September 11, 2019

TO: All Jail Administrators

RE: UPDATE - FLORIDA MODEL JAIL STANDARDS INSPECTIONS

Dear Sheriffs and Jail Administrators:

This is a reminder that all FMJS Inspection Reports are supposed to be completed no later than November 30th of each year. As of today's date only 43 jails have completed their required jail inspections and only 36 jails have completed their required medical inspections.

**FMJS 2.4** – The Officer-in-Charge shall contract or arrange for a FMJS Certified Inspectors for the purpose of inspecting all county and municipal detention facilities. The FMJS Inspector(s) shall inspect for compliance with all applicable Florida Model Jail Standards. At a minimum, one complete FMJS Facility Inspection shall be conducted annually. Additionally, the completed annual FMJS facility inspection shall be completed no later than November 30th of each year.

If you need an inspector, please visit the Florida Sheriff's Association website: https://www.flsheriffs.org/law-enforcement-programs/training/florida-model-jail-standards/need-an-inspection to locate an inspector.

As you know, the FMJS Committee was established by the legislature in lieu of the D.O.C. doing jail inspections. Three sheriffs' and two members of the Florida Association of Counties currently sit on the five-member committee.

Sincerely,

Sheriff William O. "Bill" Farmer, Jr.
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Chair, Florida Model Jail Standards Committee