

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) FCSO Annual Report 2015

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed with unanimous support from both parties in Congress in 2003. The purpose of the act was to "provide for the analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape in Federal, State, and local institutions and to provide information, resources, and recommendations and funding to protect individuals from prison rape." (Prison Rape Elimination Act, 2003). In addition to creating a mandate for significant research from the Bureau of Justice Statistics and through the National Institute of Justice, funding through the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the National Institute of Corrections supported major efforts in many state correctional, juvenile detention, community corrections, and jail systems.

Prison Rape Elimination Act Zero Tolerance Statement

Fayette County Jail is committed to your safety and the safety of inmates. The inmates have a right to serve their sentence with dignity and free from sexual assault, sexual harassment, and retaliation. The volunteers, contract staff, facilitators and officers also have to right to work in this facility free of sexual assault, sexual harassment, and retaliation. Fayette County Jail has zero tolerance regarding sexual assault within its facility. This means we do not tolerate any level of sexual harassment, misconduct, or assault in this facility. Every effort will be made to prevent sexual assault and misconduct from occurring. Every allegation will be investigated, every violator punished, and every victim offered services.

Annual Report: Since 2012, when the final PREA standards came into effect, The FCSO has made multiple revisions, to policies, procedures, and training to cooperate and comply with Federal standards, guiding our Officers, Employees, and Volunteers with regard to sexual abuse and harassment. Our facility maintains a designated PREA Coordinator (Sgt. Hilery Chensvold) and PREA Compliance Manager (Officer Weston Buhr) to ensure compliance within the Fayette County Jail and the Fayette County Sheriff's Office as a whole. It is our initiative to mitigate and eliminate instances of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment. There is a system in place at the FCSO to collect data on incidents of a sexual nature within this facility. The FCSO collects accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse under its direct control using every available means through law enforcement. Through this, the FCSO will compile an annual report based upon the data collected through investigations of incidents. Below is listed the FCSO 2015 annual report based upon afore mentioned data.

Incidents can be categorized as any of the following: Inmate on inmate Harassment, inmate on inmate abuse, staff on inmate harassment, and staff on inmate abuse.

Each of these can be found to be:

- A. Substantiated
- B. Unsubstantiated
- C. Unfounded
- D. Founded

	Allegations	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Ongoing Investigation	Total Results
Inmate v. Inmate Harassment	2	2				2
Inmate v. Inmate Abuse						
Staff v Inmate Abuse or Harassment						
Total	2					

There were 2 substantiated Allegations of Inmate v. Inmate Sexual harassment in 2015. Names of individuals involved have been redacted from this report to maintain confidentiality under HIPAA. All allegations were thoroughly investigated by FCSO Officers. The FCSO is and shall remain a zero tolerance facility with regard to sexual harassment and sexual abuse.