

# *Pueblo County* *Sheriff*

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## News Release

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### **Detention Bureau Earns ACA Re-Accreditation**

**Pueblo, CO:** The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office Detention Bureau continues to meet safe and high standards of operations as demonstrated by earning a fifth consecutive American Correctional Association accreditation.

The Pueblo County Jail was granted another three-year ACA accreditation after meeting 100% of all mandatory standards and 96.3% of non-mandatory standards required by ACA accreditation. ACA standards are the national benchmark for the effective operation of correctional systems in the U.S.

"Achieving this re-accreditation is testament that the Pueblo County Jail staff continues to perform at a high standard," said Pueblo County Sheriff David J. Lucero. "It truly was a team effort to achieve this goal, particularly given our aging jail. I want to thank all the employees for their professionalism and dedicated work that is required to maintain the stringent standards needed for this accreditation."

Sheriff Lucero along with Detention Bureau Chief Paul Toth and several jail employees were presented with the re-accreditation certificate today at the annual ACA Winter Conference in Orlando, Fla.

The re-accreditation was based on the results of a three-day audit by independent outside auditors of the jail facility, policies and procedures and observations and interviews with jail staff. The audit is composed of 59 applicable mandatory standards and 300 applicable no-mandatory standards. The jail met all the mandatory standards and 96% of the non-mandatory standards. The standards that were unable to be met were due to the physical plant design issues of a 42-year-old facility.

To maintain ACA accreditation, the jail and operations must be reaccredited every three years.

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