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### 2022 Sexual Abuse Prevention Program Annual Report

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) annually reviews uniform data on how many allegations of sexual abuse are made at its Jail, the type of sexual abuse alleged, and how the allegations were resolved. Pursuant to 28 CFR 115.88, this data is collected and aggregated in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices and training.

This report provides a summary of the sexual incident report data collected in 2022, summarizes problems identified and corrective actions completed, changes made to improve compliance with PREA standards, and identifies continued needs for compliance for the DCSO.

#### Summary of sexual incident data for 2022:

	<b>Reported</b>	<b>Substantiated</b>	<b>Unsubstantiated</b>	<b>Unfounded</b>
Staff on Inmate Sexual Harassment	1	0	0	1
Staff on Inmate Sexual Abuse	2	0	0	2
Inmate on Inmate Sexual Harassment	7	1	3	3
Inmate on Inmate Sexual Abuse	2	1	1	0
Sexual Abuse-Unspecified Perpetrator	1	0	1	0

2022 was the first year the Delaware County Jail began tracking and analyzing this data, therefore comparing previous year's data is not applicable.

The following corrective actions have been completed to meet PREA standards in the year 2022:

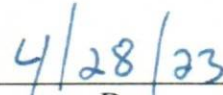
- Assistant Jail Director Scott Burden was appointed as the agency PREA Coordinator
- All criminal and administrative investigators completed advanced specialized investigator training
- Medical staff began PREA-related specialized training
- A risk assessment tool was implemented to better assist with inmate classification and housing assignments
- Windows were installed in the walk-in freezer and refrigerator doors in the Jail Kitchen to eliminate potential blind spots.
- DCSO entered into an MOU with Westerville Police Department where their Dispatchers would receive anonymous PREA complaints

- DCSO entered into an MOU with Helpline of Delaware and Morrow Counties to provide emergent, crisis response of a SARN advocate and to accept confidential telecommunications and written correspondence from incarcerated individuals in the Delaware County Jail for the purpose of providing emotional support.
- Established a Coordinated Response Plan
- Revised Policy and Procedures to align best with PREA standards and DCSO's practices
- Established a sexual abuse incident review team
- There were several facility CCTV cameras upgraded from analog to digital, which allows for zooming capabilities and clearer resolution.

The Delaware County Jail intends to have a PREA Audit conducted in the summer of 2023. All staff will undergo rigorous training in preparation for this audit in 2023. The DCSO intends to contract with a certified PREA auditor to consult with prior to said audit in order to identify any shortfalls with PREA standards. A comprehensive inmate education system will be established and implemented in order to assist inmates with their understanding of their right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment while incarcerated.

DCSO will continue to improve practices to enhance our ability to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual assault and sexual harassment in the Delaware County Jail.

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