

Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office

Jail Division

2020 Annual PREA Report

It is the ethical responsibility of the Ozaukee County Jail and its Staff to provide a safe and secure environment for all inmates. The Ozaukee County Jail has a ZERO tolerance for incidences of sexual harassment, sexual abuse, or misconduct should it occur within its facility. It is the duty of the Ozaukee County Jail Staff to provide a correctional environment free from threat of sexual misconduct for all inmates in custody by maintaining a program of prevention, detection, and response.

It is the policy of the Ozaukee County Jail after a PREA incident of sexual harassment or sexual abuse has been received, an administrative and/or criminal investigation will be completed and handled in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes. All cases will have an ending result of:

Substantiated Allegation: This means an allegation that was investigated was determined to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated Allegation: This means an allegation was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

Unfounded Allegation: This means an allegation was investigated and was determined not to have occurred.

Analysis: In 2017, a full PREA audit had not yet been conducted. Also, public information on how to report allegations of sexual abuse/harassment and the annual report was not posted on the Sheriff's Office website. Therefore, no data was collected.

Analysis: In 2018, 1 case was reported; one for Staff/Inmate sexual misconduct. The incident was investigated and determined to be unfounded.

Analysis: In 2019, 3 cases were reported; one for Staff/Inmate sexual misconduct and two for Inmate/Inmate sexual harassment. All three reported incidents were investigated and determined to be unfounded.

Analysis: In 2020, Ozaukee County Jail successfully completed the PREA Audit, 2 cases were reported; both for Inmate/Inmate sexual harassment. Both reported incidents were investigated. One was determined to be unfounded and one determined to be unsubstantiated.

The data collected from these incidents were used to assess and improve the effectiveness of our sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices and training.

With the assistance of a PREA audit, we have identified areas for improvement and have implemented the following corrective actions:

PREA Reviews: When new Inmates/Detainees are booked into our facility, they are asked a set of specialized screening questions to determine risk of sexual victimization and abusiveness. We are asking these questions again after an inmate/detainee has been in custody for 30 days to determine if there have been any changes in status.

PREA Review Team: We have established a team of Staff members from multiple disciplines to review any investigation that has been conducted in our facility. While meeting, they look for areas of improvement, causes for investigation, and areas where Staff has performed well. These reviews help Staff to determine if any policies or procedures are in need of a change.