

SANTA ROSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DETENTION DIVISION

PREA ANNUAL REPORT PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT 2013

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Background

PREA was established in 2003 to address the problem of sexual abuse and sexual harassment of persons in the custody of U.S. correctional agencies. Major provisions of PREA include the development of standards for detection, prevention, reduction and punishment of prison/jail rapes. The Act applies to all public and private institutions that house adult or juvenile offenders and is also relevant to community based agencies. The Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office/Detention Division has adopted a zero tolerance on issues pertaining to sexual abuse and sexual harassment involving inmates and is working continuously to implement new policies, training requirements for staff and inmates, and developing standards for detection, prevention, reduction and punishment of rape.

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- Definitions
- Unfounded: The allegation is false or not factual
- Substantiated: The allegation is supported by sufficient factual evidence
- Unsubstantiated: There is insufficient factual evidence either to prove or disprove the allegations.

Analysis/Corrective Action

There were no PREA Standards requirements to analyze efforts in 2011, due to final PREA standards/requirements not being finalized until August 2012. As a result there is no corrective action in 2011 with which to compare in 2012.

In 2012, PREA Standards/commencement <u>was not</u> implemented by the Detention Administration. There was not a full awareness of the impact of PREA and if PREA pertained to the Detention Division. Therefore grants were not applied for in the implementation of PREA Standards that were available and no standards were implemented.

January 28, 2013, a change in Detention Administration was initiated by Sheriff Hall.

The current Detention Administration immediately recognized the PREA Standards and initiated implementation. There is no data from 2012 to compare to 2013 for PREA Standards and no corrective action to report due to the lack of implementation.

Analysis: No staff and volunteer training was conducted in 2012.

Corrective Action: The Training Division implemented staff and volunteer training beginning October 2013.

Analysis: A PREA Coordinator was not implemented in 2012

Corrective Action: A PREA Manager and Coordinator was implemented in 2013

Analysis: Contracts: The contract renewals did not include the provision to adopt the PREA standards

Corrective Action: All new or renewed contracts were updated to include the adoption of PREA standards

Analysis: No staffing plan was implemented in 2013

Corrective Action: A staffing plan was initiated for PREA standards

Analysis: No unannounced rounds/checks were implemented in the housing areas in 2012

Corrective Action: Code was initiated in jail management system for unannounced rounds to be documented.

Analysis: No adjustment of camera's or addition of camera's were implemented in 2012

Corrective Action: The locations for additional camera's and movement of camera's were implemented to allow an inmate to perform bodily functions and change clothes without non medical staff of the opposite gender viewing private body areas. The corrective action to implement the required standards did require the communication with County Officials due to impacting the budget. The approval was received in October 2013 to purchase cameras, move cameras and installation of partitions in the housing areas. The construction started in December 2013 for compliance with the standards.

Analysis: Interpreters for inmates was not implemented in 2012

Corrective Action: A MOU – Memorandum of Understanding was implemented with providers to provide inmates with disabilities and limited English to interpret for inmates.

Analysis: No changes were made to hiring and promotion policies, investigations and evidence protocols in 2012.

Corrective Action: The PREA Manager and PREA Coordinator met with the various units to update on the standards and make the required changes to policies and training requirements for investigations. No investigator had attended the required PREA investigative class in 2012. A investigator did attend the required class in 2013.

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Analysis: No Victim Advocate services were initiated in 2012 for PREA compliance.

Corrective Action: Contacted Lakeview and Rape Crisis Center to enter into Memorandum of Agreement to provide services per PREA standards in 2013.

Analysis: No PREA Committee was implemented in 2012 for review of Administrative PREA complaints.

Corrective Action: PREA Committee implemented in 2013 to review cases and address issues that would need corrective action.

Analysis: No inmate training and notification to inmates about PREA was initiated in 2012.

Corrective Action: Posters were purchased, Classification Deputy is conducting one on one training with all inmates, PREA information posted on kiosk, PREA information is included in inmate property bag, PREA information if posted on the Sheriff's Office website and inmates are advised upon intake about PREA and how to protect themselves and report complaints

Analysis: The medical provider was not advised of the role and training that medical staff must have to meet PREA standards in 2012.

Corrective Action: Medical provider is aware and training is being conducted with PREA standards in 2013.

Analysis: The intake screening form was not compliant with PREA standards in 2012

Corrective Action: PREA screening form implemented that is compliant with PREA standards in 2013

Analysis: No training was conducted in 2012 for transgender, intersex, lesbian, gay or bisexual inmates for officers to understand the proper pat search and what initial questions to ask the inmate on intake.

Corrective Action: Training conducted with officers on pat searches for LGBTI inmates and screening during intake and cross gender inmates in exigent circumstances.

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Review data collected and aggregated in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of our sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices and training, including by:

- 1. Identifying problem areas
- 2. Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis
- 3. Preparing an annual report of findings and corrective actions for the facility

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115.88 (C) The agency's report shall be approved by the agency head and made readily available to the public through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means.



















