



## *Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Department of Corrections*



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### **Lieutenant Stacie Mitchell Appointed to National Correctional Trainer Certification Commission**

**Scottsdale, Arizona-** Lt. Stacie Mitchell of the Salt River Department of Corrections was recently appointed to the Correctional Trainer Certification Commission (CTCC) by the American Jail Association (AJA) Board of Directors. The CTCC is a six-member commission that oversees the Certified Correctional Trainer designation developed through a partnership between AJA and the International Association of Correctional Training Personnel (IACTP).

The CTCC, IACTP, and AJA promote the concept of voluntary certification for all correctional trainers. Certification is one part of a process called credentialing. It focuses specifically on the individual and is an indication of current competency in a specialized field. Those who become Certified Correctional Trainers (CCT) will be distinguished as individuals who have reached one of the highest levels of achievement in their field.

The Certified Correctional Trainer program is the hallmark certification is granted upon the successful completion of a rigid experiential background application and an intensive four-hour examination. Lt. Stacie Mitchell earned the CCT designation in September of 2012. Lt. Mitchell has worked for the Salt River Department of Corrections for 15 Years. Prior to Salt River Department of Corrections, she was employed by Arizona Department of Corrections, Cochise County Adult and Juvenile Probation.

In addition to the Certified Correctional Trainer (CCT) designation, she is also a Certified Jail Manager (CJM) through American Jail Association and a Certified Correctional Manager (CCM) through the American Correctional Association. She is the sole CCT in the State of Arizona and only one of 31 in the United States.

Many of the issues facing correctional staff are complex and evolving each day. The Salt River community expects this department to preserve law and order; and to protect and do so in professional and lawful manner. To meet these expectations, we must ensure that the staff we hire and empower as correction officers have been fully trained in the skills and knowledge necessary for effective and safe operation in the performance of their duties. Lt. Mitchell takes this responsibility to provide training seriously and recognizes the dynamics associated with this process. The department and she are committed to providing the best training possible utilizing state of the art training to include scenarios, technology and other hands on activities which will prepare our staff for the future. In today's world an officer must ensure that his or her actions pass not only the test of legality, but they must also pass the more subjective tests of appropriateness and propriety. That is what she strives to bring to our department.

The American Jail Association is a national, nonprofit, educational organization delivering professional development, personal certification, and advocacy services to correctional personnel at all ranks and operational levels working in this Nation's 3,200-plus jails and detention facilities. It is the only association of its kind that focuses exclusively on issues affecting today's jail professional. Appointed by the association's Board of Directors, the five-member commission administers the Certified Jail Officer program, in addition to the Certified Jail Manager program; sets policy; and assures the two programs reflect the changing needs of the profession.

For more information, visit [www.americanjail.org/education/certifications/](http://www.americanjail.org/education/certifications/).

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