

Onondaga County Sheriff's Office News

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Onondaga County Sheriff's Justice Center Receives Health Care Accreditation

Syracuse, New York- The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office is proud to announce its re-accreditation by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC).

The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office Justice Center has once again successfully earned accreditation from the NCCHC. The National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC), which was founded in 1983, is recognized throughout the country for setting standards relative to sustaining and improving the quality of health care in correctional and detention facilities. It developed a nationally recognized and accepted standard for health services in such facilities, established by leaders in the fields of health, law, and corrections. These standards cover areas of care, treatment, health records, administration, personnel, medical legal issues, and are essential resources for correctional and detention facilities in their efforts to improve the health of inmates.

This re-accreditation verifies that the Sheriff's Office maintains an efficient, well-managed health care system, in accordance to national standards. The medical programs of the Sheriff's Office also benefit the health of the public, staff and inmates by assuring that incarcerated and released individuals receive quality and appropriate medical care.

The Justice Center processes 10,000 arrests annually, providing health care services on a 24/7 basis, to meet the medical, mental health and dental needs of all inmates. In Booking, each inmate receives a full health screening and risk assessment. Medical staff comprised of MD's, NP's, RN's, LPN's and medical assistants, conduct sick call, clinic visits, medication rounds, respond to emergencies and operate the infirmary. Mental health staff provide substance and support focused/life skills groups, one on one counseling and crisis intervention. Dental care is provided on site weekly, delivering exams, x-rays, extractions and oral care education. When necessary, inmates are sent out for specialty care, such as cardiology, neurology and dermatology.

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