



# *Riverside Regional Jail*

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## Press Release

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### **Riverside Regional Jail and Riverside Regional Jail Pre-Release Center Awarded National Accreditation.**

The Riverside Regional Jail Authority (RRJA) received formal notice this week that the American Correctional Association, Commission on Accreditation for Corrections has awarded re-accreditation to RRJA for the main jail and initial accreditation to the pre-release center.

Earlier this year, RRJA, received a visit from a team of auditors from American Correctional Association (ACA). The team visited RRJA to conduct a re-accreditation process for the main jail under the Adult Local Detention Facilities Standards (ALDF). To receive re-accreditation, there were 59 mandatory standards that had to be passed by the facility; RRJA passed with 100% compliance. In addition, RRJA met 99% of the 310 non-mandatory standards. RRJA is 1 of 14 facilities in the state of Virginia to be accredited by ACA under the ALDF standards. The re-accreditation is for three years (2016-2019); this is RRJA's 6th ALDF standards accreditation.

In addition, the RRJA Pre-Release Center was examined by the team of auditors for initial accreditation under the Adult Community Residential Services Standards (ACRS). The Pre-Release Center received 100% compliance with 31 mandatory standards, and 100% compliance with 214 non-mandatory standards. The accreditation is for three years (2016-2019) RRJA is 1 of 5 facilities in the state of Virginia to be accredited by ACA in ACRS standards.

The accreditation program is a professional peer review process based on national standards that have evolved since the founding of the Association in 1870. The ACA standards address services, programs, health care, and security operations essential to effective correctional management. Mary Livers, President of ACA, complimented the facility on their professional level of operation and their success in completing the accreditation process.

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