

2021 Summer Conference Jail Administrator Committee Report

Annual conference was held on May 10-14, 2021, at the Lake of Ozarks. It was well attended and some great training. Thank you to all Sheriff's that attended and/or allowed your staff to attend.

Jail Administration Committee met at the conference and again on July 14, 2021. The main work of the committee has been to identify topics/issues that we can work on to improve our jails and jail operations. The committee and other jail personnel from across the state have participated in a survey with topics identified by the committee as items they would like to tackle in the years ahead. The survey helped us reduce the list to the top four:

1. Modify Missouri's Strip Search Law to mirror Supreme Court rulings/cases;
2. Create a mentoring program for new Jail Administrators;
3. Develop guidelines for a Regional Critical Incident Investigation Team;
4. Work with vendors to help smaller jails with medical services under a "shared services" approach.

As we move forward with these issues, we will need the input/support of MSA and others.

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Jail Administrator Committee