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AUDIT RESULTS

The primary function of the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards is to enforce, through regular on-site audits, the regulations for all adult places of confinement to determine levels of compliance. The ninth audit cycle began January 2004. This is the fifth cycle in which Duly Authorized Inspectors (DAI's) participated with Commission staff to conduct audits. During the last two audit cycles, many correctional facilities achieved total compliance as a result of a commitment to view the inspection process as a management tool. Positive networking and communication between the Commission and correctional administrators contributes to achieving standards compliance. During this fiscal year, eight facilities achieved total compliance at the time of the audit. In fiscal year 2006, there were twenty-four (24) full scale audits performed of Adult Correctional Institutions (10 detention centers, 6 prisons and 8 community-based facilities).

The major concerns of life, health, safety and constitutional issues continued to be aggressively addressed. The facilities that attained full compliance with the applicable standards during this period received the Commission's "Recognition of Achievement" (ROA) award. While the Commission has no accrediting or licensing authority for adult places of correctional confinement, it recognizes the need to acknowledge the positive efforts of these facilities. Where deficiencies are noted during formal audits, compliance plans are developed in partnership with facility officials. The plan is then presented to the Commission for approval. Upon approval, Commission staff regularly monitors each plan until total compliance is achieved. Facilities must implement the plan within a timeframe of six months from the date the Commission approves the final report. If the compliance plan requirements are met within the timeframe, the Commission votes on the presentation of the ROA award. The Commission has found that the Recognition of Achievement award has become a symbol of excellence in the correctional environment.

During fiscal year 2006, the following adult places of correctional confinement received the Recognition of Achievement award at ceremonies planned by the respective administrations.

Allegany County Detention Center – Captain Roger Cutter, Assistant Administrator - August 26, 2005
Montgomery County Detention Center – W.L. Smith, Warden - September 22, 2005
Montgomery County Correctional Facility – Robert Green, Warden – September 22, 2005
Baltimore Pre-Release Unit for Women – Dayena Corcoran, Facility Administrator – October 27, 2005
*Eastern Correctional Institution – Kathleen Green, Warden – November 14, 2005
*Eastern Correctional Institution – Annex – Victoria Burkhard, Facility Administrator – November 14, 2005
Caroline County Detention Center – Charles Andrew, Warden – December 5, 2006
Volunteers of America – James Shannon, Program Director – December 16, 2005
St. Mary's County Detention Center – Lieutenant Edward Willenborg, Commander – December 29, 2005
Queen Anne's County Detention Center – LaMonte Cooke, Director of Corrections – February 21, 2006
Somerset County Detention Center – James Henderson, Warden – March 9, 2006
Baltimore County Department of Corrections – James O'Neill, Director – March 30, 2006
Cecil County Community Corrections Center – Jeffrey Clewer, Director – April 4, 2006
Cecil County Detention Center – Major Bernard Foster, Director – April 4, 2006
Maryland House of Correction – William Williams, Warden – April 12, 2006
Roxbury Correctional Institution – Roderick Sowers, Warden – April 12, 2006
Carroll County Detention Center – George Hardinger, Warden – May 11, 2006
Baltimore City Correctional Center – Carol Harmon, Facility Administrator – May 25, 2006
Dismas House of Baltimore, Incorporated (East/West) – Joseph Kruse, Executive Director – May 25, 2006
Eastern Pre-Release Unit – William Blackiston, Facility Administrator – May 25, 2006
Threshold, Incorporated – Julian Morgan, Executive Director – May 25, 2006
Dorchester County Detention Center – Steve Williams, Warden – June 5, 2006
Washington County Detention Center – Major M. Van Evans, Warden – June 26, 2006

MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission meets on a regular basis in locations throughout the State. The meetings are usually held at correctional facilities, so that a tour can be provided for members. Attendance by administrators of facilities whose audit reports are being considered is encouraged. Members maintain detailed meeting minutes on file after formal approval. Over the past 24 years the Commission has met a total of 212 times. During this reporting period the Commission held meetings on seven occasions at the following locations:

206 th Meeting	August 25, 2005	Patuxent Institution Jessup, Maryland
207 th Meeting	September 29, 2005	Maryland Correctional Pre-Release System – Headquarters Jessup, Maryland
208 th Meeting	October 27, 2005	Baltimore Pre-Release Unit for Women Baltimore, Maryland
209 th Meeting	January 26, 2006	Prince George’s County Correctional Center Upper Marlboro, Maryland
210 th Meeting	March 30, 2006	Baltimore County Bureau of Corrections Towson, Maryland
211 th Meeting	April 27, 2006	Ordnance Road Correctional Center Glen Burnie, Maryland
212 th Meeting	May 25, 2006	Howard County Department of Corrections Jessup, Maryland

