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ST. CHARLES COUNTY CORRECTIONS LIEUTENANT EARNS NATIONAL DESIGNATION

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – Operations Lieutenant Michael McKee of the St Charles County Department of Corrections recently received the national designation of Certified Jail Manager (CJM) from the American Jail Association and the Jail Manager Certification Commission. Lt. McKee is one of only six corrections professionals in Missouri to achieve this recognition.

This hallmark certification is granted upon the successful completion of a rigid experiential background application and an intensive four-hour examination jointly prepared by the American Jail Association and the Jail Manager Certification Commission. Certification in jail management is a demonstration of competency and professionalism in the field. It documents the mastery of a strong level of knowledge in the specialty and demonstrates continuing education and growth.



Lt. McKee started his correctional career in May 1981 as a Deputy Sheriff with the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department, serving in the jail division. In March 1986, he was hired as a Deputy Sheriff with the St. Charles County Sheriff's Department and assigned to the jail division. In August 1986, he graduated from the University of Missouri Law Enforcement Police Institute and became a Certified Peace Officer. While serving in St Charles County, he was promoted to Corporal, Sergeant and to his current position as the Operations Lieutenant for the jail and has completed the National Institute of Corrections Correctional Leadership Development Program, the American Jail Association's National Jail Leadership Command Academy and the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Program (Supervisory Leadership Institute, Command Leadership Institute and Executive Leadership Institute).

The American Jail Association is a national, nonprofit, educational organization delivering professional development, personal certification, and advocacy services to correctional personnel at all ranks and operational levels working in this nation's 3,200-plus jails and detention facilities. It is the only association of its kind that focuses exclusively on issues affecting today's jail professionals. Appointed by the association's Board of directors, the five-member commission administers the Certified Jail Officer and Manager programs, sets policy, and assures the two programs reflect the changing needs of the profession. For more information, visit www.americanjail.org/education/certifications/.

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About St. Charles County

Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state's third largest county in both population and economic share. St. Charles County consistently ranks one of the healthiest places to live in Missouri in the County Health Rankings report published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. It is home to 12 scenic county parks encompassing more than 2,800 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.

With a population of 385,840, St Charles County is home to large employers including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County Government employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, please visit www.sccmo.org.