

Canyon County Sheriff's Office – PREA Report

Report for 2023

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 2023, the Canyon County Sheriff's Office began installation of video surveillance cameras inside holding cells and interview rooms in the Booking area. In December 2023, an additional camera was added to the Jail Kitchen refrigerator, and cameras that can withstand -40-degree temperatures were being researched and located in order to purchase for the two freezer areas of the Jail Kitchen. The addition of video surveillance cameras aid in the prevention, detection, and response policies and practices of the Prison Rape Elimination Act.

Taking Corrective Action on an Ongoing Basis

In the beginning months of 2023, the Digital Video Recorder in the Jail Annex Supply Section that monitors the Inmate Laundry Workers, was upgraded to a newer version of a Digital Video Recorder to better record and maintain video surveillance of the Detention Center Inmate Worker activities in this area.

Several 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 in the Detention Center.