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Prison Rape Elimination Act 2017 PREA Coordinator's Annual Report

This report has been prepared in accordance with §115.87 and §115.88 of the PREA Standards in order to address and improve the effectiveness of the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office and Detention Facility in sexual abuse prevention, detection, response policies, practices, and training. In subsequent years, the information collected for this report will be used to identify problem area and to take corrective action on an ongoing basis.

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) establishes a "zero-tolerance" standard against sexual abuse and sexual assault of incarcerated persons. It was signed on September 2003 by President Bush. PREA is intended to address the detection, prevention, reduction, and prosecution of sexual harassment and sexual assault in all correctional facilities in the country.

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) is a federal law that prohibits sexual abuse and misconduct in correctional settings such as prisons, jails, lockups, juvenile facilities and community confinement facilities.

The Sangamon County Sheriff's Office and Detention Facility (SCSO) is committed to emphasizing a zero-tolerance for sexual abuse or harassment of detainees/inmates, either by staff or other detainees/inmates. It shall be the policy of the Sangamon County and Detention Facility to provide a safe and secure environment for all detainees, employees, contractors, and volunteers, free from the threat of sexual abuse or harassment by effective policies and procedures designed for preventing, reporting, responding to, investigating, and tracking incidents or allegations of sexual abuse or harassment. All claims of sexual abuse or harassment will be investigated in a manner that avoids unnecessary embarrassment or indignity to the detainee/inmate. It shall also be the policy of the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office and Detention Facility to pursue administrative, disciplinary, and/or criminal sanctions against any detainee/inmate, staff member, contractor, or volunteer found to have committed sexual abuse or assault against a detainee/inmate. It shall be the responsibility of the health care staff to provide immediate first-aid to the victim and to refer the detainee/inmate to the appropriate medical facility.

General Information

During 2017, there were 9047 new admissions into the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office and Detention Facility. Of the new admissions 5981 were males and 3076 were females. The average daily population was 308 males and 41 females.

PREA Report Activity

The table below indicates the total number of "Detainee/Inmate Against Detainee/Inmate", and "Detainee/Inmate Against Staff" Sexual Abuse and/or Sexual Harassment reports that occurred each year.



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January - December 2017	Detainee/Inmate Against Detainee/Inmate Reports 19	Detainee/Inmate Against Staff Reports 3
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PREA Report Findings Substantiated:

Substantiated: The event was investigated and determined to have occurred based on a preponderance of the evidence.

Unsubstantiated: The investigation concluded that evidence was insufficient to determine whether or not the event occurred.

Unfounded: The investigation determined that the event did NOT occur.

Non-PREA: The investigation determined that the incident was not actually a PREA incident.

Ongoing: Investigation is not concluded.

Other Facility: Incident occurring in a facility other than Sangamon County.

Out of Country: Any allegations/incidents reported by detainees/inmates that occurred in a country other than the USA.

The table below indicates the findings of the investigations into “**Detainee/Inmate Against Detainee/Inmate**” PREA allegations of Nonconsensual Sexual Acts that occurred each year.

January-December 2017	Substantiated 10	Unsubstantiated 8	Unfounded 0	Non-PREA 1	Ongoing 0
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The table below indicates the findings of the investigations into “**Detainee/Inmate Against Detainee/Inmate**” PREA allegations of Sexual Harassment that occurred each year.

January-December 2017	Substantiated 0	Unsubstantiated 0	Unfounded 0	Non-PREA 0	Ongoing 0	Other Facility 0	Out of Country 0
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The table below indicates the findings of the investigations into “**Staff Against Detainee/Inmate**” PREA allegations of Staff Sexual Misconduct that occurred each year.

January-December 2017	Substantiated 1	Unsubstantiated 0	Unfounded 2	Non-PREA 0	Ongoing 0	Other Facility 0	Out of Country 0
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The table below indicates the findings of the investigations into **"Staff Against Detainee/Inmate"** PREA allegations of Staff Sexual Harassment that occurred each year.

January-December 2017	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Non-PREA	Ongoing	Other Facility	Out of Country
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

In 2017, the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office investigated 22 PREA incidents. 19 incidents were Detainee/Inmate against Detainee Inmate. 3 incidents were Staff against Detainee/Inmate. See report findings listed above for incident outcome.

In September 2017 Sangamon County Sheriff's Office awarded Correctional Consulting, LLC to provide PREA audit services per Federal Mandate that all facilities within the United States meet or exceed PREA Standards and be PREA Certified. This Audit was done on February 21st and 22nd, 2018 at this facility. The Sangamon County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility passed PREA audit with no corrective action needed and was certified on March 26, 2018. A complete copy of the PREA Audit Report is available for viewing on this website.