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Davidson County Sheriff's Office (DCSO)

Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA)

2019 Annual Report

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Results of the PREA Audit: September 10-13, 2018

The Davidson County Sheriff's Office received notice of PREA Compliance by an audit in four facilities.

3 AREAS EXCEEDED STANDARDS:

- 115.17 Hiring and promotion decisions
- 115.31 Employee training
- 115.33 Inmate education

Current Upgrades to the Agency: Facilities and Technology: PREA 115.18

In 2019, the agency continues transition into moving into the new Downtown Detention Center (DDC). The planning and modifications for the new is in compliance within the guidelines of PREA standard 115.18 and is expected to open in 2020. The Offender Re-Entry closed in April 2019 due to a decrease in the incarcerated population. Currently three facilities house inmates: Hill Detention Center (HDC), Correctional Development Center (CDM), and Maximum Correctional Center (MCC). Cameras and monitoring devices continue to be reviewed and updated as needed. The agency continues to make improvements to the agency goal of making the Davidson County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) a safe and secure place for inmates and staff-- free from sexual abuse.

2019 Action Items:

a. The Agency:

Facility administrators continue to request facility modifications to improve safety and security. The goal is to ensure PREA standards are followed in all facilities. The staffing plan continues to be developed and implemented for the new facility.

Currently, the agency does not house the female population at the DCSO facilities. The female arrestees are taken to HDC to complete the booking process, and then they are transferred to the Metro Detention Facility operated by CoreCivic.

PREA monthly inspections: The PREA Coordinator continues to address inmate and staff education, identify PREA concerns, staff documentation, update PREA Awareness information, adhere to PREA standards, and ensure PREA protocols are followed.

The PREA policy continues to be reviewed and updated as changes to the agency occur to ensure zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

b. Sexual Abuse Incident Reviews:

During 2019, four cases were referred for the Sexual Abuse Incident Review meeting. Two cases included recommendations for corrective actions.

- There was a decrease in the amount of incidents for review from the previous year.
- Officers assigned to the Courthouse are to review escort procedures when escorting both female and male inmates to court.

- The facility administration will review camera angles to CDM F2 bathroom entry to assist in investigative procedures and safety measures for preventing potential incidents.
- Additional Camera and video monitoring were added to the CDM kitchen and housing unit entrance. Privacy walls were added to housing unit shower areas to become compliant with PREA standards related viewing by officers of another gender.
- The Correctional Services Center requests to add more cameras to better monitor activities, improve investigative evidence of PREA allegations, and increase the coverage of potential blind spots where PREA incidents have previously occurred and/or may occur.

Aggregated Data for 2019/Data Collection:

There were 13 allegations reported, investigated, and closed on initial inquiry. These types of cases are considered unfounded as they include inmate's recanting statements, conclusive video evidence to refute, or impossible allegations due to physical plant issues.

DCSO recorded 8 sexual abuse allegations which met PREA reporting guidelines. There were 3 sustained allegations of sexual contact (touching) between inmates, and 1 unsustained allegation. There were 3 unsustained allegation of inmate/inmate penetration. Finally, there was 1 unfounded allegation of voyeurism. The voyeurism allegation is the only allegation related to sexual abuse that involved a staff member.

