

Media Advisory

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Carlisle, Indiana-The Wabash Valley Correctional Facility has been recommended for re-accreditation by the visiting American Correctional Association Audit Team.

The three member team of correctional professionals spent the last three days touring the over 340 acre maximum-security facility, talking to staff and offenders and reviewing documentation. To make the grade the facility met 59 mandatory standards and 451 of 456 non-mandatory standards. The standards confirm Wabash Valley meets safety, security, sanitation, physical plant, food service, medical, training and other requirements.

Wabash Valley received an impressive total score of 98.9 percent.

Chairperson of the Audit Committee, Richard Hudley was positive in his comments about the facility and its staff. "Everyone at Wabash Valley we talked to was friendly, knowledgeable and highly professional. I can see why the facility has been a past recipient of Facility of the Year honors by the Indiana Department of Correction."

Wabash Valley Superintendent Bruce Lemmon said "re-accreditation is awarded to the Best of the Best in the corrections field and our staff demonstrated their dedication and commitment to public safety!"

Benefits of accreditation include a safer environment for staff and offenders, improved staff morale and professionalism along with defense against lawsuits.

The Wabash Valley Correctional Facility is a maximum-minimum security facility housing over 2,100 offenders with nearly 759 staff, making it one of the top employers in Sullivan County.

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