



**\*\*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE\*\***

## Black Creek Congratulates Award-Winning Clients



LEFT TO RIGHT: MAJOR THOMAS MURPHY, SUPERINTENDENT THOMAS DIINA, BLACK CREEK PRESIDENT I.E. NEWTON.

Birmingham, AL - February, 8, 2016 - Black Creek congratulates two of its clients, Essex County, NY and Erie County, NY, for winning major awards for the 2015 year. The two counties have been working with Black Creek since 2005.

The Erie County Sheriff's Office, located in Buffalo, New York, was named the NY State Sheriff's Association's 2015 Innovative Program Award winner for its Jail Management Division's Residential Treatment Program. Superintendent Thomas Diina accepted the award at the annual conference with Sheriff Timothy B. Howard and other members of the Jail

Management Division. This is the third straight year the Erie Office has been selected as a top recipient of a Sheriff's Association Award.

Erie County's Residential Treatment Program is a partnership with the Erie Department of Mental Health to address incarcerated individuals with mental illnesses. Treatment is provided through weekly counseling sessions, discharge planning services, and weekly group meetings that provide education on topics related to the individual's treatment. The program so far has reduced the recidivism rate among inmates diagnosed with a serious mental illness from 75% to 45%.

Jail Administrator of Essex county, Major Thomas Murphy won the NY State Sheriff's Correction Officer of the Year, which was awarded by the NY State Sheriff's Association Institute. Major Murphy began his career in 2000. His inspiration was his uncle, Walter Murphy of AuSable Forks, who joined the NYPD in 1927 and was killed in New York City when he courageously intervened in a robbery off-duty.

Major Thomas Murphy has been a valuable resource to the Sheriff's Office since the start of his career. He rose to the rank of Sergeant in 2005, Lieutenant in 2010, Captain in 2011, and then Major and Jail Administrator in 2012. While he was a supervisor at the existing Essex County corrections facility, Major Murphy also assisted with the undertaking of a new Public Safety Building in 2008. He has been regarded as the in-house expert in Black Creek security and booking systems, and he has developed numerous programs to operate the facility more efficiently.

## **More about Black Creek ISC**

Black Creek Integrated Systems is a turn-key source for modern, touchscreen-based, correctional facility security control systems and security management software solutions that reduce the cost of corrections. Black Creek focuses only on the corrections market – installing integrated security and records management solutions in jails, prisons, courthouses and government facilities across the nation. [Learn More about Black Creek >](#)