



National Sheriffs' Association Honors the Shelby County Sheriff's Office

In June 2008, the Shelby County Sheriff's Office was awarded the prestigious "**Triple Crown**" status with the National Sheriffs' Association.

The 20,000 member organization awards "**Triple Crown**" designations to Sheriff's Offices which demonstrate outstanding commitment to public safety, security and well-being of jail inmates and efficient business practices.

"This is a significant honor for the Shelby County Sheriff's Office. I commend our employees with the law enforcement, jail and support divisions. This honor is reserved for only the top Sheriff's Offices across America," said Shelby County Sheriff Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

Sheriff Luttrell was notified of the "**Triple Crown**" designation in a May 30, 2008 letter from the Executive Director of the National Sheriffs' Association.

"Congratulations to you and your staff on achieving 'Triple Crown' status with the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA). You are one of only 37 Sheriff's Offices in the United States to have attained this," said Aaron D. Kennard, Executive Director of the NSA.

The "**Triple Crown**" designation was prompted by the Shelby County Sheriff's Office receiving national accreditation for the Shelby County Jail men's and women's facilities, a separate accreditation for the jail's medical unit, and accreditation for the Sheriff's Office law enforcement division.

Accreditation certificates for the jail and law enforcement divisions require the Sheriff's Office to follow hundreds of "best practice" procedures and document those practices in the daily operations of the department.

The men's jail was accredited by the **American Corrections Association (ACA)** in 2006 and the women's jail was accredited by **ACA** in 2007. Also in 2007, the jail medical unit was accredited by the **National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC)**.

In March of 2008, the law enforcement division of the Sheriff's Office was accredited by the **Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)**.

The "***Triple Crown***" award was presented to the Shelby County Sheriff's Office by the National Sheriffs' Association in July 2008 at the association's national conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.