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### Kentucky State Reformatory Receives Near-Perfect Audit Score

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 8, 2018)** – Kentucky State Reformatory (KSR) received a near-perfect score on its recent re-accreditation audit with the American Correctional Association (ACA). The institution received a score of 99.4 percent. The prison received its initial accreditation in 1982 and this audit marks the 13<sup>th</sup> in the history of the institution.

KSR is a medium-security institution in LaGrange.

“The ongoing excellence exhibited by the staff at KSR never ceases to amaze me and this audit score demonstrates the continuous commitment they display,” said Commissioner Jim Erwin. “We are very proud of this recognition from an objective national auditing team.”

Audit Chair Bruce Denny, from Holt, Michigan, was very impressed with the teamwork demonstrated at KSR.

“I am so impressed ... I don’t think I have ever seen non-custody staff step up to help custody staff every day” said Denny. “I would be proud to work in this facility with all of you.”

Auditor Randy Cross from Iowa was especially complimentary of the cleanliness of the institution and called the KSR staff “super impressive.”

Fred Scaletta, an auditor from Iowa, also acknowledged the hard work of staff. I am “impressed by the professionalism and dedication of the staff. It would be a pleasure to come back to do another audit,” he said.

KSR Warden Anna Valentine congratulated her staff on the accomplishment.

“It takes consistent hard work and dedication to meet the tough standards for an ACA audit,” said Valentine. “This isn’t something that we rush in to, it is an on-going process. I am very proud of the staff at KSR.”

ACA accreditation consists of approximately 525 standards that cover security, operational and programming aspects of the prison. Each of Kentucky’s prisons are audited by ACA every three years and have a program security review every year. Kentucky has been a member of ACA since the early 1980s.

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