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Eastern Pre-release Unit Earns 100% Compliance In State Audit

TOWSON, MD (February 3, 2009)---The Division of Correction's Eastern Pre-release Unit (EPRU) has once again earned a 100% compliance certificate from the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards (MCCS), which visits each correctional facility in the state for a full audit every two years.

MCCS, an agency within the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, scrutinizes local detention centers and all Division of Correction facilities in areas ranging from security policies to inmate rights and welfare.

Eastern Pre-release, housing approximately 180 male inmates in the last stages of their incarceration, is led by veteran correctional administrator William "Buster" Blackiston, a native of the upper Eastern Shore who is also very active in a number of community projects.

EPRU's inmates have given back to the community through a variety of efforts, from cleanups in Millington to building a park and planting trees in Centreville and working on houses for Habitat for Humanity in Federalsburg.

EPRU was awarded the certificate January 29. A photograph is below.



From left to right: EPRU Audit Coordinator Lt. Bruce Hancock; MCCS member and Montgomery County Dir. Of Corrections Robert Green; Milton Crump, Asst. Chairman for MCCS; EPRU Facility Administrator William "Buster" Blackiston; Maryland Pre-release System Warden William O. Filbert; Division of Correction Assistant Commissioner Gary Hornbaker; and MCCS member Howard Ray.

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