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Norfolk City Jail Earns NCCHC Reaccreditation

The Norfolk Sheriff's Office is proud to announce that the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) has concluded its review for continuing accreditation of the Norfolk City Jail medical services and that the jail has passed the test yet again.

On November 14, 2016, NCCHC conducted the review. Its final report was dated July 18, 2017. The recertification lasts for 3 years. According to the NCCHC, facilities who choose to seek NCCHC accreditation are committed to improving and providing a nationally accepted standard of care in health services delivery. This translates into improved inmate health status, fewer grievances, and reduced health risks to the community when inmates are released back into the public.

"This achievement would not be possible without your hard work and determination, excellence in teamwork, and the collective expertise of our staff and our medical contract staff. With each achievement such as this, we can strengthen our goals for success in the future. This accomplishment upholds our commitment to public safety, public service, and public trust and particularly our value to put team before self," Sheriff Joe Baron said in a statement to staff members on Tuesday morning.

The next scheduled on-site survey of the facility will occur sometime before November 1, 2019.