

Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office Detention Division 2015 Prison Rape Elimination Act Annual Report

$\textbf{History} \rightarrow$

PREA was enacted in 2003 by Congress to address the problem of sexual abuse of persons in the custody of U.S. correctional agencies. The Bureau of Justice created the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission and charged it with developing draft standards for the elimination of prison rape.

Those standards were published in June 2009, and were turned over to the Department of Justice for review and passage as a final rule August 20, 2012.

In January 2013, Sheriff Wendell Hall initiated a change in the Detention Division Administration. The Detention team recognized the importance of the new legislation.

The Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office - Detention Division adopted a zero tolerance on issues pertaining to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. In 2013 the entire agency took a proactive stance implementing the 46 PREA standards that apply to adult jails / prisons; and educating both staff and inmates on recognizing, preventing, and eradicating sexual abuse and sexual harassment in the confinement setting.

In February 2014, with hard work and dedication from all, The Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office - Detention Division was the first adult prison / jail to become PREA certified in the United States.



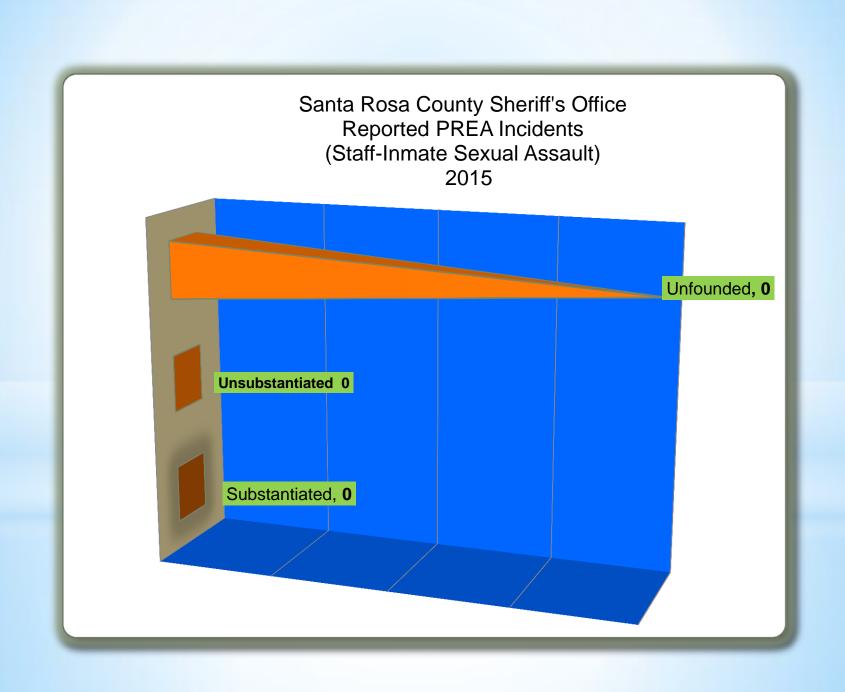
Analysis/Corrective Action:

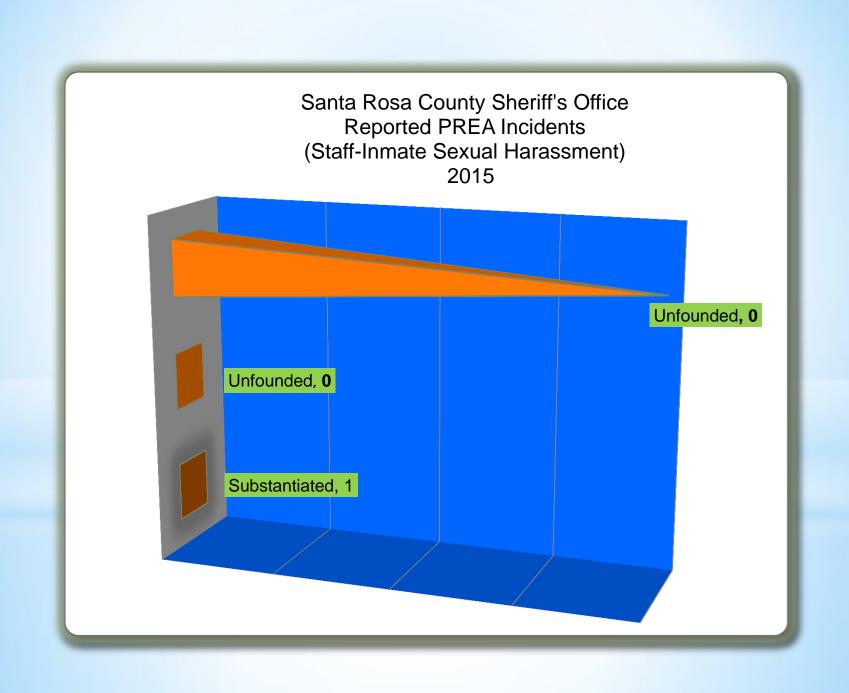
Even though, the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office - Detention Division became the first adult PREA compliant facility in the United States. The stamp of 'compliance' does not mean the work is over. The agency works continually to maintain agency compliance and protect the vulnerable through education, awareness, and policy.

