



HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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PREA ANNUAL REPORT PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT 2017

PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA)

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. THIS ACT APPLIES TO ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS THAT HOUSE ADULT OR JUVENILE OFFENDERS AND IS ALSO RELEVANT TO COMMUNITY BASED AGENCIES. THE HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY 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 TO PROVE OR DISPROVE THE ALLEGATION.

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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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ANALYSIS

- IN 2017, THE 1200 JAIL CONDUCTED THE FEDERAL PREA AUDIT.
- DURING THIS AUDIT, PREA INVESTIGATORS EXCEEDED ALL EXPECTATIONS REGARDING PREA STANDARD 115.34 .
- PREA STANDARD 115.14 YOUTHFUL INMATES DID NOT MEET STANDARDS. THE FEDERAL PREA AUDITOR SUGGESTS HCSO CLASSIFICATION DEVELOPS A PLAN THAT WILL REASSIGN YOUTHFUL INMATES TO SPECIFIC AREAS BASED ON THE CURRENT FACILITY LAYOUT. CAPACITY AT THE TIME OF THE PREA AUDIT WAS 4253 AND INMATE COUNT WAS 3559. THE PREA AUDIT STATES THESE CHANGES MAY BE CHALLENGING BUT DOES NOT SEE ANY REASON THAT JUSTIFIES A COMPLETE INABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH PREA STANDARD 115.14.

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- THE HCSO IS CONTINUING TO WORK WITH THE HOUSTON AREA WOMENS CENTER FOR INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP COUNSELING REGARDING SEXUAL ABUSE INVOLVING ALL INMATES. RECEIVING COUNSELING SESSIONS IS NOT BASED SOLELY ON SEXUAL ABUSE ALLEGATIONS WITHIN HCSO JAIL FACILITIES.
- THE HCSO PREA UNIT CONTINUES TO CONDUCT CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS REGARDING ALL PREA ALLEGATIONS IF NECESSARY.
- THE HCSO CONTINUES TO WORK WITH HARRIS CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND IDD.
- THE HCSO PREA UNIT HAS EXPANDED ITS UNIT; NOW PROVIDING ASSISTANCE REGARDING ALL LGBTQI COMPLAINTS. THE HCSO PREA UNIT HAS BEEN RENAMED PREA/LGBTQI UNIT AND WORKS DILIGENTLY WITH THE LGBTQI COMMUNITY AT THEH HCSO JAIL FACILITIES IN REGARDS TO ALL COMPLAINTS DEEMED VIOLATION OF THE DEPARTMENTAL LGBTQI POLICY (#413).

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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 IT'S WEBSITE OR, IF IT DOES NOT HAVE ONE, THROUGH OTHER MEANS.

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THE HCSO PREA UNIT HAS INVESTIGATORS WHO EXPLORE ALL PREA INCIDENTS FOR CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS AND SHALL INVESTIGATE ADMINISTRATIVELY OR CRIMINALLY.

1200 PREA Reported Incidents Year ended 2017



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Reported Sexual Abuse (Staff on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	6
Open	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	6	0	11
Totals					2				5		10		17
Reported Sexual Abuse (Inmate on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	2	0	2	1	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	13
Open	2	2	1	1	5	1	1	4	0	8	0	6	31
Totals	4	2	3	3	6	4	3	4		8		8	45
Reported Sexual Harassment (Staff on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	3	0	0	0	9
Open	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	1	2	1	1	0	11
Totals	1	1	1				9	1	5	1	1		20
Reported Sexual Harassment (Inmate on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Unfounded	2	4	0	4	1	3	0	2	0	2	0	3	21
Open	5	0	3	2	2	5	0	2	0	4	4	4	31
Totals	7	5	3	6	3	8		4		6	4	7	53
Totals	12	8	7	9	11	12	12	9	10	15	15	15	135

701 PREA Reported Incidents Year ended 2017



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Reported Sexual Abuse (Staff on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Open/Pending	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
Totals						1			1		2		4
Reported Sexual Abuse (Inmate on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Open/Pending	3	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	16
Totals	4	1	5		2		1		2	2	3		20
Reported Sexual Harassment (Staff on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Open/Pending	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	5
Totals		4	1			1	3		1				10
Reported Sexual Harassment (Inmate on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	7
Open/Pending	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	7
Totals			1	3	1	1	4	1	1	2			14
Totals	4	5	7	3	3	3	8	1	5	4	5		48

1307 PREA Reported Incidents Year ended 2017



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Reported Sexual Abuse (Staff on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Open	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals		1											1
Reported Sexual Abuse (Inmate on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Open	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Totals			1		2								3
Reported Sexual Harassment (Staff on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Open	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals													
Reported Sexual Harassment (Inmate on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Open	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	1												1
Totals	1	1	1		2								5

711 PREA Reported Incidents Year ended 2017



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Reported Sexual Abuse (Staff on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Open	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals													
Reported Sexual Abuse (Inmate on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Open	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals													
Reported Sexual Harassment (Staff on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Open	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals													
Reported Sexual Harassment (Inmate on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Open	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals													
Totals													