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Norfolk County Sheriff's Office Awarded Accreditation from National Commission on Correctional Health Care

DEDHAM – Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott announced today that the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office has again earned accreditation from the National Commission on Correctional Health Care by demonstrating compliance with NCCHC's *Standards for Health Services in Jails*. Accreditation recognizes the NCSO's dedication to compliance with the most respected standards in correctional health care.

"The Norfolk County Sheriff's Office has an obligation to provide justice-involved individuals with quality medical and mental health care, and we continue to go above and beyond to ensure that individuals in our care have access to these services," says Sheriff McDermott. "Our medical and mental health staff are dedicated to providing top-notch care to everyone who comes through our facility, and I am grateful for their commitment to our mission."

The NCSO underwent a rigorous on-site survey in September 2021. An experienced physician and other experts in correctional health care surveyed the facility for compliance with standards on continuous quality improvement, safety, infection control, chronic care, personnel and training, medical and mental health care, health records, and legal issues.

NCCHC has surveyed and accredited jails, prisons, and juvenile detention and confinement facilities for 40 years. The NCCHC standards used in accreditation are developed with input from the nation's experts in correctional health care.

In addition to accreditation with the NCCHC, the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office has recently been reaccredited by the American Correctional Association, earning perfect scores in mandatory and non-mandatory standards for the first time in agency history.

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