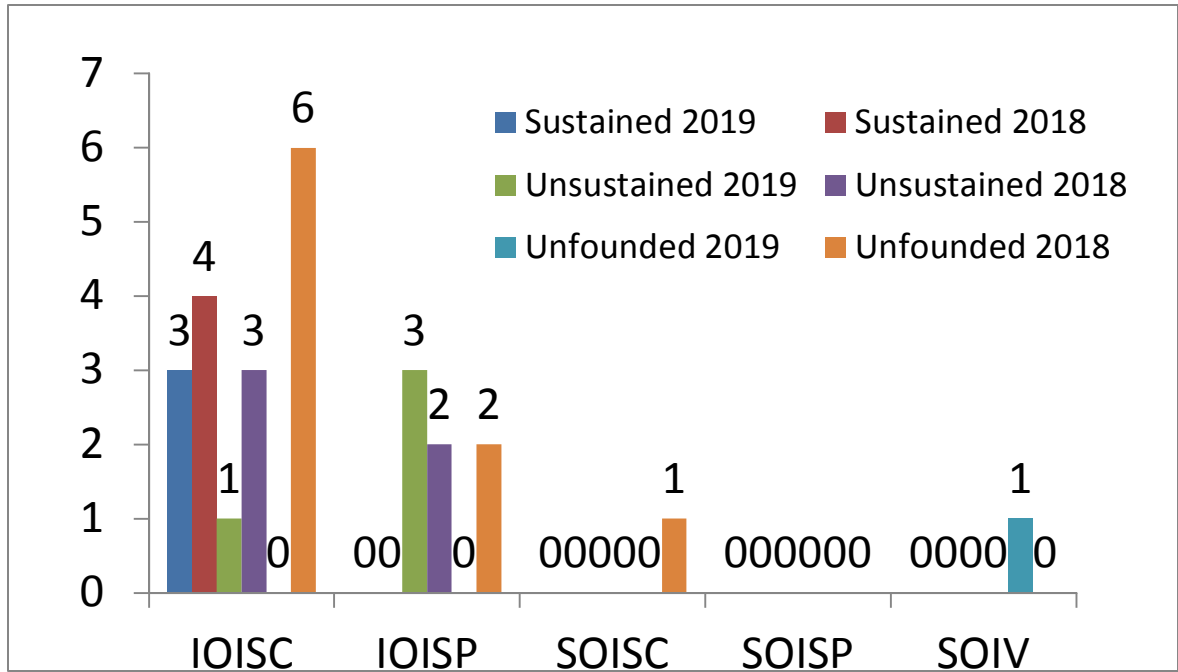
To compare the 8 allegations by facility, the Hill Detention Center (HDC) had 2 sustained allegations, and 1 unsustained. The Correctional Development Center (CDM) had 1 sustained allegation and 3 which were unsustained. The courthouse operations had 1 sustained allegation. No other facility within DCSO had an allegation of sexual abuse.

2018/2019 Data Comparison:

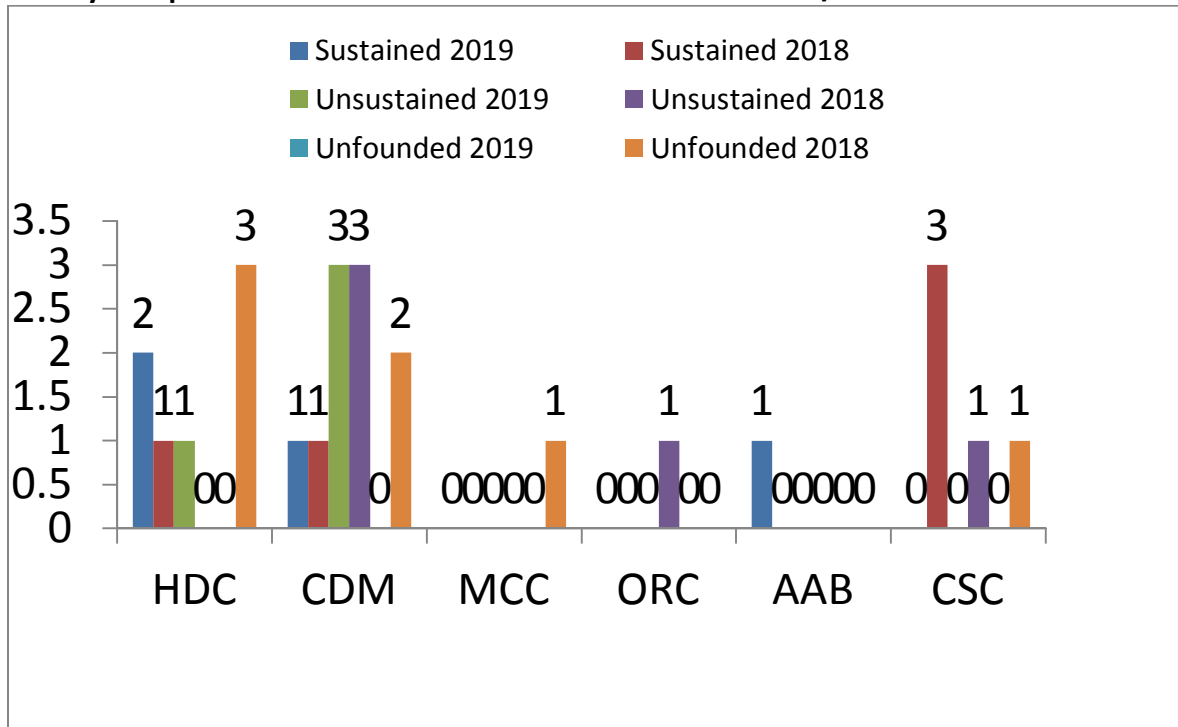
The aggregated data identifies positive progress with continued efforts to reduce and eliminate sexual abuse in the facilities. In comparison with data from 2018 and 2019 stats, the agency decreased the total of abuse allegations in 2019 by 10 cases.

