

# **Okaloosa County News Release**

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**Photo caption:** Florida Corrections Accreditation Manager of the Year and Okaloosa County Inmate Programs Manager Tammy Matthews is pictured with Chief Correctional Officer Paul Lawson (l) and County Administrator Ernie Padgett  
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## **Inmate Programs Manager Tammy Matthews Selected Accreditation Manager of the Year**

Tammy Matthews was selected at the Accreditation Manager of the Year by the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission (FCAC). “Her positive attitude and overall willingness to help and promote the accreditation process is the reason for her selection,” as was stated in the announcement from FCAC.

“We are pleased to have Tammy on our staff for the last 15 years, and very proud to have the Accreditation Manager of the Year for FCAC, on our Corrections staff,” exclaimed Chief Correctional Officer Paul Lawson, Okaloosa County Department of Corrections.

The FCAC accreditation is a voluntary accreditation program that, according to FCAC, is more comprehensive than current Florida inspection standards. The accreditation standards are patterned after a combination of the Florida Model Jail Standards, standards from the American Correctional Association, and the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. The Okaloosa County Department of Corrections is accredited by FCAC and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care. For more information, contact Okaloosa County Department of Corrections, 850-689-5690.

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