respect while in custody at our facility."

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