



Pueblo County Sheriff's Office

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Sheriff's Office Awarded Third Triple Crown Accreditation Award

Pueblo, CO: The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office has joined an elite group of Sheriff's Offices in the country after earning a third Triple Crown award from the National Sheriff's Association.

Pueblo County Sheriff David J. Lucero received the Triple Crown award at the National Sheriffs' Association summer conference held in Florida. The Triple Crown designation is achieved when a sheriff's office attains simultaneous accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement (CALEA), the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections (CAC) of the American Correctional Association (ACA), and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC).

"Achieving these accreditations individually is a daunting task. Acquiring all three at the same time is an extraordinary feat," according to the National Sheriff's Association.

The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office is one of only 52 sheriff's offices in the nation to have attained Triple Crown status. The PCSO's recent award also puts the agency in a unique group nationwide, as it is now one of only four agencies in the nation to achieve Triple Crown accreditation under three different sheriffs.

PCSO earned its first Triple Crown Accreditation in 2001 during Sheriff Dan Corsentino's tenure. The second Triple Crown was received by Sheriff Kirk M. Taylor in 2017. Sheriff David J. Lucero received the agency's third Triple Crown, which was earned in 2024.

Sheriff Lucero said receiving the Triple Crown award is a testament to the dedication and hard work of all Sheriff's Office employees.

"The standards that we have met to earn the respective accreditations are not easy," Lucero said. "We have an aging and outdated jail and continue to be understaffed, but we've been able to achieve all the standards needed for accreditation, and that's a result of the hard work of our dedicated employees."

To receive CALEA accreditation for law enforcement, agencies are required to meet 344 standards and at least 80% of the 77 other-than-mandatory standards. To attain ACA accreditation, agencies must meet 60 mandatory and 323 non-mandatory standards and must meet 35 essential standards to receive the medical NCCHC accreditation.

“I am honored to have received this third Triple Crown award for our agency, but this recognition truly belongs to every one of our employees,” Lucero said. “They take pride in their work and are driven to meet the higher standards required of the accreditations.”

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