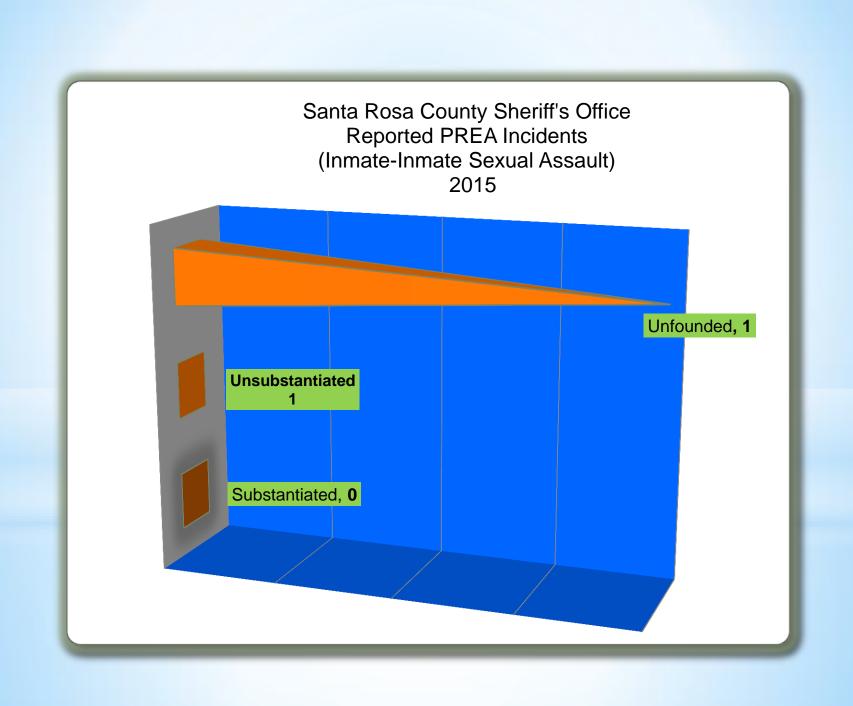
Substantiated allegation - an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

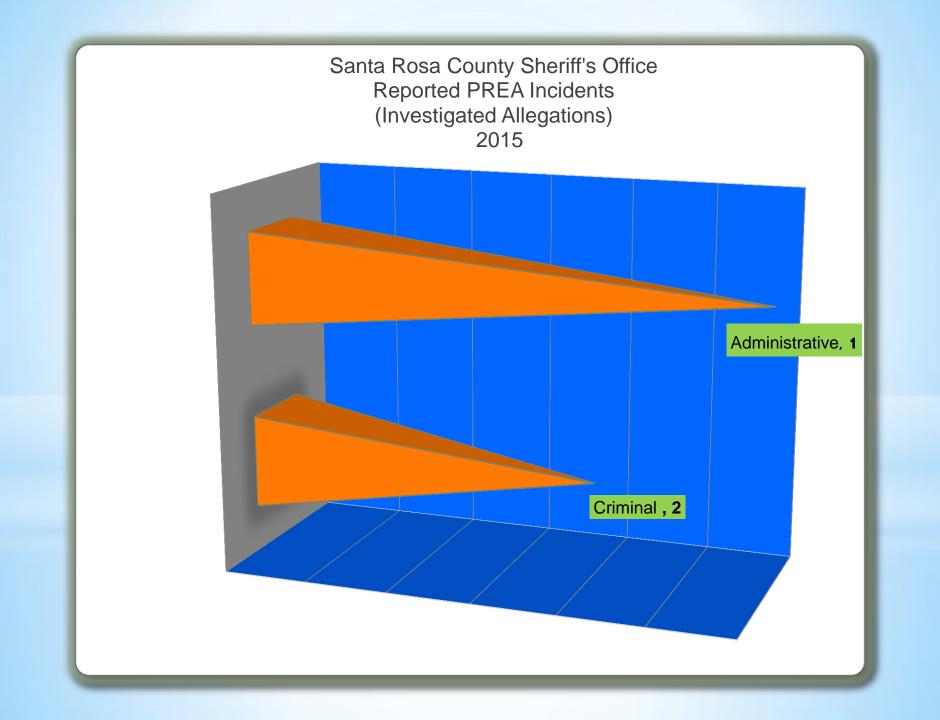
Unfounded allegation - an allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated allegation - an allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.









§115.88 Data review for corrective action:

(c) The Agency shall be approved by the agency head and made readily available to the public through the website or, it does not have one through other means.