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.