July 9, 2020

TO: All Sheriffs and Jail Administrators

RE: UPDATE - FLORIDA MODEL JAIL STANDARDS INSPECTIONS

Dear Sheriffs and Jail Administrators:

The FMJS Standards requires all jail facilities to complete a Jail, Medical Inspection and if applicable a Youth Detention Facility Inspection each year.

Due to the SARs COV-2, COVID-19, Coronavirus Pandemic, numerous facilities have been affective by this Pandemic and currently the numbers are increasing. As of this date, and for those Detention Facilities that had not completed their 2020 “Jail Operations, Medical Inspection and if applicable, their Youth Detention Facility Inspection, all other future Detention Facility Inspections for the year 2020 are hereby suspended.

This purpose of this change is to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of each of our Detention Facilities, this include staff, inmates, visitors, and vendors. However, please keep in mind that compliance with the Florida Model Jail Standards and compliance with said standards is a must.

Therefore, by December 31, 2020, for those Detention Facilities that had not completed their 2020 Jail, Medical and Youth Detention Facility Inspections, all other Detention Facility (Sheriff Operated, BOCC and/or Private Jail) will submit to the FMJS Chairman a “memorandum” acknowledging their ongoing compliance with the Florida Model Jail Standards for Jail Operations, Medical Inspections and if applicable, Youth Detention Facility Inspections.

Current FMJS Standards language:

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.

The criteria for each type of inspection are listed below:

a. **Correctional Operations Inspection** - As certified by the FMJS Committee, these FMJS Inspectors shall only inspect for compliance with all applicable correctional operations standards as listed in the Florida Model Jail Standards (See Adult Detention Facility Checklist).

   1. Facilities shall not be self-inspected.

b. **Medical Compliance Inspection** - As certified by the FMJS Committee, these FMJS Medical Inspectors shall only inspect for compliance with all applicable medical standards as listed in the Florida Model Jail Standards (Medical Checklist).

   1. Facilities shall not have their medical units self-inspected.

Please ensure that proper notification is given to those stakeholders that oversee this process and that they adhere to this memorandum. Agencies are encouraged to keep ongoing internal Jail and Medical inspections records to ensure ongoing compliance with the Florida Model Jail Standards.

Sincerely,

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