

**BEXAR COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA)
2013 ANNUAL REPORT**

Background

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2003 to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment that occurs in confinement settings. The National Prison Rape Elimination Commission developed national standards which apply to adult prisons and jails, juvenile facilities, lockups and community confinement facilities.

Bexar County Sheriff's Office Zero-Tolerance Policy

The Bexar County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) has zero tolerance towards all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment within Bexar County Adult Detention Center (BCADC) facilities and will prevent, detect, and respond to such activity. The BCSO will immediately respond to allegations, fully investigate reported alleged incidents, pursue disciplinary action based upon the outcome of the investigations and in accordance with the PREA standards, and refer for prosecution those who perpetrate prohibited conduct.

The BCSO has a designated agency-wide PREA Coordinator and PREA Compliance Manager. The BCSO has revised existing policies and established new policies in accordance with the PREA standards. Other efforts to comply with the PREA standards include, but not limited to:

- Training for staff, volunteers and contractors;
- Collaboration with the Rape Crisis Center;
- Implementation of internal confidential reporting hotline;
- Implementation of confidential support services hotline to the Rape Crisis Center;
- Developed education material to be provided to inmates;
- Developed assessment for risk of victimization during initial intake; and
- Specialized Investigative training.

PREA Statistics

The BCSO collects data in accordance with §115.87 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.

Survey of Sexual Violence, 2012

During 2012, there were a total of 60,886 new admissions into the Bexar County Adult Detention Center. Of the new admissions, 46,150 were male, and 14,736 were female. The average daily population was 3,591 (3,100 males and 491 females).

The information provided below is between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2012.

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Inmate-on-Inmate Allegations of Nonconsensual Sexual Acts	
Substantiated	0
Unsubstantiated	2
Unfounded	1
Investigation Ongoing	0
TOTAL	3

Inmate-on-Inmate Allegations of Abusive Sexual Contact	
Substantiated	0
Unsubstantiated	4
Unfounded	1
Investigation Ongoing	0
TOTAL	5

Staff-on-Inmate Allegations of Staff Sexual Misconduct	
Substantiated	0
Unsubstantiated	9
Unfounded	16
Investigation Ongoing	0
TOTAL	25

Staff -on-Inmate Allegations of Staff Sexual Harassment	
Substantiated	0
Unsubstantiated	2
Unfounded	4
Investigation Ongoing	0
TOTAL	6