

PREA
Annual
Report

2014



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The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of September 4, 2003 (Public Law 108-79) was enacted by Congress to address the problem of sexual assault in all US penal facilities. PREA supports the elimination, reduction and prevention of sexual assault/rape within our prisons, community corrections centers and local jails. PREA applies to Offender-on-Offender and Staff-on-Offender sexual misconduct. Major provisions of PREA include the development of standards for detection, prevention, reduction and punishment of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement settings. On August 20, 2012, the PREA standards final rule became effective.

Volunteers of America Northern Rockies (VOANR) supports the reduction of sexual violence. Efforts to ensure full compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act National Standards (PREANS) are fully underway in the facility harassment.

In compliance with 28 CFR § 115.88, this report is being made available to the public via the VOANR website. Each instance of a reported violation was investigated and was categorized as substantiated or unsubstantiated. This report contains statistical information on reported cases of the various types of sexual activity in the VOANR Booth Hall facilities. There are four (4) definitions established by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) which categorize sexual acts. The categories are:

- Nonconsensual Sexual Acts (Offender on Offender)
- Abusive Sexual Contacts (Offender on Offender)
- Staff Sexual Harassment (Staff on Offender)
- Staff Sexual Misconduct (Staff on Offender)

Each and every reported incident was investigated to determine if the allegation was substantiated or unsubstantiated. The figures below indicate the number of reported incidents in 2014 and the percentages for each specific to the Booth Hall program. In each case, an investigation was conducted to determine if corrective action was necessary to further reduce sexual acts within the facility.

1. Non-consensual: 0
2. Abusive Sexual Acts, Offender on Offender : 0
3. Consensual Sexual Acts, Offender on Offender:
 - a. 2 substantiated
4. Staff Misconduct, Staff on Offender:
 - a. 1 Substantiated
 - b. 1 Unsubstantiated
5. Staff Harassment: 0

Nonconsensual Sexual Acts [Offender-on-Offender]: (As defined by the 2012 U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics.)

1. Contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse; and
2. Contact between the penis and the vagina or the penis and the anus including penetration, however slight; or
3. Contact between the mouth and the penis, vagina, or anus; or

4. Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person by a hand, finger or other object.

Corrective Actions For 2014 Included

Inmates Charged with Major and General Rule Violations

Prosecutor Notified

Probation Agent Notified

Appropriate Sanctions Imposed

Staff Termination/ Discipline

Proactive Changes Not Resulting from Corrective Actions taken in 2014

Video Monitoring Analysis Conducted – New Camera System Added

Policies updated to Mirror National Standards

Staff PREA Training Scheduled Monthly

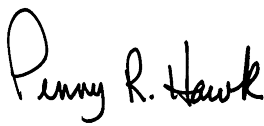
Adjust Operations to Ensure They Align with PREA Standards

Resident Handbooks Updated with PREA Standards identified

Staff Handbooks updated with PREA Standards identified and reviewed

Post Incident Review Process Created

This report will be made available on VOANR website as it is required by the Prison Rape Elimination Act National Standards. This report is to inform the public about the VOANR's efforts to reduce and/or eliminate sexual acts within its facilities. As part of our mission, we work hard to ensure the protection of inmates from all sexual harassment and/or abuse.



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