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2018 Annual PREA Report

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 is a federal law established to support the elimination and prevention of sexual assault and sexual misconduct in correctional systems. Cumberland County Jail located in Portland, Maine supports the guidelines set forth in this law and has implemented a ZERO-TOLERANCE policy for any and all incidents of sexual assault, sexual misconduct and sexual harassment (this is in accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003).

The following has been completed to meet the PREA standards during 2018:

- Received final PREA report from Auditor on 4/27/2018 stating compliance with standards.
- Policy and Procedure A-144 Prevention of Sexual Abuse, Sexual Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct of Inmates/PREA revised due to PREA auditor recommendations.
- All staff received 2018 Annual PREA self-paced training in Power DMS.
- 2018 PREA Unit 5: Effective and Professional Communications with Inmates training on Power DMS based off of 2017 PREA Incident Reviews.
- D-243A Transgender Inmates SOP revised, Initial Housing for Transgender Inmates Training in Power DMS.
- 2nd tier janitor's closets in all pods have grated inserts installed.
- 2nd tier storage room had all cleaning equipment removed and placed in the 1st tier and 2nd tier janitors closets.
- Half doors on all pod bathrooms completed.
- PREA Incident Database updated, and maintained.
- Sorenson Video Relay Service equipment for the deaf updated in intake, and installed new system in F135 in interview area.
- Language line phone in intake updated in intake and new phone installed in F135 in the interview area.
- Initial PREA Risk Screens are conducted in intake by booking staff and medical of all inmates prior to moving to housing.
- PREA Risk screens are conducted, within 30 days of admission, of all inmates by classifications.



- PREA Coordinator conducting PREA Inmate Orientations for all inmates within 30 days of admissions.
- All of the Initial PREA Risk Screens, PREA Risk screens, and Signed PREA Inmate Orientation Acknowledgements are scanned and uploaded in Spillman and attached to each inmate's record by the PREA Coordinator.
- Incident Review committee reviews all PREA allegations that are Substantiated and Unsubstantiated. 6 completed in 2018.
- Memorandum of Understanding renewed with Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine (SARSSM)
- Memorandum of Understanding renewed with Maine DOC for third party reporting

In accordance with PREA standard 115.88 Data Review for Corrective Action, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office completes an annual report to assess the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response. Policies, procedures and training are examined to identify any problem areas and take corrective action on an ongoing basis and report its findings and corrective actions taken.

Specific material may be redacted from the report when it would present a clear and specific threat to safety and security, but will be indicated in the report the nature of any redacted materials.

A review of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Investigations in 2018, the following data has been compiled in accordance with the PREA Standards:

INCIDENT TYPE	ALLEGED	SUBSTANTIATED	UNSUBSTANTIATED	UNFOUNDED
Inmate on Inmate sexual abuse	3	0	1	2
Inmate on Inmate sexual harassment	4	0	2	2
Staff on inmate sexual abuse	6	0	0	6
Staff on inmate sexual harassment	3	1	2	0
2018 Total	16	1	5	10

Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Investigations in 2017

INCIDENT TYPE	ALLEGED	SUBSTANTIATED	UNSUBSTANTIATED	UNFOUNDED
Inmate on Inmate sexual abuse	10	0	5 (1 Consensual)	5 (2 Consensual)
Inmate on Inmate sexual harassment	7	3	4	0
Staff on inmate sexual abuse	2	0	0	2
Staff on inmate sexual harassment	3	1	0	2
2017 Total	22	4	9	7

In comparison to 2017, overall the numbers have decreased in 2018. The numbers have decreased for inmate on inmate allegations, and have increased in allegations against staff in 2018.



In reviewing of the 6 Sexual Abuse Incident reviews conducted in 2018 the following has been found and/or implemented:

- SOP E-300 Food Service was revised in 2018 adding Security Procedures for Food Service.
- Recommend adding 3 cameras to the Food Service area, one in each cooler, and the freezer.
- The recreation yard in Pods B-1, B-2, B-3, C-1, and C-3 creates a blind spot in front of cells 119, 120, 127, 128.
- Create a form to inform/educate Community Service contact persons and Work Release employers of what PREA is and our responsibility as an agency.
- 1 incident occurred within inmate's cell making difficult to investigate, one inmates word against another inmate.
- Revise Annual PREA training to include section on blind spots in the facility, and update professional language with inmates section.

When the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office conducts its own investigations into allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, it shall do so promptly, thoroughly, and objectively for all allegations, including third party and anonymous reports.

Where inmate on inmate, or staff on inmate sexual abuse is alleged, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office shall use trained investigators, who have received special training in sexual abuse investigations pursuant to 115.34.

PREA Coordinator Chris Bisson

Date: 1/30/2019

Signature: Chris Bisson

Reviewed by: Captain Steve Butts, Security and Operations

Date: 01/30/19

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Reviewed and approved by: Major Timothy Kortes, Jail Administrator

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