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SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS WORKING IN OUR NATION'S JAILS

## American Jail Association Resolution

### Staffing of Jails

**WHEREAS,** many jails with only one staff person on duty, who also performs dispatching duties, and

**WHEREAS,** experience has demonstrated that while the officer is dispatching, he cannot give proper attention to supervision of inmates, and

**WHEREAS,** numerous lawsuits stem from this staffing arrangement;

**THEREFORE BE  
IT RESOLVED  
THAT** the American Jail Association go on record as recommending to the American Correctional Association that its Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities require jails to have a minimum of one jail officer on duty at all times, whose duties preclude dispatching activities.

*Adopted by the American Jail Association Board of Directors on April 29, 1986.*

*Revised on May 19, 1993.*

*Re-affirmed on May 3, 2008, by the AJA Board of Directors in Sacramento, California.*