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MEDIA RELEASE

Lake County Jail Passes Inspection and Audit

Sheriff John D. Idleburg is pleased to announce the Lake County Jail passed its most recent inspection and audit conducted by the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC). The detailed inspection of the Lake County Jail took place on May 6, 2021.

The IDOC inspection is conducted on an annual basis. During the inspection, IDOC auditors thoroughly inspect more than 330 different categories.

Several achievements were recognized of the past year and documented by the auditors:

- Staff and inmates are provided the opportunity to be vaccinated for Covid-19.
- Inmate programs have restarted in a limited capacity due to Covid-19. Inmates have been going to programs with other inmates from their own housing units.
- The Jail created a Gender Equity Committee which will evaluate the needs of female inmates and staff to meet specific needs that have not been addressed in the past.
- The jail's program manager has been conducting GED classes via Zoom which allows inmates to continue their educational needs while in custody during the pandemic.
- The Jail acquired a new inmate medical provider in December 2020, Wellpath Health Care. Wellpath Health Care completed the last National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) audit early 2021.
- The Jail will be converting to an upgraded body-worn camera system this year.
- The Jail has completed installation of the new air handlers for the ventilation system, which will improve air circulation.
- The Vivitrol program has been expanded to provide ongoing treatment to the inmates. Inmates will be screened upon intake to the jail and will become part of the MAT (Medication Assistance Treatment) program. The treatment will be ongoing while the inmate is in custody and will continue upon their release if desired.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, “Running the county’s jail is one of the biggest responsibilities we have. When an inmate is remanded by the courts into our custody, we take our responsibility seriously to provide the best care for the inmate’s welfare and well-being, all while ensuring our jail is secure and safe.”

In just the first five months of this year, the jail received over **1,800** new inmates and had an average daily population of **525** inmates. Correctional officers have successfully conducted over **4,300** inmate transports to court hearings and other court ordered trips. The jail has served over **235,000** meals to inmates so far this year.

“While it was difficult during the pandemic, we continue making it a top priority to capitalize on inmate programming, so we can utilize an inmate’s time here to help them better themselves, so they can be successful when they reenter our community. This reduces recidivism and ultimately saves taxpayer dollars,” added Sheriff Idleburg.

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