

PBSO 2017 Annual PREA Report

PREA Audit:

- PBSO had their initial PREA Audit which was conducted by a contracted certified PREA Auditor in December 2016.
- PBSO received a score of 100% compliance with 3 exemplary standards at both WDC and MDC.
- No corrective action submissions are required.
- Continuation of all standards compliance practice continues.
- The full PREA Audit reports for both facilities are available on the PBSO public PREA website.
- Re-audit will be scheduled for 2019.

Staff Education:

- All contractors (Medical/Mental Health, Food Service and Commissary Company), Volunteers (religious and AA/NA), Public Defender Interviewers, Facility Maintenance employees, and Pretrial Services employees received their annual PREA education throughout the calendar year of 2017.
- All contractors (Medical/Mental Health, Food Service and Commissary employees), Volunteers (religious and AA/NA), Public Defender Interviewers, Facility Maintenance employees, and Pretrial Services employees, as well as PBSO new employees continue to complete the PREA portion of New Hire Orientation prior to access into the facilities.
- All PBSO employees received annual PREA education on Power DMS in 2017.
- PREA related brochures and education as well as PREA cards are available at accessible areas at both facilities.
- PREA Knock and Announce placards placed at the entrance of each dorm to reinforce staff compliance.

Inmate Education:

- Initial education for inmates concerning sexual safety continues to be provided during intake in printed form and in the inmate handbook. The Inmate Orientation video is also played throughout the facility, which contains a PREA component.
- Posters listing the methods of reporting alleged sexual assaults or harassment are posted in all inmate housing areas. The daily PREA video also plays in both facilities. All inmate education is maintained in English, Spanish and Creole. The Language Line is available for translation beyond these three languages as needed.
- Newly arrested individuals receive a private one on one interview with both classification and then with medical staff. Pertinent questions are asked regarding sexual identity and risk as it pertains to sexual safety and the potential for victimization.

Investigations:

- PBSO Violent Crimes Division continues to provide two Detectives to Corrections for the sole purpose of investigating all alleged crimes in both facilities, which includes any and all complaints of sexual assault and harassment.
- A new Detective assigned this year completed all specialized PREA standard mandated training prior to investigating alleged assaults and sexual harassment.

Progress:

- MDC continues their camera project for better surveillance throughout the jail.
- PREA Knock and Announce placards placed at the entrance of each dorm to reinforce staff compliance.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):

- A MOU between PBSO and Palm Beach County Victim Services continues to be maintained. Victim Services agrees to provide, at no cost, the following services to any inmate alleging to be a victim of sexual violence as defined by PREA: The Rape Hotline and the use of SANE nurses and Victim Advocates for hospital care at any local ER.

Statistics:

- Cumulative PREA statistics are available on the PBSO public PREA website.
- Total PREA Statistics MDC:
 - Reported cases: 83
 - Unfounded: 44
 - Unsubstantiated: 16
 - Substantiated: 7
 - Not PREA by definition: 12
 - Cases still open: 4
- Total PREA Statistics WDC:
 - Reported cases: 17
 - Unfounded: 10
 - Unsubstantiated: 1
 - Substantiated: 0
 - Not PREA by definition: 1
 - Cases still open: 5