

## **Dodge County Detention Facility 2017 Annual PREA Report**

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) is a federal law that was established in 2003 and put into effect in 2012, to help with the elimination, reduction, and prevention of sexual assault, abuse, and harassment in all correctional facilities.

Dodge County will make every reasonable effort to comply with the Prison Rape Eliminate Act (PREA). PREA is a Federal law established to address the elimination and prevention of sexual assault and rape in correctional systems. PREA applies to all federal, state, and local jails, police lock ups, private facilities, and community settings such as residential facilities, to ensure that sexual misconduct, harassment, or inappropriate behaviors are reported immediately, accurately, and completely.

In an effort to protect the inmates of the Dodge County Detention Facility (DCDF), from sexual misconduct, there shall be no sexual activity between staff and inmates/detainees, nor between incarcerated/detained persons.

The Dodge County Detention Facility has a zero tolerance policy pertaining to all sexual misconduct, including sexual abuse harassment. We are working continuously to implement new policies and procedures, PREA training requirements for staff and inmates, and developing standards for detection, prevention, and reduction of sexual misconduct. It is our goal to try to ensure that all sexual misconduct is reported and investigated accurately and completely.

It is the policy of the Dodge County Detention facility to respond thoroughly and investigate every allegation of sexual misconduct reported, and to do it in a timely manner. All cases will have an ending result of:

**Substantiated Allegation:** This means an allegation that was investigated was determined to have occurred.

**Unsubstantiated Allegation:** This means an allegation was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

**Unfounded Allegation:** This means an allegation was investigated and was determined not to have occurred.

In 2017 the Dodge County Detention Facility had 21 reported cases.

2 Cases were reported for Inmate/Inmate abusive sexual contact. 1 was investigated and found to be substantiated. 1 was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

13 cases were reported for Inmate/Inmate non-consensual sexual acts. 6 were investigated and found to be substantiated. 5 were investigated and found to be unsubstantiated. 2 were investigated and were unfounded.

6 cases were reported Inmate/Inmate sexual harassment. 4 were investigated and found to be substantiated. 1 was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated. 1 was investigated and unfounded.

0 cases were reported were reported for Staff sexual harassment.

0 cases were reported for Staff sexual misconduct.

<u>DCDF 2017</u>	<u>Substantiated</u>	<u>Unsubstantiated</u>	<u>Unfounded</u>	<u>Ongoing</u>	<u>Total Reported</u>
<u>PREA Cases</u>				<u>Investigation</u>	
Inmate/Inmate Sexual abuse	1	1	0	0	2
Inmate/Inmate Sexually Non- Abusive Contact	6	5	2	0	13
Inmate/Inmate Sexual Harassment	4	1	1	0	6
Staff/Inmate Harassment	0	0	0	0	0
Staff/Inmate Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0	0

All data was collected and aggregated in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of our sexual prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training.

We have identified areas for improvement and have implemented the following corrective actions:

PREA Officers:

We are currently in the process of adding 2-3 more PREA Officers to assist with investigations and all other PREA related duties. We would like to have Officers on each shift to assist with PREA; this will hopefully help us to be able to respond faster to any housing needs and investigations.

Review Team:

After our audit in 2016, we developed a PREA review team. This team consists of members from our medical staff, administration, supervisors, and PREA team. We review cases each month. In our efforts to review the cases we may see ways that we can improve our responses to investigations, our policies/procedures, check our video monitoring systems and any other areas we may need to improve on. These reviews also help us to determine if any of the cases were motivated by gender issues, sexual orientation, religion, and ethnicity/race.

3<sup>rd</sup> Party Reporting:

In 2017, we also have posted on the Dodge County Sheriff's Department website, a phone number for 3<sup>rd</sup> party reporting of PREA incidents. We continue to have information posted in each housing unit for Inmates/Detainees to access, so they are able to report a claim at any time while in the custody for the Dodge County Detention Facility.