



# FLORIDA MODEL JAIL WORKING GROUP

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Sheriff Mark Hunter  
Columbia County  
Chair- FMJS Working Group

TO: All Sheriffs and Jail Administrators

Sheriff Jared Miller  
Wakulla County  
FMJS Working Group Member

**RE: UPDATE - FLORIDA MODEL JAIL STANDARDS INSPECTION SCHEDULES**

Sheriff Robert Hardwick  
St. Johns County  
FMJS Working Group Member

Dear Sheriffs and Jail Administrators:

Commissioner Danny Glidewell  
Walton County  
FMJS Working Group Member

As most of you know there were changes to the Florida Model Jail Standards inspection process from Senate Bill 1236 and House Bill 1561 (c1), which requires each County and Municipal Detention Facility to be inspected biannually for compliance with the FMJS Standards. Furthermore, one inspection must be announced and the other inspection must be unannounced with no advanced notice.

Chief Yuberky Almonte  
Osceola County  
Corrections Director  
Jail Administrator

Dr. Jeffrey Alvarez  
Licensed Physician

In order to ensure this process is properly managed all County and Municipal Detention Facilities must submit their scheduled announced inspection dates for **2025** by December 01, 2024 to the FMJS Chairman Liaison, Inspector James Aguiar, Jr. at [jaguiar@sumtercountysheriff.org](mailto:jaguiar@sumtercountysheriff.org) or Sumter County Sheriff's Office, 352-569-1694.

Dr. Valerie Westhead  
Licensed Psychiatrist

All announced inspections will be completed by August 01, 2025. If a facility has not scheduled their announced inspection date by December 01, 2024, then the FMJS Chairman Liaison will make contact with that County's Facility and schedule an inspection date.

As far as the unannounced inspections with no advanced noticed, those inspection dates will be scheduled by the FMJS Chairman Committee's designee for 2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Mark Hunter".

Sheriff Mark Hunter  
Columbia County  
Chair, FMJS Working Group