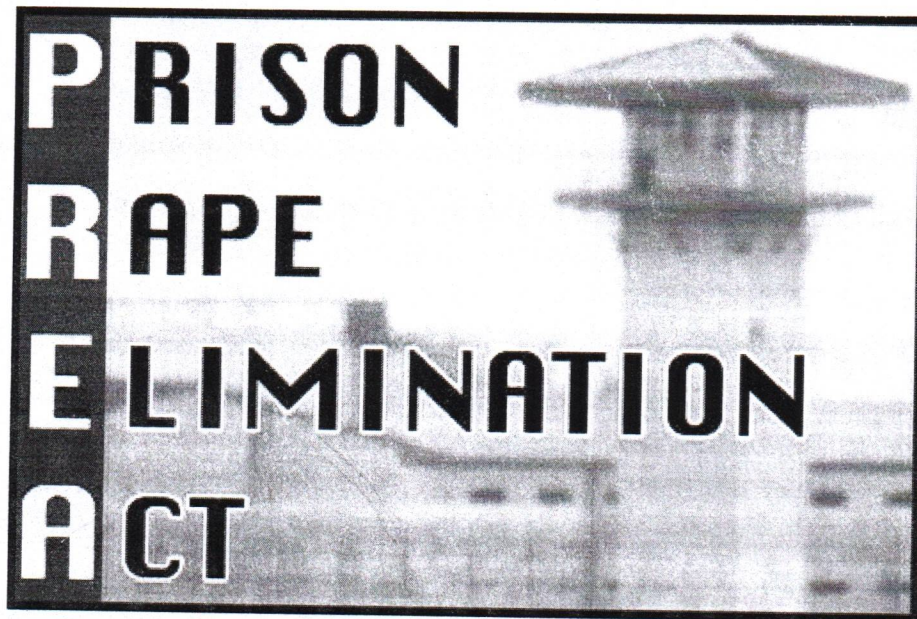


Seward County Detention Center



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PREA Background:

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was signed into Federal Law in 2003 by President George W. Bush. It was created to address the problem of sexual misconduct in all confinement facilities. In 2012, the U.S. Department of Justice released national PREA standards to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement facilities. The PREA Act required all federal, state, and local corrections agencies to have a zero-tolerance policy regarding rape in prison, jail, police lockups, and community confinement.

Seward County Detentions Center has a Zero Tolerance policy relative to sexual misconduct. Seward County Detention Center complies with federal and state laws as they pertain to PREA, sexual violence, and sexual misconduct.

Definitions:

Substantiated- A substantiated allegation means an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated- An unsubstantiated allegation means an allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

Unfounded- An unfounded allegation means an allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

Ongoing- The investigation has not been completed.

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The Seward County Detention Center is preparing to participate in its first audit in 2023. A PREA Coordinator is employed to ensure compliance with all PREA standards. It is the policy of Seward County Detention Center to provide training to all staff, inmates, contractors, and volunteers to prevent sexual misconduct and to fully investigate and prosecute those involved in such conduct. Every allegation made is investigated thoroughly. If an allegation of sexual abuse is substantiated, the perpetrator will be charged with a criminal act and the Seward County Sheriff's Office will work closely with the prosecutors to ensure prosecution.

The Seward County Detention Center has in place policy K-100 Zero Tolerance. Zero Tolerance mandates all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates are prohibited.

There is a system in place to collect data on incidents of a sexual nature. Seward County Detention Center works with the Seward County Sheriff's Office to collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse under its direct control. The facility PREA Coordinator compiles incident-based sexual abuse data annually. The following table illustrates data collected between April 1, 2022, and April 30th, 2023.

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The following chart reflects aggregated data absent any events investigated that did not constitute a PREA violation.

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Terminology 2020	Total	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Ongoing Investigation
Inmate on inmate Nonconsensual sexual Act	0	0	0	0	0
Inmate on Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	0	0	0	0	0
Inmate on Inmate Sexual Harassment	1	0	1	0	0
Staff on Inmate Sexual Misconduct	1	0	1	0	0
Staff on Inmate Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0
Staff on Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	0	0	0	0	0

General Information:

Total Female Population	139
Total Male Population	394

Average Daily Female Population	6
Average Daily Male Population	24

Average Length of Stay for Female	14
Average Length of Stay for Male	23

A review of the statistical data demonstrated shows that there were two (2) Unsubstantiated cases during the current reporting period. Of these (2) Unsubstantiated cases, one (1) was inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment and one (1) was staff-on-inmate sexual misconduct. Seward County Detention Center strives to train and educate at all levels of the facility toward the goal of prevention, detection, and response to incidents of sexual abuse and harassment inside its facility. The names of the individuals involved have been excluded from this report to ensure confidentiality.

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Identify Problem Areas and Corrective Action:

PREA standards require a review of collected data to identify problem areas and establish plans of corrective action. Based on the statistical review, the rate of incidents within the facility is extremely low. Seward County Detention Center will review, enhance, and improve its current policies and procedures to continue to meet PREA standards.

Resolved Problem Areas from 2022:

Seward County Detention Center is updating the policies and procedures to be compliant with the first audit for 2023. The Department created brochures that are handed out to all booked inmates, video training on television, and tablets that contain PREA information on the department's Zero Tolerance Policy. Seward County Detention Center will strive to comply with all PREA standards in 2023 by providing training for all staff, inmates, volunteers, and contractors.