



Cape May County Sheriff's Office

PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA) ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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.

**2019 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 2019 the Cape May County Sheriff's Office maintained established PREA practices and made enhancements including:

1. The Cape May County Correctional Division moved into a new state of the art correctional center with Direct Supervision. This change has allowed officers to monitor the inmate's activities from within the housing units;
2. Officers are assigned to housing unit for a minimum of 90 days, so they are able to better detect changes in inmate behavior;
3. 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);
4. Continuation of PREA educational video shown to the population upon intake;
5. Maintained guidelines for initial PREA incident response;
6. Maintained system for mental health referral;
7. Continued distribution of the Inmate Handbook with PREA education;
8. Continued distribution of PREA educational posters;
9. Camera placement is continually evaluated to insure maximum coverage;
10. All Sworn Officers and civilian staff received PREA initial or refresher training;
11. Cross gender supervision continues to be at a minimum.

2019 Statistics

Inmate/ Inmate

Staff/ Inmate

Substantiated	0	Substantiated	0
Unsubstantiated	1	Unsubstantiated	0
Exonerated	2	Exonerated	0
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.