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The Barnstable County Sheriff's Office to Host Jail Administration Course in Massachusetts

BUZZARDS BAY – The Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association is proud to announce the Barnstable County Sheriff's Office will be hosting the American Jail Association (AJA) Jail Administration Course from October 16 through October 20. This national course is being held for the second time, and it's the first time it's happening in Massachusetts.

In collaboration with the National Institute of Corrections and the American Jail Association, this comprehensive training opportunity is tailored for jail administrators, focusing on essential skills and knowledge vital for effective jail management.

The course is specifically designed for administrators of small, medium, or large-sized jails. An administrator as defined for this program, is responsible for directing the day-to-day operations and management of the jail. Individuals from all over the country including Wyoming, Montana, New York, Colorado, New Hampshire, Maine, and Massachusetts will participate in the course.

Jail administrators play a crucial role in ensuring that jail operations are conducted safely, securely, humanely, and legally. The Jail Administration program aims to equip administrators with essential information and tools to fulfill this pivotal role. Each module of the program focuses on specific administrative responsibilities and tools, including action planning, using jail standards, managing risk, developing policy and procedure, determining staffing needs, managing the workforce, managing inmate behavior, developing fire, safety, and sanitation plans, and assessing jail operations.

This course offers a unique opportunity for administrators to enhance their expertise, share best practices, and network with peers in the field of corrections.

"We are thrilled to host the 2nd Jail Administration Course in Massachusetts," said Barnstable County Sheriff Donna Buckley. "This program helps ensure that our jails are managed with the utmost professionalism and efficiency. An investment in training is an investment in quality. The safety and well-being of both our staff and the individuals under our care depend on educated and prepared leaders."

The Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association (MSA) supports, promotes, and advocates for each of the 14 Sheriffs Offices in the Commonwealth. The MSA facilitates cooperative and collaborative relationships among the Sheriffs for the purpose of developing standardized training, providing governance over shared projects, discussing operational best practices, and evaluating research and data on matters of mutual interest and concern. The MSA improves public safety by promoting a greater understanding of issues impacting Massachusetts Sheriffs and by bringing together law enforcement and criminal justice professionals.