

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
2023 Annual PREA Report

PREA Audit:

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) completed their 3-year PREA re-accreditation audit on January 17-19, 2023. In the auditor's compiled evaluation, forty-five (45) standards were reviewed with forty-one (41) standards compliant and four (4) standards non compliant. A corrective action plan was developed and placed into effect immediately. A formal appeal was submitted for compliance met. The PBSO website was updated with the final report and the appeal request. Ongoing standards compliance continues throughout the year with dedication to the protection of all inmates from sexual abuse and harassment.

Staff Education:

All staff, contractors, medical/mental health, food service, commissary, public defender interviewers, facility maintenance employees, pretrial services employees, and volunteers continue to receive their initial PREA orientation during Security Orientation Training throughout the calendar year of 2023.

Annual PREA Training for contractors and volunteers continues to be done electronically on a yearly basis. All PBSO employees receive annual PREA Training in Power DMS and training bulletins.

Printed educational material remain available at both sites for all employees, contractors and volunteers.

PBSO COP 934.00 (Sexual Offenders and Victims) and COP 920.01 (Transgender Housing) were reviewed in the Command Staff Annual Review Process with recommended changes incorporated.

Inmate Education:

Initial education for inmates, concerning sexual safety, continues to be provided during intake and printed form (Inmate Handbook). It is also available electronically on the inmate kiosk system.

The Inmate Orientation video continues to be played daily at both sites. The PREA DVD is provided by the PREA Resource Center.

Posters listing the methods of reporting allegations of sexual assaults or harassment are posted in all inmate housing areas.

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All inmate education is maintained in English, Spanish and Creole.

The Language Line is available for translation beyond these three languages as needed.

Comparison of Annual Reports (2022 and 2023):

Based on current and past annual results, the total number of 2023 PREA allegations were lower compared to 2022 cases. Substantiated cases were decreased to one (1) in 2023 compared to three (3) in 2022. Unsubstantiated cases remained the same at two (2) cases each year. Please refer to pages four (4) through seven (7) for further case breakdown. New improvement strategies were developed and implemented throughout the year and reflects an improvement in the reduction of cases. The decrease of cases are demonstrated through the following improvement measures listed below.

Investigatory sergeants have had updated training and directives. The PREA manager follows up with compliance of incident reports and file management.

The intake risk assessment model was revised, in which assigns designated categories for inmates who are identified with a history of sexually victimization, sexual aggressor, potentially sexually victimized, or potential sexual aggressors. This notation is used in determining appropriate housing, possible work assignments, program enrollment, and educational program assignments in an effort to ensure inmate safety against sexual assault.

The monitoring system for signs of retaliation, after all alleged PREA cases, was revised. The PREA manager assesses changes in housing, recreation, discipline, and programs. The monthly review is discussed by a multi-disciplinary team inclusive of security, mental health, medical, and programs.

There is emphasis on giving inmates a Victim Services resource brochure following any PREA allegation to ensure advocacy, safety, and available resources for sexual assault. The inmate handbook was also updated to reflect these services.

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Continued Progress:

The Sexual Assault Tracker had been modified for improved data analysis and reporting. This has enhanced more effective reporting to Bureau of Justice Statistics.

The National PREA Resource Center website is monitored for updates, classes, webinars, and FAQs.

The PREA Coordinator, PREA Compliance Manager, and the Accreditation team attends the biannual American Correctional Association conferences for PREA updates and developments.

The Partnership with Victim Services for victim advocacy and examinations for sexual assault has been revised and renewed in 2023.

After Incident Review Meetings continues to be in person as well as virtual ZOOM Meetings for those who cannot physically attend.

The *Survey of Sexual Victimization* has been completed and submitted to the Bureau of Justice Statistics in 2023.

MDC continues the camera project for enhanced surveillance throughout the jail.

PREA Knock and Announce placards are maintained at the entrance of each dorm.

Signage (posters, placards, etc.) are viewed during all monthly inspections.

Damaged signage is replaced as soon as possible.

Privacy film remains on cell doors in areas such as intake, infirmaries, and court holding cells to ensure inmate privacy.

Partitions remain in the bathroom areas at West Detention Center.

Main Detention Center's East Tower remains closed for renovation.

Statistics:

2022 PREA Statistics are located on page 4 and 5.

2023 PREA Statistics are located on page 6 and 7.

2022 PREA STATISTICS

JANUARY			JULY		
	MDC	WDC		MDC	WDC
Cases	6	1	Cases	3	3
Unfounded (5 SA)	4	1	Unfounded (6 SA)	3	3
Unsubstantiated	0	0	Unsubstantiated	0	0
Substantiated (1 SA)	1	0	Substantiated	0	0
Open	0	0	Open	0	0
Not PREA	1	0	Not PREA	0	0
Closed	0	0	Closed	0	0
FEBRUARY			AUGUST		
	MDC	WDC		MDC	WDC
Cases	5	1	Cases	10	4
Unfounded (4 SA, 2 SH)	5	1	Unfounded (12 SA, 2 SH)	10	4
Unsubstantiated	0	0	Unsubstantiated	0	0
Substantiated	0	0	Substantiated	0	0
Open	0	0	Open	0	0
Not PREA	0	0	Not PREA	0	0
Closed	0	0	Closed	0	0
MARCH			SEPTEMBER		
	MDC	WDC		MDC	WDC
Cases	5	1	Cases	10	1
Unfounded (2 SA, 3 SH)	4	1	Unfounded (9 SA, 2 SH)	10	1
Unsubstantiated	0	0	Unsubstantiated	0	0
Substantiated (1 SA)	1	0	Substantiated	0	0
Open	0	0	Open	0	0
Not PREA	0	0	Not PREA	0	0
Closed	0	0	Closed	0	0
APRIL			OCTOBER		
	MDC	WDC		MDC	WDC
Cases	7	0	Cases	3	2
Unfounded (4 SA, 2 SH)	6	0	Unfounded (3 SA, 2 SH)	3	2
Unsubstantiated	0	0	Unsubstantiated	0	0
Substantiated (1 SA)	1	0	Substantiated	0	0
Open	0	0	Open	0	0
Not PREA	0	0	Not PREA	0	0
Closed	0	0	Closed	0	0

