February 21, 2020

TO: All Sheriffs (who operates 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 (Jail and Medical Inspectors)

Dear Sheriffs and Jail Administrators:

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

Current Standard (Jail Inspector) – Chapter 2, General Provisions:

**FMJS 2.2** – FMJS Certified Jail Inspector- Any person who has successfully completed the FMJS Inspector Certification Course and is presently recognized by the FMJS Committee, to conduct correctional operations inspections. Additionally, this FMJS certification is only valid until December 31 of the fourth certification anniversary date. All FMJS inspectors are required to successfully complete a classroom re-certification every four (4) years and pass the test with a 80% and submit final test scores and supporting documentation prior to a new certification being issued. Additionally, all FMJS Jail Inspectors are required to successfully complete an re-certification class every four (4) years in order to maintain the certification. In addition, each FMJS Jail Inspector must complete two (2) jail inspections in the four (4) year period of their certification in order to maintain their certification. The Jail Inspectors shall report their inspection activity to the FMJS Committee Chair and the Florida Sheriff's Association each year for compliance.

New Standard (Jail Inspectors) – Chapter 2, General Provisions

**FMJS 2.2** – FMJS Certified Jail Inspector- Any person who has successfully completed the FMJS Inspector Certification Course and is presently recognized by the FMJS Committee, to conduct correctional operations inspections. Additionally, this FMJS certification is only valid until December 31st of the fourth-year certification anniversary date.
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Additionally, all FMJS Jail Inspectors are required to successfully complete an re-certification class every four (4) years in order to maintain the certification. In addition, each FMJS Jail Inspector must complete one (1) jail inspection per year in the four (4) year period of their certification in order to maintain their certification.

In addition, all new jail inspectors will serve a one (1) year probation period and must complete a jail inspection within their first year of certification.

The Jail Inspectors shall report their inspection activity to the FMJS Committee Chair and the Florida Sheriff's Association each year for compliance.

Current Standards (Medical Inspectors) – Chapter 2, General Provisions

FMJS 2.3 – Any person who has successfully completed the FMJS Medical Inspector Certification Course and is presently recognized by the FMJS Committee to conduct medical compliance inspections. Additionally, this FMJS certification is until December 31st only valid for fourth year certification date. All FMJS Medical inspectors are required to successfully complete a re-certification course every four years, in order to maintain the certification. In addition, each FMJS Medical Inspector must complete two (2) medical inspections in a four (4) year period of their certification in order to maintain their certification. The Medical Inspectors shall report their inspection activity to the FMJS Committee Chair and the Florida Sheriff's Association each year for compliance.

New Standards (Medical Inspectors) – Chapter 2, General Provisions

FMJS 2.3 – Any person who has successfully completed the FMJS Medical Inspector Certification Course and is presently recognized by the FMJS Committee to conduct medical compliance inspections. Additionally, this FMJS certification is until December 31st of their fourth-year certification anniversary date.

All FMJS Medical inspectors are required to successfully complete an re-certification course every four years, in order to maintain the certification. In addition, each FMJS Medical Inspector must complete one (1) medical inspection per year in a four (4) year period of their certification in order to maintain their certification.

In addition, all new medical inspectors will serve a one (1) year probation period and must complete a medical inspection within their first year of certification.
The Medical Inspectors shall report their inspection activity to the FMJS Committee Chair and the Florida Sheriff's Association each year for compliance.

Any questions regarding this "Directive" please contact Isaiah Dennard, Jail Services Coordinator, Florida Sheriffs Association via email: idennard@flsheriffs.org, or telephone (850) 877-2165 (office), or (850) 879-1601 (cell phone).

Sincerely:

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