COLLIER COUNTY
SHERIFF’S OFFICE
CORRECTIONS DIVISION

Prison Rape Elimination Act
2019 ANNUAL REPORT
The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), a federal law enacted in 2003, was established to address the sexual abuse and sexual harassment of persons in custody of U.S. prison and/or correctional facilities.

A major provision of PREA was the establishment of a “zero-tolerance” policy and included the development of national standards for detection, prevention, response to sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

The Act applies to all public and private institutions that house adult or juvenile offenders and is also relevant to community based agencies.
PREA Standards Timeline

- February 2011: Draft of Department of Justice standards released
- February – April 2011: Public comment period for DOJ standards
- May 2012: Department of Justice (DOJ) completes final review of PREA standards
- June 20, 2012: Final PREA standards published in the Federal Register
- August 20, 2012: Standards applicable to state and local facilities
- August 20, 2013: Three-year audit cycle begins (Agencies must comply within one year unless they have multiple facilities.)
Types of Allegations

- **Unfounded Allegation**: An allegation was investigated and determined to not have occurred; allegation is false or not factual.

- **Substantiated Allegation**: An allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred; allegation is supported by sufficient factual evidence.

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

*Definitions as defined by 28 C.F.R. §115.5 Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003*
Collier County Sheriff’s Office
Naples & Immokalee Jail Centers
General Statistical Information
Jan 1 - Dec 31 2019

- Number of inmates confined in the facility on December 31 2019: 596 NJC, 86 IJC, 682 NJC and IJC
- Number of inmates admitted to the facilities in 2019: 7398 NJC, 1117 IJC, 8515 NJC and IJC
- Average Daily Population: 678 NJC, 85 IJC, 763 NJC and IJC
Nonconsensual Sexual Acts / Contact: Sexual contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse; Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh or buttocks of any person.

*Definitions as defined by 28 C.F.R. §115.6 Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003
Sexual Harassment: Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one person directed toward another.

Examples of sexual harassment include verbal threats/proposals, inappropriate language, inappropriate touching (kissing, hugging, etc.).

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Data Review & Recommendations

Pursuant to §115.87 the Jail Command Staff & PREA Coordinator review data collected & aggregated in order to assess & improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, & response policies, practices, and training. In response to this review, the following actions have been implemented:

- Training sessions conducted for all staff members on the use of the PREA Decision Tree / First Responder
- Training sessions conducted for all staff members, contract staff & volunteer personnel on the detection, prevention & response to sexual abuse & sexual harassment
- Completed Staffing Plan and security camera reviews;
- Updated PREA information on inmate Kiosks.
- Memorandum of Understanding with Project Help renewed through December 31, 2022
- In April 2018, a Department of Justice Certified Auditor conducted a re-audit of the Naples Jail Center & Immokalee Jail Center; both facilities were found to be in compliance with all required DOJ PREA Standards.
The Collier County Sheriff’s Office Corrections Division is committed to a zero-tolerance of the sexual abuse of inmates.

Through compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA), Collier County Sheriff’s Office will ensure all inmates in custody are afforded equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency’s efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment.