



# FLORIDA MODEL JAIL STANDARDS

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**Date:** January 30, 2019

**From:** Sheriff Bill Farmer, Chairman, Florida Model Jail Standards Committee, Sumter County Sheriff's Office, 7361 Powell Road, Wildwood, FL.

**To:** All Sheriffs (who operates Jails) and all Board of County Commissioners Commission (operated Jails)

**RE:** FLORIDA MODEL JAIL STANDARDS: **Florida Model Jail Standards Quality Assurance and Improvement Program Directive**

In an ongoing effort to ensure to "Quality Assurance and Improvement" to the Florida Model Jail Standards Program the following process will begin and will be required for all Florida Model Jail Standards Jail and Medical Inspectors (current and/or retired); Beginning January 2019 through December 2019 all current Florida Model Jail Standards Jail and Medical Inspectors will be required to review the FMJS "Code of Ethics for Jail and Medical Inspectors" (go to the FSA Website).

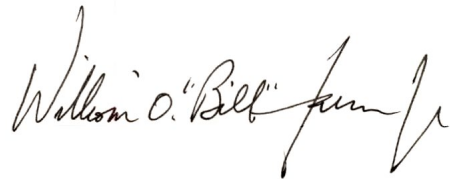
In addition, beginning January 2020 through December 2020 all Florida Model Jail Standards Jail and Medical Inspectors (current and/or retired) will be required to acknowledge (via email to Isaiah Dennard, [isdennard@flsheriffs.org](mailto:isdennard@flsheriffs.org)) that they have reviewed, and read the "Code of Ethics", therefore please share this information with your elected staff, and please ensure they adhere to this Florida Model Jail Standards Directive, failure to do this will affect the inspectors current certification, and their ability to inspect jail throughout Florida.

Additionally, when each Jail Administrator submit their Florida Model Jail, Medical and/or Youth Detention Facility Inspection(s) Report to the Florida Model Jail Standards Chairman they now **must** be accompanied by either of the following forms (go to the FSA Website) where appropriate. The FMJS Forms (listed) assist the Florida Model Jail Standards Committee in assessing the effectiveness of the FMJS Program, in addition, your Florida Model Jail Standards Inspection Report will not be considered complete until one of the appropriate forms is attached:

- FMJS Inspection Evaluation
- FMJS Inspector Critique
- FMJS Inspector Compliant

Quality Assurance involves systematic measurement of the various aspects of a facility's operation, comparisons to an objective standard, and modifications of facility policy, procedure, and practices when the standard is not met. Robust quality-assurance processes can be an effective deterrent to liability claims and lawsuits regarding the conditions of confinement (excepts from NIC QA Author Dr. Kelly Dedel).

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William O. 'Bill' Farmer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'W' and a stylized 'F'.

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