



# **Central Virginia Regional Jail**

## **2022 PREA Annual Report**

**(September 30, 2021 - September 30, 2022)**

This report has been created in accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Standard §115.87 to assess and help further improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, response policies and training to include;

- ❖ Identifying problem areas
- ❖ Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and
- ❖ Preparing an Annual Report of its findings from its data review

This is Central Virginia Regional Jail's (CVRJ's) seventh Annual Report. On December 12, 2019, CVRJ has successfully passed its second PREA audit showing compliance with all PREA Standards. The audit was conducted on October 23, 2019 through October 25, 2019 by Ron L. Kidwell. There are 45 standards set forth that the facility must meet expectations on in order to pass the audit. Of those standards, CVRJ exceeded expectations on 1 and met expectations on 44.

### **Training**

CVRJ employs one PREA Coordinator (Captain B. Bachert) and one PREA Compliance Manager (1<sup>st</sup> Lt. D. Kitchen) to ensure its policy, practices and procedures are constantly monitored and meet the standards set forth. All Security Staff, Volunteers and Contractors are trained on PREA and informed of the facilities zero-tolerance policy. CVRJ also has specially trained investigators in responding to incidents of sexual abuse which are comprised of all shift supervisors and various Security Staff. Investigator training is also offered to all CVRJ Security Staff that request to participate. Upon the classification process all inmates are provided information on how to report sexual abuse through multiple means to include anonymously, through a request form, through third party, verbally and through the PREA Hotline. Inmates are also informed of the facilities zero-tolerance policy.

## **Facility Upgrades**

Body cameras worn by officers and food service staff who have interactions with inmates have been upgraded. During strip searches of inmates, two officers of the same sex as the inmate place their body cameras in their trouser pockets as to not record video, but audio is still maintained. A full body scanner has been installed enabling staff to detect contraband and prevent it from entering the secure area of the jail. Body scans are performed by trained staff and conducted by officers of the same sex as the inmate. Body scans of transgender inmates are performed by supervisors only, with Medical staff present. Camera upgrades have been made in hallways and cell blocks, and also have been installed in Flex cells, with toilet areas blocked off from view.

## **Data and Statistics**

It is the policy of CVRJ that all verbal, written and third party accusations of Inmate on Inmate/Staff on Inmate sexual assault or sexual harassment be documented and investigated. All reported sexual abuse and harassment investigations are then turned over to the PREA coordinator and PREA compliance manager for further review. Sexual abuse investigations are turned over to the Virginia State Police, as needed, for further investigation. From September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 there were a total of 2,753 inmates admitted to jail with an average daily population of 331. Below you will find PREA definitions and an accurate comparison of reported incidents happening between 2021 and 2022. It is our goal to attempt to find problem areas and put practices into place to further prevent future incidents from occurring.

### **Definitions:**

**Staff:** Facility Employees, Contractors, Volunteers, and any other person providing services within the Central Virginia Regional Jail.

**Inmate:** Any person confined at the Central Virginia Regional Jail.

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

**Substantiated Allegation:** An allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

**Unfounded Allegation:** An allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

## **Inmate on Inmate Sexual Violence**

The categories of inmate on inmate sexual violence are

### **Non-Consensual Sexual Acts:**

- Contact of any person without his or her consent, of a person who is unable to consent or refuse;  
**And**
- Contact between the penis and the vagina or the penis and the anus including penetration, however slight;  
**Or**
- Contact between the mouth and the penis, vagina, or anus;  
**Or**
- Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person by a hand, finger, or other object.

### **Abusive Sexual Contact:**

- Sexual contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse;  
**And**
- Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttock of any person.
- Excludes incidents in which the contact was incidental to a physical altercation.

## **Sexual Harassment:**

- Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one inmate directed toward another.
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## **Staff Sexual Misconduct and Harassment**

Staff sexual misconduct includes any behavior or act of a sexual nature directed toward an Inmate by an Employee, Volunteer, Contractor, Official Visitor, or other Agency Representative. Sexual relations of a romantic nature between staff and inmates are included in this definition.

### **Consensual or nonconsensual sexual acts include:**

- Intentional touching either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks that is unrelated to official duties or with the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;  
**Or**
- Completed, attempted, threatened, or requested sexual acts;  
**Or**
- Occurrences of indecent exposure, invasion of privacy, or staff voyeurism for reasons unrelated to official duties or for sexual gratification.

### **Staff sexual harassment**

Staff sexual harassment includes repeated verbal statements or comments of sexual nature to an Inmate by an Employee, Volunteer, Contractor, Official Visitor, or other Agency Representative.

- Demeaning references to gender or sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing;  
**Or**
- Repeated profane or obscene language or gestures.

**Allegation of Inmate-on  
Inmate  
Sexual Harassment**

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Substantiated	2	2	0	0
Unsubstantiated	2	1	0	3
Unfounded	3	0	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

**Allegations of Inmate-on-  
Inmate  
Abusive Sexual Contact**

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Substantiated	0	0	0	1
Unsubstantiated	1	0	0	1
Unfounded	2	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

**Allegations of Inmate-on-  
Inmate  
Non-Consensual Sexual Acts**

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Substantiated	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	1	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Allegations of Staff  
Sexual  
Misconduct**

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Substantiated	1	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	4	4	7	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>

**Allegations of Staff  
Sexual  
Harassment**

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Substantiated	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	4	2	3	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

Reviewed and accepted by:

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Superintendent

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