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ESSEX COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT RECEIVES HIGH MARKS FROM THE AMERICAN CORRECTIONAL ASSOCIATION

Essex Sheriff Kevin F. Coppinger is pleased to announce the Essex County Sheriff’s Department has received high scores during a re-accreditation audit from the American Correctional Association (ACA). The Middleton Correctional Facility and the Women in Transition (WIT) unit in Salisbury met 100% of the mandatory standards. The WIT achieved an overall score of 100 and Middleton scored 98.7. These ratings are the highest scores ever achieved since first becoming accredited in January 2000.

Sheriff Kevin F. Coppinger noted during the audit close-out that the success of the audit was “directly attributed to the hard work and professionalism of the staff of the entire department. These scores reflect the level of commitment to the persons under our care. We continually strive for a safe and secure facility to accomplish the mission of care, custody and control of the inmates within Essex County.”

The ACA is a private, non-profit, non-governmental trade association and accreditation body for the corrections industry, the oldest and largest such organization in the world. Its commission will review the final audit report and vote on reaccreditation at the 2019 ACA Winter Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

According to the ACA, “accreditation is intended to improve facility operations through adherence to clear standards relevant to all areas/operations of the facility, including safety, security, order, inmate care, programs, justice and administration.”

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