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OKALOOSA CO. CORRECTIONAL OFFICER EARNS NATIONAL CERTIFICATION

Correctional Officer Mary Yedo, Okaloosa County Department of Corrections (DOC), has earned the national designation of **Certified Jail Officer** through the Jail Manager Certification Commission (JMCC), by authority of the American Jail Association (AJA). **Officer Yedo is one of only 284 jail professionals nation-wide and only 39 in the state of Florida to have achieved this designation.**

This was achieved through the successful completion of a background application as well as an intensive four hour examination prepared by the JMCC and the AJA. Officer Yedo has been employed by the Okaloosa County Department of Corrections since 2008, and is responsible for the care, custody and control of inmates in the DOC Warehouse operation.

Certification in jail operations is a demonstration of competency and professionalism in the field. The jail officer's certification documents the mastery of a strong level of knowledge in the specialty, and demonstrates continuing education and growth.

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Photo Cutline: Officer Yedo (center) displays her certificate as a Certified Jail Officer and is recognized at a recent Okaloosa Co. Commission meeting. (L-R) Okaloosa County Chief Correctional Officer Paul Lawson, Officer Yedo and Co. Administrator Jim Curry.