MAY			NOVEMBER		
	MDC	WDC		MDC	WDC
Cases	5	3	Cases	3	2
Unfounded (8 SA)	5	3	Unfounded (2 SA, 2 SH)	3	1
Unsubstantiated	0	0	Unsubstantiated (1 SA)	0	1
Substantiated	0	0	Substantiated	0	0
Open	0	0	Open	0	0
Not PREA	0	0	Not PREA	0	0
Closed	0	0	Closed	0	0
JUNE			DECEMBER		
	MDC	WDC		MDC	WDC
Cases	4	4	Cases	11	1
Unfounded (5 SA, 3 SH)	4	4	Unfounded (10 SA, 1 SH)	10	1
Unsubstantiated	0	0	Unsubstantiated (1 SA)	1	0
Substantiated	0	0	Substantiated	0	0
Open	0	0	Open	0	0
Not PREA	0	0	Not PREA	0	0
Closed	0	0	Closed	0	0
Total:			Total:		
MDC 2022			WDC 2022		
cases	72		cases	22	
unfounded	67		unfounded	21	
unsubstantiated	1		unsubstantiated	1	
substantiated	3		substantiated	0	
open	0		open	0	
not PREA	1		not PREA	0	
closed	0		closed	0	

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JANUARY			JULY		
	MDC	WDC		MDC	WDC
Cases	8	0	Cases	5	0
Unfounded (8 SA)	8	0	Unfounded (1 SA, 3 SH)	4	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	Unsubstantiated	0	0
Substantiated	0	0	Substantiated (1 SH)	1	0
Open	0	0	Open	0	0
Not PREA	0	0	Not PREA	0	0
Closed	0	0	Closed	0	0
FEBRUARY			AUGUST		
	MDC	WDC		MDC	WDC
Cases	4	1	Cases	2	1
Unfounded (4 SA, 1 SH)	4	1	Unfounded (1 SA, 1 SH)	1	1
Unsubstantiated	0	0	Unsubstantiated (1 SA)	1	0
Substantiated	0	0	Substantiated	0	0
Open	0	0	Open (1 SA)	0	0
Not PREA	0	0	Not PREA	0	0
Closed	0	0	Closed	0	0
MARCH			SEPTEMBER		
	MDC	WDC		MDC	WDC
Cases	9	0	Cases	3	0
Unfounded (5 SA, 3 SH)	8	0	Unfounded (1 SA, 1 SH)	2	0
Unsubstantiated (1SA)	1	0	Unsubstantiated	0	0
Substantiated	0	0	Substantiated	0	0
Open		0	Open (1 SA)	1	0
Not PREA	0	0	Not PREA	0	0
Closed	0	0	Closed	0	0
APRIL			OCTOBER		
	MDC	WDC		MDC	WDC
Cases	4	1	Cases	9	2
Unfounded (5 SA)	4	1	Unfounded (7 SA, 2 SH)	8	1
Unsubstantiated	0	0	Unsubstantiated	0	0
Substantiated	0	0	Substantiated	0	0
Open	0	0	Open (1SA, 1 SH)	1	1
Referred SVU/SID (1 SA)	1	0	Not PREA	0	0
Closed	0	0	Closed	0	0

MAY		MDC	WDC		NOVEMBER		MDC	WDC
Cases		7	1		Cases		6	1
Unfounded (5 SA, 2 SH)		6	1		Unfounded (5 SA, 1 SH)		5	1
Unsubstantiated		0	0		Unsubstantiated		0	0
Substantiated		0	0		Substantiated		0	0
Open		0	0		Open (1 SA)		1	0
Not PREA		0	0		Not PREA		0	0
Closed		0	0		Closed		0	0
JUNE		MDC	WDC		DECEMBER		MDC	WDC
Cases		4	0		Cases		3	2
Unfounded (3 SA, 1 SH)		4	0		Unfounded (3 SA, 2 SH)		3	2
Unsubstantiated		0	0		Unsubstantiated		0	0
Substantiated		0	0		Substantiated		0	0
Open		0	0		Open		0	0
Not PREA		0	0		Not PREA		0	0
Closed		0	0		Closed		0	0
Total:					Total:			
MDC 2023					WDC 2023			
cases		64			cases		9	
unfounded		57			unfounded		8	
unsubstantiated		2			unsubstantiated		0	
substantiated		1			substantiated		0	
open		3			open		1	
not PREA		0			not PREA		0	
closed		0			closed		0	