



Cape May County Sheriff's Office

PRISION RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA) ANNUAL REPORT 2015

This report has been prepared in accordance with §115.88 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training. In subsequent years, the information collected for this report will be used to identify problem areas and to take corrective action on an ongoing basis.

**2015 Analysis/Corrective Action**

The Cape May County Sheriff's Office has always maintained a "Zero-Tolerance" policy with regards to sexual activity. Each year the Cape May County Correctional Center reviews all of the aspects of inmate safety. If necessary the center will make improvements to provide the safest environment for all inmates. In 2015 the Cape May County Sheriff's Office maintained established PREA practices and made enhancements including:

1. Significant policy modifications were made in order to comply with the audit instrument established by the U.S. Department of Justice's PREA Standards for Prisons and Jails;
2. The Cape May County Sheriff's Office maintains a PREA hotline where an inmate can report a sexual abuse directly to the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART);
3. Continuation of PREA educational video shown to the population upon intake;
4. Maintained guidelines for initial PREA incident response;
5. Maintained system for mental health referral;
6. Continued distribution of the Inmate Handbook with PREA education;
7. Continued distribution of PREA educational posters;
8. Modification to existing training to incorporate additional PREA curriculum for all staff;
9. All Sworn Officers and civilian staff received PREA initial or refresher training;
10. Cameras were added to deter abuse.

2015 Statistics

Inmate/ Inmate

Staff/ Inmate

Substantiated	0	Substantiated	0
Unsubstantiated	1	Unsubstantiated	1
Exonerated	1	Exonerated	5
On Going	1	On Going	0

**Sexual Abuse and Excessive Force**

If you believe an inmate has been subject to abuse while in custody at the Cape May County Correctional Center, contact the Cape May County Sheriff's Office Internal Affairs Investigation Unit at (609) 465-1226.