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Pasco Sheriff's Office Detention Centers pass peer review

LAND O'LAKES – A Florida Model Jail Standards inspection team recently announced that the Pasco Sheriff's Office's two detention centers have passed their required annual inspection.

FMJS is administered through the Florida's Sheriff's Association. Per Florida statute, the inspections are conducted to verify that agencies are in compliance with state law and administrative code as it pertains to inmate living conditions and staffing at Florida jails. A team comprised of detention officers from both the Hillsborough and Pinellas Sheriff's Office detention centers were tasked with the PSO Detention Centers inspection.

The inspection team pointed out that both the Land O' Lakes Detention Center and the New Port Richey Detention Center did not comply with an important provision of the Florida Model Jail Standards pertaining to overcrowding.

"All issues dealing with overcrowding should be corrected once a new 768 bed addition now under construction is completed," said Major Brian Head, PSO Detention Bureau commander. "Overall the report was extremely positive of our operation and the personnel. Our staff works extremely hard to make sure we meet both state and federal accreditation standards."

The team chairperson noted that the two facilities were, "... well within established standards and no serious violations were found. Cleanliness and sanitation met or exceeded minimal standards and it appeared the inmate population was being well provided for. Staff morale was obviously high and job satisfaction apparent. This was a direct reflection of the leadership of the Pasco Sheriff's Office."

Pasco Sheriff's Office Detention Centers have also received accreditation through both a national (American Corrections Association) and state (Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission) certification process.