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Bradford County

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Sheriff's Office
Corrections Bureau
Annual Comparison Report for 2022 and 2023

The Corrections Bureau of the Bradford County Sheriff's Office has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual assault, sexual battery, sexual misconduct and sexual harassment of inmates or staff. All such incidents and allegations are documented, investigated for follow up. Every effort is made to provide all inmate/detainees with a safe, humane, and secure environment, free from the threat of sexual assault/battery and staff sexual misconduct/harassment. All complaints of attempted sexual assault/battery, sexual assault/battery and staff misconduct/harassment shall be promptly and thoroughly investigated by the appropriate authorities. Information regarding a sexual assault/battery or sexual misconduct/harassment shall be only disclosed to those who need to know for the purpose of investigation, decision making, and/or prosecution.

In accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Standards 115.88, collected and aggregated data related to PREA allegations at the Bradford County Jail have been utilized to initiate this report. The purpose of this report is to provide a comparison of the 2022 and 2023 data and discuss progress in addressing sexual abuse.

The year 2022 had one complaint of inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment that was investigated and found to be unfounded. The allegation of the PREA related incident was investigated by proper authorities who made the determination of findings. Though 2022 did not have any substantiated or unsubstantiated reports of PREA incidents, the Corrections Bureau continued to monitor and enhance safety and security within the jail.

The year 2023 had nine complaints of inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment. All complaints were investigated by proper authorities with eight of the complaints being found unfounded and one complaint being found unsubstantiated. The Corrections Bureau and PREA Review Committee discussed and evaluated the policies, physical facility, monitoring, staffing, inmate dynamics, possible motivations and other factors as outlined by PREA Standard 115.86 to ensure continued safety and security within the jail. As a result of the review for the one unsubstantiated finding for inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment, no specific changes were determined as needed. For the year 2023, Bradford County Jail video monitoring system cameras and monitors were either replaced or adjusted as needed, staff received more PREA information/training, inmate training videos were updated on the television information loop that is played at programmed times, a PREA alert button was made available through the inmate phone kiosks/tablets and all forms utilized for PREA purposes were reviewed.

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Allegation Type	Year	Sustained	Un-sustained	Unfounded	On-Going	Total
Inmate on Inmate Sexual Abuse	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Inmate on Inmate Sexual Abuse	2023	0	0	0	0	0
Inmate on Inmate Sexual Harassment	2022	0	0	1	0	1
Inmate on Inmate Sexual Harassment	2023	0	1	8	0	9
Staff Sexual Misconduct	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Staff Sexual Misconduct	2023	0	0	0	0	0
Staff Sexual Harassment	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Staff Sexual Harassment	2023	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	2022	0	0	1	0	1
Grand Total	2023	0	1	8	0	9



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