



WILLIAMSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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P.R.E.A. Annual Corrective Action Review

The Williamson County Sheriff's Office shall review data collected and aggregated pursuant to Prison Rape Elimination Act § 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: (1) Identifying problem areas; (2) Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and (3) Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole.

Years Reviewed: 2015 and 2016

Review Board Members: Daren Leonard- Head RN-MTA, Dan VandenBosch- Detention Lieutenant, John Bevans- P.R.E.A. Coordinator, Amber Pater- First Shift Sergeant

Annual Review Findings:

- Problem Areas:** Accurate and increased reporting of incidents by inmates, Electronic monitoring of inmate movement and activity, Manipulation of P.R.E.A. to the benefit of inmates by making unsubstantiated or unfounded claims against staff, Overall P.R.E.A. Compliance Implementation
- Corrective Actions:** We have significantly upgraded our video documentary and surveillance capabilities by increasing the number of cameras in the facility. This has significantly reduced "blind spots". Floor Staff has increased the frequency of which they conduct safety and security checks on inmates to exceed the state and federal standards; this includes "Unannounced Supervisory Rounds" made by the front line and mid-level supervisors, which plays a vital part in monitoring staff and inmate conduct.
The documentary and investigatory processes have drastically improved due to a newly implemented "P.R.E.A." module, which has a dedicated server that stores P.R.E.A. incidents or complaints in a secure electronic format (Hard copies are still securely kept on file). The module aids in fostering open reporting of incidents by inmates due to an increase in confidentiality integrity during the investigatory and reporting processes pertaining to P.R.E.A.
Having an advanced Investigation Team, which includes the Criminal Investigation Division, Division Lieutenant, P.R.E.A. Coordinator, and P.R.E.A. Compliance Manager, that investigates any and all sexual harassment/abuse complaints has significantly deterred inmates from filing "unfounded" or false reports due to the fact that it is now known that each and every complaint will be vigorously investigated and documented; therefore, any frivolous complaints will be found out through the dedication and due diligence of this advanced team of Law Enforcement Officers. These Deputies have received advanced training in investigating sexual abuse cases in confinement settings.
Overall P.R.E.A. Compliance implementation has improved on every level. The Williamson County Sheriff's Office is set to experience a full P.R.E.A. Audit, which will be conducted by a Department of Justice Certified Auditor on June 26, 2017 to June 29, 2017. Through the Audit process, the Williamson County Sheriff's Office, along with all of its personnel, will show that we have done anything and everything within our power and capabilities to comply with the National P.R.E.A. Standards; therefore, maintaining transparency to the public of which we serve, as well as exhibit to the inmates housed in our facility and their families that we will do what is necessary to protect everyone in our custody from sexual abuse and harassment.
- Annual Report:** Statistics are available for comparison on the Williamson County Sheriff's Office Website for the calendar years of 2015 and 2016.

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