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CCSO 2021 PREA Annual Report

Background

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed by Congress and signed into federal law by President George W. Bush in 2003 to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment occurring in confinement settings.

The Caldwell County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) has ZERO TOLLERANCE for all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment within its jail facility. Procedures are in place to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual misconduct in accordance with federal PREA standards. The Caldwell County Sheriff's Office administratively and or criminally investigates all alleged incidents of a sexual nature.

Compliance

The Caldwell County Jail achieved full compliance with PREA following an intensive audit in 2017. CCSO is currently being audited for PREA compliance. In accordance with PREA Standard 115.88 (a) – (d), the CCSO's PREA program ensures we provide staff training, inmate education, and screening for risk of victimization and/or abusiveness. We conduct thorough investigations of every allegation of sexual misconduct, and we continuously monitor the jail facility and population. The PREA coordinator reviews data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.87 to assess and improve the effectiveness of the CCSO's sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by:

- (1) Identifying problem areas;
- (2) Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and
- (3) Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the CCSO as a whole. **(115.88(a))**
- (4) CCSO annual PREA report shall include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and shall provide an assessment of CCSO's progress in addressing sexual abuse. **(115.88(b))**
- (5) CCSO's annual PREA report shall be approved by the Sheriff or acting Sheriff and made readily available to the public through its website. **(115.88(c))**
- (6) CCSO may redact specific material from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific safety and security threat. CCSO will indicate the nature of the material redacted. **(115.88(d))**

2021 Survey of Sexual Violence

Each year, CCSO collects PREA data in accordance with PREA standard 115.87(a)-(d) in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, procedures and training. We compare this data with data from previous years and take information from the year's cases to improve the effectiveness of the CCSO's sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training. The information gathered is analyzed to identify strengths and problem areas and CCSO takes this information to make any necessary facility corrections, training adjustments and/or adjustments to our operational procedures. This data must also be reported to the U.S. Department of Justice Statistics, when requested.

Definitions below:

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.

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

Inmate on Inmate Nonconsensual Sexual Acts- unwanted contact with another inmate including contact between genitals, between mouth and genitals, or penetration, however slight.

Total 0

Inmate on Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact- unwanted contact with another inmate involving touching of the inmate's buttocks, thighs, breast, or genitals in a sexual way.

Total 0

Inmate on Inmate Sexual Harassment- repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, request for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one inmate directed to another.

CY2021

Unfounded 1

Total 1

Staff Sexual Harassment- sexual harassment by a staff member directed at an inmate.

CY2021

Unfounded 2

Total 2

Staff Sexual Misconduct- sexual contact, voyeurism, exposure, threat of sexual abuse.

CY2021

Total 0

CY2021 in Review

PREA reports have declined 57% over previous years, partially because the jail population has decreased due to the area wide COVID-19 response and our agency's efforts through continuing staff education, training, and use of screening information to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse. Inmates are being screened for risk of sexual victimization and abusiveness and are being housed appropriately. Supervision and technology checks are on schedule. CCSO is currently undergoing another compressive PREA audit by an independent DOJ certified auditor. The auditor inspected our facility, interviewed multiple staff members and inmates, and reviewed training, education, and security documents. The auditor's final report is due January 2022, the auditor's final PREA report will be available on our website. CCSO's commitment to sexual safety in our facility has not waived. We are proud to continue our PREA program and look forward to furthering our progress in 2022 and beyond.

Mike Lane, Caldwell County Sheriff



Date

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| 2021 CCSO PREA REPORT TOTALS | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | CATEGORY TOTALS |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------------|
| IOI Non-Consensual Sexual Act | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| IOI Abusive Sexual Contact | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| IOI Sexual Harassment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Staff Sexual Harassment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Staff Sexual Misconduct | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Staff Sexual Abuse | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| MONTHLY TOTALS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| YEARLY INCIDENT TOTALS | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IOI INCIDENT TOTALS | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| STAFF ON INMATE TOTALS | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |