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Harris County Sheriff's Office Criminal Justice Command

PREA Annual Report Prison Rape Elimination Act

2024

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 the 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 maintains a zero-tolerance policy regarding issues of sexual abuse and harassment involving inmates, and is continuously implementing new policies and training requirements for both staff and inmates, as well as developing standards for the detection, prevention, reduction, and punishment of rape.

PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA)

DEFINITIONS

- UNFOUNDED- An allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.
- SUBSTANTIATED- An allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.
- UNSUBSTANTIATED- An allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

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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

PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA)

ANALYSIS

IN 2024, HARRIS COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM ACQUIRED NEW UPGRADES WHILE UPDATING THEIR VIDEO MONITOR SYSTEMS. THE AGENCY ADDED MORE VIDEO CAMERAS TO AREAS WITH BLIND SPOTS .

IN 2024, HARRIS COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM PROVIDED PREA EMPLOYEE TRAINING TO NEW HIRES.

IN 2024, HARRIS COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM PROVIDED TRAINING TO VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRACTORS.

IN 2024, HARRIS COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM CONTINUED TO CONDUCT ADMINISTRATIVE AND CRIMINAL PREA INVESTIGATIONS.

PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA)

ANALYSIS

IN 2021, AN LGBTQI NAVIGATOR POSITION WAS CREATED AND FUNDED THROUGH THE FEDERAL PREA GRANT. THE LGBTQI NAVIGATOR IS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO LGBTQI INCARCERATED AND RECENTLY RELEASED FROM THE HARRIS COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM.

IN 2021, DETENTION OFFICERS NOW HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME PREA INVESTIGATORS. DETENTION OFFICERS WILL INVESTIGATE SEXUAL ABUSE (NON-PENETRATION) AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT

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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.

1200 PREA Reported Incidents

Year Ended 2024



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	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	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	1	2	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	10
Open													
Totals	1	2	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	10
Reported Sexual Abuse (Inmate on Inmate)													
Substantiated	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Unsubstantiated	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	9
Unfounded	1	4	1	4	0	1	7	6	6	4	5	8	47
Open													
Totals	5	4	2	5	0	1	7	7	7	6	7	9	60
Reported Sexual Harassment (Staff on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Unfounded	2	0	2	1	1	0	1	3	0	5	6	1	22
Open													
Totals	2	1	2	1	1	0	1	3	1	5	6	1	24
Reported Sexual Harassment (Inmate on Inmate)													
Substantiated	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3
Unsubstantiated	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	8
Unfounded	3	1	1	2	1	1	10	9	12	14	9	16	79
Open													
Totals	5	1	2	3	1	2	11	10	12	15	10	19	90
Totals	13	8	6	11	3	3	20	21	20	27	23	29	184

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Reported Sexual Abuse (Staff on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Unfounded	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	5
Open													
Totals	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	6
Reported Sexual Abuse (Inmate on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Unfounded	1	0	0	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	3	1	15
Open													
Totals	1	0	1	1	2	2	3	1	1	2	3	1	18
Reported Sexual Harassment (Staff on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Unfounded	3	0	0	2	1	2	3	1	3	2	2	0	19
Open													
Totals	3	1	0	3	1	3	3	1	3	2	3	0	23
Reported Sexual Harassment (Inmate on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Unfounded	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	4	2	2	15
Open													
Totals	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	1	1	4	2	2	16
Totals	5	2	2	5	3	6	10	3	5	9	9	4	63

JPC PREA Reported Incidents

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Reported Sexual Abuse (Staff on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Unfounded	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Open													
Totals	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Reported Sexual Abuse (Inmate on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Open													
Totals	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3
Reported Sexual Harassment (Staff on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	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	0
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Open													
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Sexual Harassment (Inmate on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	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	0
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Open													
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	6

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	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	0
Unsubstantiated	0	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	0
Open													
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Sexual Abuse (Inmate on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	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	0
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Open													
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Sexual Harassment (Staff on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	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	0
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Open													
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Sexual Harassment (Inmate on Inmate)													
Substantiated	0	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	0
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Open													
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals													0

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THE HCSO PREA UNIT HAS INVESTIGATORS WHO EXPLORE ALL
PREA INCIDENTS FOR CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS.