



Cape May County Sheriff's Office

PRISION RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA) ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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.

**2018 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 2018 the Cape May County Sheriff's Office maintained established PREA practices and made enhancements including:

1. Cape May County is working on building a new correctional center with direct supervision where officers will be able to detect and stop sexual abuse and sexual harassment;
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 medical and mental health referral;
6. Continued distribution of the Inmate Handbook with PREA education;
7. Continued distribution of PREA educational posters;
8. The PREA Compliance Manager reviewed the new camera placement and insured there are no camera blind spots in inmate areas;
9. The PREA Compliance Manager insured all inmate toilets are blacked out from camera view;
10. A policy change was made to limit cross gender supervision by only having male officers work male housing units and having only female officers work the female housing unit;

2018 Statistics

Inmate/ Inmate

Staff/ Inmate

Substantiated	1	Substantiated	1
Unsubstantiated	0	Unsubstantiated	0
Exonerated	1	Exonerated	0
On Going	0	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) 463-4344.