



**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

MEMORANDUM

TO: CORRECTIONAL LIEUTENANT LANDGRAF
FROM: CORRECTIONAL SERGEANT SPILLER *ATS/10077*
DATE: JANUARY 23, 2019
SUBJECT: 2018 ANNUAL REPORT FOR PREA DATA REVIEW

Synopsis

A review has been completed of data collected in the 2017 and 2018 calendar years for compliance with CFR 115.88 (a) 1, Data Review for Corrective Action. A comparison of the number, type and location of offenses reported in accordance to Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards was conducted in order to identify problem areas, take corrective action and assess our progress in addressing sexual abuse as required by PREA. The San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office continues to be dedicated to PREA compliance and the safety of all inmates and staff.

Comparisons

Five areas have been identified by PREA for comparison: Nonconsensual Sexual Act between inmates, Abusive Sexual Contact between inmates, Sexual Harassment between inmates, Staff Sexual Misconduct and Staff Sexual Harassment.

Non-consensual sex acts between inmates

In 2017 there were two unsubstantiated reports of a Non-consensual Sex Act between inmates. In 2018 there were no reports of a Non-consensual Sex Act between inmates.

Abusive sexual contact between inmates

In 2017 there were three reports of Abusive Sexual Contact between inmates. In 2018 there were two reports of abusive sexual contact between inmates. Both of these reports were unfounded.

Sexual harassment between inmates

In 2017 there were six reports of sexual harassment between inmates. In 2018 there were six reports of sexual harassment between inmates.

Staff sexual misconduct

In 2017 there was one allegation of staff sexual misconduct. In 2018 there were two reports of staff sexual misconduct. One of these was unfounded. The other report involved a contractor and was referred for criminal investigation. The investigation is currently open.

Staff sexual harassment

In 2017 there were three allegations of Staff Sexual Harassment. One of these reports was substantiated. In 2018 there were three allegations of Staff Sexual Harassment. All three of these reports were unfounded.

Annual statistical reporting on these areas can be found attached.

Progress Assessment

Increases in allegations of staff sexual harassment were noted; however all three allegations were unfounded. Increases in cameras within the Jail, Honor Farm and Court holding complex have been extremely useful in addressing false claims against staff. Several of the reports of Inmate on Inmate sexual harassment were unfounded or unsubstantiated and found to be direct manipulation of housing location.

During 2018 the Jail opened the Medical Programs Unit (MPU) within the Jail. This building added medical, mental health and classroom space. Areas within the MPU which are accessible to inmates are recorded by 17 video cameras. Staff bathroom areas within the building are kept locked and are controlled by staff.

Additionally, areas of the Sheriff's Honor Farm added 8 cameras to eliminate blind spots. Court Services is also in the process of adding more cameras to eliminate blind spots.

Staffing levels have been reviewed and determined to be adequate for supervision. Supervisors visit each post irregularly on each shift to monitor activity. These visits are unannounced.

Regular security checks are conducted within every 30 minutes, twice as often as the legal requirement of within every 60 minutes. Staff reporting, response and investigation of these allegations continue to be timely and thorough.

During this year mandatory training was held for staff with the focus on cross-gender and transgender search techniques as well as a review of key components of PREA and First Responder duties(§ 115.15 Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches).

Ongoing training is provided to staff through the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) with the following courses: *Communicating Effectively and Professionally with LGBTBI Offenders and Your Role: Responding to Sexual Abuse.*

During the upcoming year, all Correctional Sergeants will be completing the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) Course *PREA: Investigating Sexual Abuse in a Confinement Setting.*

Medical Staff for all new staff with Wellpath medical will be completing the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) Course *Medical Health Care for Sexual Assault Victims in a Confinement Setting.*

Cc: PSU Commander Wells

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