



NASHVILLE SHERIFF

DAVIDSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Davidson County Sheriff's Office (DCSO)

Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA)

2021 Annual Report

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The third comprehensive PREA audit of the Nashville-Davidson County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) was held in late 2021, and we are awaiting the final report. Information from the on-site auditors indicate no additional corrective actions are necessary to be granted compliance. Previous audits were conducted in 2015 and 2018.

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

With the COVID- 19 pandemic and the variants still a factor for operations in 2020, housing for the incarcerated population was continuously reviewed and adapted to accommodate for the use of quarantine protocols in collaboration with medical services. Staffing levels, while critical at times, maintained appropriate levels in compliance with PREA.

2021 Action Items:

a. The Agency:

The Nashville-Davidson County Sheriff's Office continues to evaluate policies, procedures, and processes to ensure the safety of all individuals. During the regular review process of cases classified as PREA, the administrators and other top officials have the opportunity to suggest improvements and make requests for physical plant upgrades when problem areas are identified. The PREA coordinator conducts monthly on-site inspections to address staff and population education. He reviews past incidents, and reviews first responder's compliance with established protocol. Also, during regular reviews, documentation is reviewed for consistency and compliance. Based on a suggestion from the audit, the PREA coordinator has also been tasked with monthly verification of the processes which extend beyond DCSO responsibility such as checking the 3rd party reporting process to ensure other entities have not made changes which affect the reporting capabilities of the population.

The DCSO policy and procedure related to PREA is reviewed at least annually, and is updated as needed to reflect any improvements in the protocol as they develop. We continue to educate staff on referring PREA allegations to appropriate staff for prompt investigations through regular in-service training for all staff members.

b. Sexual Abuse Incident Reviews:

Nine cases met the guidelines to be reviewed during the Sexual Abuse Incident Review meeting. No cases required recommendations and corrective actions.

- All meetings were conducted through Zoom to accommodate the social distance guidelines, which also allowed for additional opportunity for participation as administrators and other participants did not require additional time to travel across the county in order to participate in the reviews.

- The agency continues to improve responsiveness to address housing of all inmates (especially LGBTQI inmates) to ensure appropriate and safer housing placement for everyone.

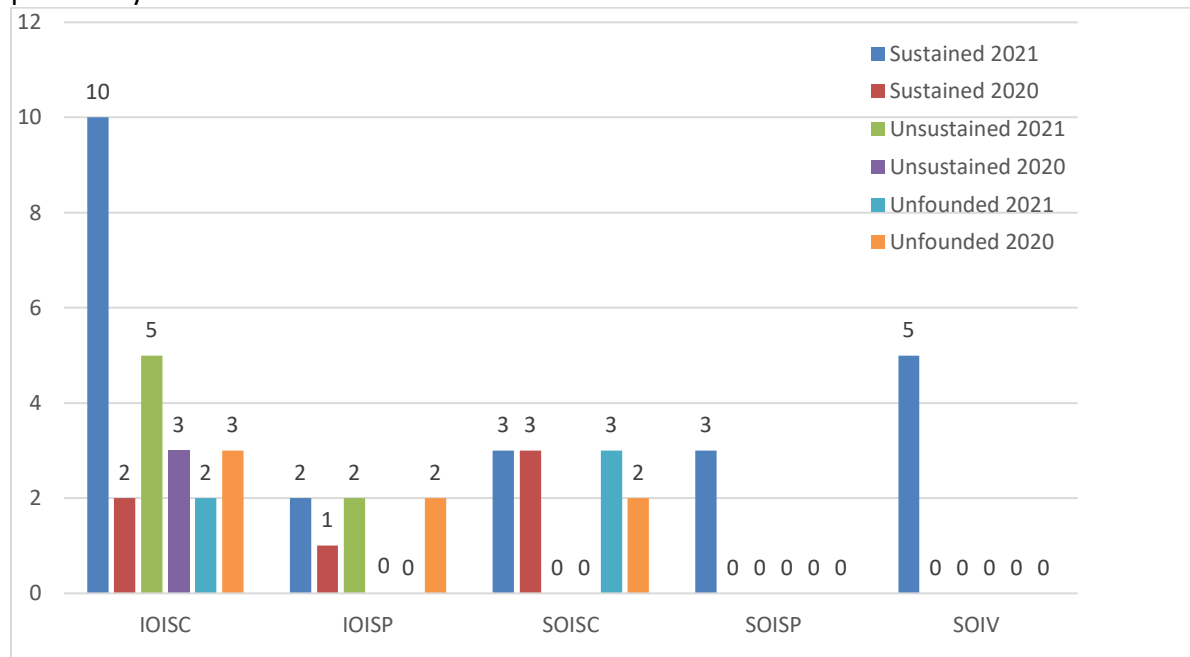
Aggregated Data for 2021/Data Collection:

During 2021, there were 23 reported allegations of sexual abuse by inmates, staff, or third party reporting which met PREA reporting guidelines.

