

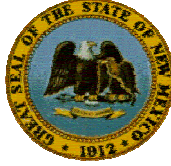
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ROSWELL CORRECTIONAL CENTER PASSES CORRECTIONAL AUDIT WITH FLYING COLORS

HAGERMAN, NM - The American Correctional Association (ACA) Audit Committee has completed its audit of the Roswell Correctional Center (RCC) in Hagerman, New Mexico. RCC passed the audit with a 100 percent compliance of all mandatory standards and a 99 percent compliance of non-mandatory standards.

The ACA Audit Committee conducted the standards compliance audit on July 20-21, 2009. After touring the facility, reviewing documentation and conducting interviews with staff and inmates, the committee complimented RCC on fulfilling its obligations to offenders, staff, and the community. The staff was also complimented on their professionalism, as they do a difficult job daily, as well as for their hospitality over the two days the ACA Audit Committee was at RCC.

RCC is the New Mexico Corrections Department's oldest operating correctional facility. It's also the department's first prison to be accredited by the American Correctional Association in 1980, thus continuing a long-standing tradition of excellence.

RCC was evaluated on 533 standards covering areas of prison operations including: sanitation, medical, programs and security. The ACA auditors were chairman, Steve Harget from Wyoming, Art Bealer from Durham, North Carolina and Fletcher Morgan from Florida. The audit team will present its recommendations and report to the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections Panel in Tampa, Florida in January 2010. At this time, a final decision will be made to determine RCC's accreditation status and score. The accreditation panel, more often than not, follows the auditors' recommendation. Each accreditation is good for three years.

RCC has approximately 312 inmates and 75 staff. The facility is a minimum-restrict security prison, incarcerating inmates classified as Level II.

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