

## **Canyon County Sheriff's Office – PREA Report**

### **Report for 2021**

The Canyon County Sheriff's Office makes PREA compliance a high priority and has devoted a significant amount of time and resources over the last few years to policy development, training of staff, and education of inmates on all aspects of PREA. When confronted with areas that do not meet standards or require improvements, agency leadership works immediately to implement any corrective action plans. These immediate actions reinforce the agency's commitment to ensuring the safety of inmates and staff in the Dale G. Haile Detention Center.

In accordance with PREA Standard 115.88:

#### **§ 115.88 Data review for corrective action.**

- (a) The agency shall review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by:
- (1) Identifying problem areas;
  - (2) Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and
  - (3) Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole.
- (b) Such report shall include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and shall provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse.
- (c) The agency's report shall be approved by the agency head and made readily available to the public through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means.
- (d) The agency may redact specific material from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility, but must indicate the nature of the material redacted.

#### **Identifying Problem Areas**

In September 2021, we successfully completed a facility PREA Audit. During the audit, we identified an issue in Pod 3, Unit L where one toilet was able to be seen from the foyer area. A privacy barrier was put into place in this unit to comply with standard 115.15. In compliance with standard 115.15, policy was revised to have staff of the opposite gender announce their presence each time when entering the housing unit of the opposite gender. In compliance with standard 115.51 (b), our Memorandum of Understanding with the Advocates Against Family Violence was updated to include receiving and forwarding inmate reports to agency officials, allowing the inmate to remain anonymous upon request. In compliance with standard 115.73 (e), our investigation determinations for Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment were changed to document when the inmate is notified of the results of the investigation.

#### **Taking Corrective Action on an Ongoing Basis**

Detention Deputies wear MUVI body cameras, during 2021, these cameras were upgraded to a K2 series MUVI Full 10p, High Definition Wireless Action Cam for all Detention Deputies. Throughout the year 2021, 15 Vandal Dome Cameras were replaced with High Definition Vandal Proof Infrared Dome Cameras in multiple different housing units, including Booking, to better assist in identifying any safety and security issues.