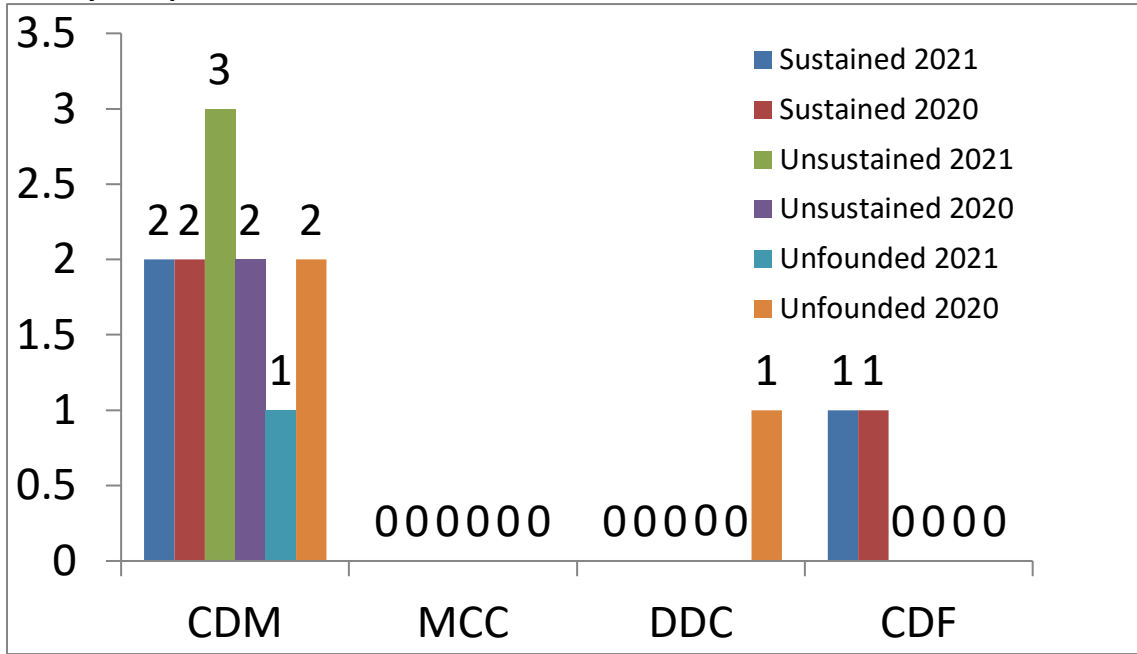
Currently there are 2 cases pending: one Inmate-on-Inmate-Sexual-Penetration (IOISP) case from the Downtown Detention Center (DDC) and one case from the Correctional Development Center-Female (CDF) which contains multiple allegations of penetration and voyeurism of single alleged perpetrator from CDF. The cases are currently under investigation, and they have been referred to the Metro Police Department for criminal investigation

There were eight initial inquiry allegations reported and investigated. Initial inquiries are cases which are determined to be unfounded during an initial investigation because of a recanted statement, video proof, an allegation that is physically impossible, or additional evidence/relevant documentation which shows clear and convincing evidence that the allegation is false.

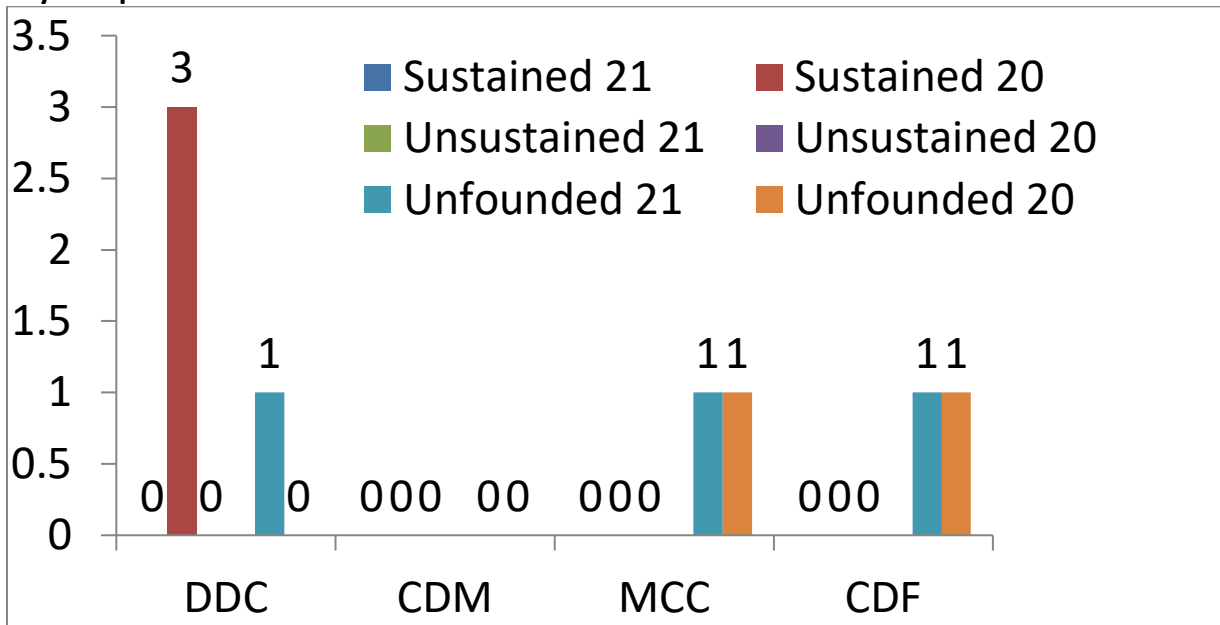
The **Comparison of Allegations by Type** chart demonstrates the breakdown of types of PREA allegations reported and the result of the investigation. It also shows a comparison to the previous year's data:



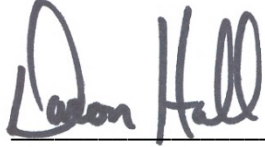
Facility Comparison for Inmate on Inmate Sexual Abuse 2020-2021



Facility Comparison for Staff on Inmate Sexual Assault 2020-2021



A focus of the Nashville-Davidson County Sheriff's Office is continued progress toward PREA compliance for the agency. Our goal is to continue to reduce PREA allegations, promote a safe environment for the incarcerated population to report allegations, and a coordinated staff response which is professional, positive, and timely. Our agency continues to improve PREA awareness through innovative thinking in training, policies, procedures, and practices at all levels. The statistical information presented clearly demonstrates that all allegations are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly.



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03/07/2022

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