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## U.S. Marshal Hosts 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Warden Conference

**Albuquerque, NM-** The United States Marshals Service, District of New Mexico, conducted the Annual Warden Conference on December 7, 2017, at 9:00am. At the USMS offices in Albuquerque. Personnel from the USMS and other participants included Facility Administrators, Wardens, and Health Service Administrators from all of the contracted facilities in the D/NM.

The Conference was centered on the new “Restrictive Housing” requirements. Chief Mike Thomas from USMS HQ’s Prisoner Operations Division presented the new standards/requirements. During the meeting USMS personnel also provided training on numerous aspects of Detention Management and conducted an informal “roundtable” style discussion with the Wardens and Deputy Wardens to discuss prior problems and solutions that the district encountered. The goal of the meeting was to increase the collaboration and efficiency in which the Marshals Service and the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Contract facilities interact.

U.S. Marshal Conrad E. Candelaria said, “In order to achieve a consistent and uniformed standard of core detention performance for federal detainees, the district ensures that all federal detainees are guaranteed their civil rights, safety and security throughout the adjudication process. The U.S. Marshals Service for the D/NM ensures a process of verification that established a baseline of performance that each contract facility assured compliance with contractual agreements. These verification methods of core detention standards have culminated in an increased credibility with the judiciary, along with all components of the jurisprudence legal system. The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Wardens Conference highlighted the importance of detention standards that was coupled with an in-depth presentation on the importance of networking, intelligence gathering and sharing, officer safety and public safety.”

Wardens and facility Administrators from the following facilities were in attendance: Cibola County Correction Center, Dona Ana County Detention Center, Lea County Detention Center, Luna County Detention Center, Otero County Prison Facility, San Juan County Detention Center, Sandoval County Detention Center, and the Santa Fe County Detention Center

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