

# ANNUAL PREA REPORT 2017

Rape and sexual activity seriously reduces the mission of the Sheriff Office's to prevent crime and provide quality criminal justice service. In accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003, the Jefferson County Jail has established a zero tolerance standard regarding the incidence of rape and sexual activity.

The Jefferson County Jail requires that each of our staff are educated on IPREA with at least one hour of training each year as well as a review of our policies and procedures on IPREA. Further all volunteers, reserves, and contractors are trained on IPREA and how to report any allegations and the consequences of such violations of an inmates rights via a power point presentation conducted by the PREA Coordinator, Lt. Bush. They all attest that they understand the guidelines set forth by the Jefferson County Jail's policies and procedures and IPREA. The inmates of the Jefferson County Jail are given training via an audio message read over the P.A. system or a one-on-one review with a member of staff every 30 days and understand the various ways they can report an incident.

All IPREA incidents, whether substantiated or unsubstantiated, are investigated. In the calendar year of 2017, the total number of allegations reported in the Jefferson County Jail were five, one fewer than in 2016. All five incidents reported were allegations of sexual harassment from one inmate to another. Of those five allegations only three were substantiated, two were unsubstantiated and none involved staff members. This information was aggregated using the Department of Justice's Survey of Sexual, Victimization (form SSV-1).

Policies and procedures are reviewed and evaluated at least annually to determine effectiveness and modified accordingly. In the allegations cited above there was not any policy or procedure that was determined to need changes. In each of the substantiated allegations the perpetrators were separated or removed and given disciplinary sanctions. The offenders were reclassified and placed in a higher classification. Staffing was also increased in 2017. Video monitoring from affixed cameras and frequent walks through the jail by staff contribute to the investigations of each incident reported and assist in detecting and determining whether any PREA allegations are substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded.

We continue to house inmates for other agencies and we strive to provide a safe, sanitary, and secure environment for all inmates, detainees, and staff members of the Jefferson County Jail. We take seriously our policy of a zero-tolerance standard toward rape and sexual activity or sexual harassment. Each inmate or detainee is assured at least one means of reporting any PREA allegations confidentially and free from retaliation.

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