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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Sheriff William Prummell DATE: January 2, 2020

THRU: Major Micheal Anderson 

FROM: Lt. Tabbatha Carter 

SUBJECT: **2019 Annual Prison Rape Elimination Act Report**

General Information:

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was established in 2003 by then President George W. Bush. The act mandated the Department of Justice to establish standards to eliminate prison rape which includes all correctional settings. The goal of PREA is to eliminate sexual assault/abuse and sexual harassment of those incarcerated.

The Charlotte County Jail completed their **PREA audit March 28, 2017**. The Audit was conducted by Beth Richards, Lynni O'Haver, and Patricia Gifford. No standards were open at the conclusion of the audit.

2019 PREA Data - Summary

The number of Adult inmates admitted to the facility January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 **7,063**

The number of Adult inmates admitted with stay greater than 30 days **1,748**

The number of Adult inmates whose stay was greater than 72 hours **3,304**

The number of Juveniles booked in the facility January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 **325**

Juvenile Length of Stay (LOS in hours) **4.44 days**

Total Number of PREA incidents reported and investigated. **7**

Total Number of Sustained Sexual Abuse/Assault **0**

Total Number of Sustained Sexual Harassment **0**

Sexual Abuse/ Assault

| | Inmate-on Inmate | Staff-on-Inmate | Total |
|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Substantiated | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unsubstantiated | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unfounded | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Open | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Sexual Harassment

| | Inmate-on-Inmate | Staff-on-Inmate | Total |
|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Substantiated | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unsubstantiated | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Unfounded | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Open | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 6 | 0 | 6 |

Referrals to Law Enforcement

| | Abuse/Assault | Harassment |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Inmate-on-Inmate | 1 | 0 |
| Staff-on-Inmate | 0 | 0 |

Reporting

| | Inmate-on-Inmate | Staff-on-Inmate | Total |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Security Staff | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Non-Security | 0 | 0 | 0 |

There was 1 incidents of alleged abuse from other facilities (Sarasota County Jail) that was reported to outside agencies for an investigation. There were 0 incidents in which staff segregated the victim and locked them down Protective Custody.

Corrective Action

The PREA standard §115.86 requires an incident review of each alleged sexual assault/abuse unless the incident was unfounded. This review must consist of the following individuals; line supervision, upper-management, medical/mental healthcare and an investigator. There were no corrective actions taken during the 2019 Calendar year.

A review was completed of each of the reports. It was determined that the inmates typically victimize other inmates. There were no sustained Staff on Inmate allegations for either abuse or harassment.

The number of Abuse allegations remained the same for 2019 as compared to 2018, with 1 reported complaint. There continued to be no substantiated Sexual Abuse/ Assault. The total number of alleged Harassment complaints also remained the same from 2018 to 2019, with 6 complaints.

It can be determined upon review of the incidents that the reporting of PREA crimes remained consistent due to the continued PREA related education provided to the inmate population. The facility has further initiated the "Survivor" program, with the help of the Wayne Foundation, to assist in identifying and offering one on one assistance to inmates that are victims of sexual abuse / human trafficking both internally and externally the jail environment.

In reviewing all of the reports, most allegations were made against other inmates primarily in the Housing unit areas. The Charlotte County Sheriff's Office conducts numerous rounds throughout the housing units each hour to increase staff visibility and reduce opportunities for PREA incidents to occur. The Charlotte County Jail has also not only increased its camera monitoring, increased installation of security mirrors, but also began an upgrade to our cameras to an enhanced digital video surveillance of all housing units to assist in limiting blind spots.

In accordance with PREA and its standards, we mandate zero tolerance and commit to maintain a secure, safe and humane environment for inmates and staff.