The comparison graphs are included on the following pages:

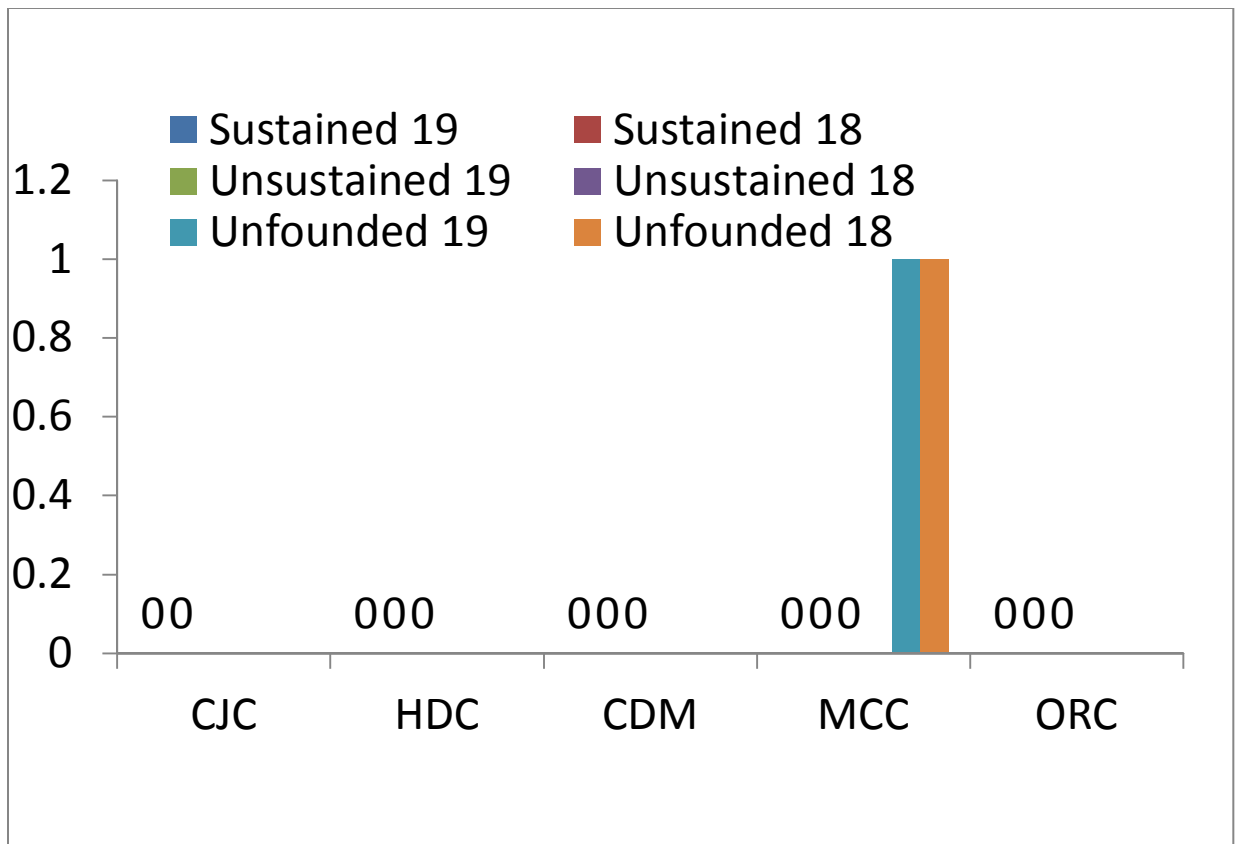
Comparison of Allegations by Type 2018/2019



Facility Comparison for Inmate on Inmate Sexual Abuse 2018/2019



Facility Comparison for Staff on Inmate Sexual Assault 2018/2019



Significant growth continues to be the primary effort in the progress toward PREA compliance for the agency. As always, our goal is to continue to reduce PREA allegations, promote a positive environment for inmates to report, and staff response to be professional, positive, and in a timely manner. The agency continues to improve staff and inmates PREA awareness through innovative thinking in training, policies, procedures, and practices of the agency. The statistical information demonstrates that all allegations are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly.

Summary:

The agency is in the process of opening a new facility in early 2020. The agency continues to make PREA an important entity to the mission of the DCSO. The agency will continue the process of keeping inmates safe and secure, while maintaining a zero tolerance culture for all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

Approved by:

Sheriff Daron Hall

3.13.2020

Date