February 21, 2020

TO: All Sheriffs (who operate Jails), all Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) operated Jails and all Privately operated Jails:

RE: Changes to FLORIDA MODEL JAIL STANDARDS, Chapter 2, General Provisions

Dear Sheriffs and Jail Administrators:

In an effort to ensure that Florida Model Jail Standards Inspectors are actively participating in the program, and for “Quality Assurance” the following changes are to be made to the Florida Model Jail Standards effective March 1, 2020.

Commissioner William Chapman
Walton County
FMJS Committee Member

Current Standard:

2.4 The Officer-in-Charge shall contract or arrange for a FMJS Certified Inspector(s) 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. The FMJS Facility Inspection process shall consist of two separate components: (a) Correctional Operations, and (b) Medical Compliance.

New Standard:

2.4 The Officer-in-Charge shall contract or arrange for a FMJS Certified Inspector(s) 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 December 31st of each year. The FMJS Facility Inspection process shall consist of two separate components: (a) Correctional Operations, and (b) Medical Compliance.
Current Standards

2.6 Within 14 days of completing an inspection of a facility, the FMJS Inspector shall forward a complete official report to the Officer-in-Charge and the Sheriff who operates the jail. (See Adult Detention Facility Checklist and/or Medical Inspection Checklist).

c. Within 30 days after receipt of the inspection report, the Officer-in-Charge or designee will forward to the FMJS Chairperson a copy of the inspection report.

d. The Officer-in-Charge or designee will forward a copy of the inspection report(s) the response and corrective action plan to the County Commission within fourteen (14) days of completion.

New Proposed Standard:

2.6 Within 14 days of completing an inspection of a facility, the FMJS Jail and/or Medical Inspector shall forward a complete official report to the Officer-in Charge, Sheriff (if they operate the jail), Florida Model Jail Standards Chairman, and the Florida Sheriffs Association. (See Adult Detention Facility Checklist and/or Medical Inspection Checklist).

c. Within 30 days after receipt of the inspection report, the Officer-in-Charge or designee will forward a complete official report with Corrective Action (if applicable) to the FMJS Chairperson.

d. The Officer-in-Charge or designee will forward a copy of the inspection report(s) the response and corrective action plan to the County Commission within fourteen (14) days of completion.

Sincerely:

[Signature]

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