

Canyon County Sheriff's Office – PREA Report

Report for 2017

The Canyon County Sheriff's Office makes PREA compliance a high priority and has devoted a significant amount of time and resources over the last few years to policy development, training of staff, and education of inmates on all aspects of PREA. When confronted with areas that do not meet standards or require improvements, agency leadership works immediately to implement any corrective action plans. These immediate actions reinforce the agency's commitment to ensuring the safety of inmates and staff in the Dale G. Haile Detention Center.

In accordance with PREA Standard 115.88:

§ 115.88 Data review for corrective action.

(a) The agency shall review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its 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 agency as a whole.

(b) Such 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 the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse.

(c) The agency's report shall be approved by the agency head and made readily available to the public through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means.

(d) The agency may redact specific material from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility, but must indicate the nature of the material redacted.

Identifying Problem Areas

In reviewing problem areas from year 2016-2017, one area which needed improvement pertained to shower curtains throughout the facility that were worn and needed replaced. Between March and April of 2017, all shower curtains were changed out for new larger shower curtains to ensure inmate privacy while showering.

Upon completion of the IPREA audit, several updates have been made to the PREA policy manual in the 2016-2017, timeframe to include information regarding issues such as providing victim advocacy free of charge to inmates for incidences of sexual abuse. This information was also updated on the PREA / Orientation audio played in each housing location throughout the Detention Center.

Taking Corrective Action on an Ongoing Basis

Detention Deputies wear MUVI body cameras, these cameras are being upgraded to a K2 series MUVI Full 1080p High Definition Wireless Action Cam for Peer Training Officers, Team Sergeants and Corporals, and will be replacing all Detention Deputy body cameras.

In compliance with PREA standard 115.67, forms were created and updated to conduct a sexual abuse incident review within 30 days after the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation, including where the allegation has not been substantiated, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded, to assess the entire process for recommendations for improvement as well as identifying problem areas. This review occurs every 30, 60, and 90 days for an allegation pertaining to sexual abuse or sexual harassment.