

# Memorandum

**To:** Jailer Ed Prindle  
**From:** Captain Rachael Montgomery  
**Date:** September 15, 2016  
**Re:** 2016 Annual PREA Report

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The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 is a federal law established to support the elimination and prevention of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in the correctional system. PREA addresses both inmate-to-inmate sexual abuse and staff-to-inmate sexual abuse. The Boone County Jail fully supports the guidelines set forth in this law and has ZERO-TOLERANCE for any and all incidents of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Sexual abuse or sexual harassment of inmates by other inmates or staff, even if the offender consents, initiates or pursues, is prohibited and subject to administrative discipline and criminal charges. The Boone County Jail is proactive in screening new intakes for potential risk of sexual victimization or being sexually abusive. Our facility also educates staff and inmates on the PREA standard.

PREA requires an annual report be made readily available to the public and at a minimum requires the report to include progress in addressing sexual abuse, data, data comparison and corrective actions.

**Progress:**

The Boone County Jail experienced their second PREA Audit on September 7, 2016 and was found to be PREA compliant. The Boone County Jail met 39 standards and no standards were found to be non-compliant. Annually the Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), Detention Standards Compliance Unit with ICE conducts an inspection at the Boone County Jail. During the 2016 inspection the facility met all criteria within the Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention Intervention Standard.

**Data:**

The data collected for 2016 is compiled using PREA standard criteria and we will need to submit upon request Form SSV-3.

In accordance with PREA all investigations are assigned one of three possible determinations:

- *Substantiated*- an allegation which was investigated and determined to have occurred
- *Unfounded*- an allegation which was investigated and determined not to have occurred
- *Unsubstantiated*- an allegation which produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination of a substantiated or unfounded claim

**2015 PREA Data**

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<b>PREA Finding</b>	<b>Inmate-on-Inmate</b>	<b>Staff-on-Inmate</b>	<b>Total</b>
Substantiated	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0
Unfounded	2	0	0
Open	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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**Analysis of Findings:**

There were no corrective actions taken in 2016. With the PREA audit tool being established by the United States Department of Justice this should lead to better focus in our training. Nevertheless, the Boone County Jail has always maintained a zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual misconduct.

**Problem Areas:**

There were no known problem areas found during the past year.

**Corrective Actions:**

Formal PREA policies and training were instituted to all deputies at the Boone County Jail during 2016. PREA training was also established for all volunteers and contractors during 2016.

**Planned Efforts for 2017:**

- Complete PREA Audit and be in compliance with all PREA standards
- Continue training efforts
- Continue compliance with PREA

**Summary:**

The Boone County Jail maintains a zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The jail will continue training and education to comply with the Prison Rape Elimination Act to prevent in-custody sexual abuse or sexual harassment.