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### **For Immediate Release**

#### **San Juan County Adult Detention Center Recognized for Excellence**

*San Juan County, NM*—The San Juan County Adult Detention Center has again been recognized for excellence in policy and practice with accreditation by the Adult Detention Professional Standards Council.

In June, the San Juan County Adult Detention Center was awarded a three-year accreditation by the Adult Detention Professional Standards Council. The accreditation evaluation found that the SJCADC meets or exceeds 100% of standards. San Juan County Adult Detention Center was awarded a rating of ‘Exceptional.’

“This award represents our organizational excellence and the recognition for that success belongs to my dedicated detention officers,” said **San Juan County Adult Detention Center Warden Thomas Havel**. “Their steadfast efforts highlights San Juan County’s mantra “Building a Stronger Community!”

The San Juan County Adult Detention Center accreditation is the culmination of inspection and evaluation of 208 best practice standards set forth by the Adult Detention Professional Standards Council. The ADPSC was formed as a joint initiative between New Mexico Counties and New Mexico Municipal League to increase professionalism, uniformity, and consistency among detention facilities in the state of New Mexico. Standards adopted by the ADPSC are based on industry best practices from the National Institution of Corrections, the American Correctional Association, and policy and procedure of detention facilities from across the nation.

“San Juan County Adult Detention Center’s third accreditation is a reflection of commitment to excellence at the Facility,” said **San Juan County Commission Chairman Jack Fortner**. “It proves that the detention center houses offenders in a safe, secure, and humane environment.”

Detention facilities are evaluated on standards of administration, physical plant, safety and security controls, medical and mental healthcare services, and inmate programs.

San Juan County Adult Detention Center has been accredited since 2013, this is the third consecutive accreditation. Only 8 other county detention facilities have achieved accreditation, there are 33 counties in the state.

On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Scott Chambers, Accreditation Manager for New Mexico Counties, will present the accreditation at the regularly scheduled meeting of San Juan County Commissioners. San Juan County Commission meets at 4:00 p.m.