

# Crawford County Sheriff's Office

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## Prison Rape Elimination Act 2015 PREA Coordinator's Annual Report

This report has been prepared in accordance with §115.87 and §115.88 of the PREA Standards in order to address and improve the effectiveness of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office and Detention Facility in sexual abuse prevention, detection, response policies, practices, and training. In subsequent years, the information collected for this report will be used to identify problem area and to take corrective action on an ongoing basis.

### **Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)**

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) establishes a “**zero-tolerance**” standard against sexual abuse and sexual assault of incarcerated persons. It was signed on September 2003 by President Bush. PREA is intended to address the detection, prevention, reduction, and prosecution of sexual harassment and sexual assault in all correctional facilities in the country.

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) is a federal law that prohibits sexual abuse and misconduct in correctional settings such as prisons, jails, lockups, juvenile facilities and community confinement facilities.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office and Detention Facility (CCDF) is committed to emphasizing a **zero-tolerance** for sexual abuse or harassment of detainees/inmates, either by staff or other detainees/inmates. It shall be the policy of the Crawford County and Detention Facility to provide a safe and secure environment for all detainees, employees, contractors, and volunteers, free from the threat of sexual abuse or harassment by effective policies and procedures designed for preventing, reporting, responding to, investigating, and tracking incidents or allegations of sexual abuse or harassment. All claims of sexual abuse or harassment will be investigated in a manner that avoids unnecessary embarrassment or indignity to the detainee/inmate. It shall also be the policy of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office and Detention Facility to pursue

administrative, disciplinary, and/or criminal sanctions against any detainee/inmate, staff member, contractor, or volunteer found to have committed sexual abuse or assault against a detainee/inmate. It shall be the responsibility of the health care staff to provide immediate first-aid to the victim and to refer the detainee/inmate to the appropriate medical facility.

**General Information**

During 2015, there were 1,404 new admissions into the Crawford County Sheriff's Office and Detention Facility. Of the new admissions 1010 were males and 394 were females. The average daily population was 23 males and 4 females.

**PREA Report Activity** The table below indicates the **total number** of "Detainee/Inmate Against Detainee/Inmate", and "Detainee/Inmate Against Staff" Sexual Abuse and/or Sexual Harassment reports that occurred each year.

January - December	Detainee/Inmate Against Detainee/Inmate Reports	Detainee/Inmate Against Staff Reports
2012	0	0
2013	0	0
2014	0	0
2015	0	3

**PREA Report Findings Substantiated:**

**Substantiated:** The event was investigated and determined to have occurred based on a preponderance of the evidence.

**Unsubstantiated:** The investigation concluded that evidence was insufficient to determine whether or not the event occurred.

**Unfounded:** The investigation determined that the event did NOT occur.

**Non-PREA:** The investigation determined that the incident was not actually a PREA incident.

**Ongoing:** Investigation is not concluded.

The table below indicates the findings of the investigations **into "Detainee/Inmate Against Detainee/Inmate"** PREA allegations of Nonconsensual Sexual Acts that occurred each year.

January - December	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Non-PREA	Ongoing
2012	0	0	0	0	0
2013	0	0	0	0	0
2014	0	0	0	0	0
2015	0	0	0	0	0

The table below indicates the findings of the investigations into **“Detainee/Inmate Against Detainee/Inmate”** PREA allegations of Sexual Harassment that occurred each year.

January - December	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Non-PREA	Ongoing
2012	0	0	0	0	0
2013	0	0	0	0	0
2014	0	0	0	0	0
2015	0	0	0	0	0

The table below indicates the findings of the investigations into **“Staff Against Detainee/Inmate”** PREA allegations of Staff Sexual Misconduct that occurred each year.

January - December	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Non-PREA	Ongoing
2012	0	0	0	0	0
2013	0	0	0	0	0
2014	0	0	0	0	0
2015	0	0	2	0	0

The table below indicates the findings of the investigations into **“Staff Against Detainee/Inmate”** PREA allegations of Staff Sexual Harassment that occurred each year.

January - December	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Non-PREA	Ongoing
2012	0	0	0	0	0
2013	0	0	0	0	0
2014	0	0	0	0	0
2015	0	1	0	0	0

### **PREA Incident Reviews**

The Crawford County Sheriff’s Office and Detention Facility has implemented a policy to investigate and review incidents of sexual abuse and harassment per PREA Standard §115.86. Under this Standard, the facility must conduct a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation, including where the allegation has not been substantiated, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded. Such review will ordinarily occur within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the investigation. The review team will include upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners. The review team will implement the recommendations for improvement, or document its reasons for not doing so.

### **Review Criteria**

1. Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse;
2. Consider whether the alleged incident was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; or gang affiliation; or was motivated or otherwise caused by other group dynamics at the facility;
3. Examine the area in the facility where the allegation occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse;
4. Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts;
5. Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff; and
6. Prepare a report of its findings, including but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to paragraphs (d)(1) through (d)(5) of this section, and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility head and PREA compliance manager.

### **Analysis / Corrective Action**

In 2015 the facility had two reports of **Staff Against Detainee/Inmate**” PREA allegations of Staff Sexual Misconduct. The reports were from other county inmates and the incident(s) happened at their facility. The investigations was conducted by the Illinois State Police and was Unsubstantiated.

The facility had one complaint of **Staff Against Detainee/Inmate**” PREA allegations of Staff Sexual Harassment. The investigation was conducted by our office and was Substantiated and the corrections deputy resigned of his duties of the office.

In 2015 The Crawford County Sheriff’s Office and Detention Facility was continuing implementing Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) in to the facility for full compliance.

In an effort to better direct facility level staff in the area of PREA compliance, CCDF PREA Coordinator worked with local Mobile Training Units to provide PREA training for staff, volunteers, contractors, and administrators.

The PREA training for corrections were updated for searches, reporting, investigations, mental health, and medical.

The facility will continue its full compliance with PREA. The facility will be entering into a contract with an outside auditor to begin the audit cycle. The audit will be in the summer of 2016. Additionally, training and policy will continue to be reviewed and updated as necessary to provide the most up to date knowledge to the staff of the Crawford County Sheriff’s Office and Detention Facility.

The Crawford County Sheriff’s Office and Detention Facility will continue to take all allegations of sexual abuse and harassment seriously throughout our facility. This

demonstration of the our “Zero Tolerance” stance will continue to be demonstrated through our full compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act(PREA).