



# RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

## PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT:

### 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

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This document serves as an annual review to assess and improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detection and response policies and practices in the Rhode Island Department of Corrections. The annual review is pursuant to national Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards 115.88 and 115.89. Under these standards, the RIDOC is required to:

- Review and aggregate incident based sexual abuse data annually in order to improve effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detection, response policies, practices and training to include:
  - Identification of problem areas
  - Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis
  - Preparing annual report of its findings
- Comparing the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior year's and provide assessment of the agency progress in addressing sexual abuse
- Publish the annual report on the RIDOC website of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole.

#### Aggregated Data

The RIDOC collects data from referrals for investigations of sexual misconduct and sexual harassment. This is both inmate-on-inmate and staff-on-inmate. All allegations are entered and tracked through either the RIDOC Special Investigation Unit (inmate-on-inmate) or Office of Inspectors (staff-on-inmate). The PREA Coordinator reviews all allegations of sexual misconduct and sexual harassment through access to the Special Investigation Unit data base.

In preparing this report the definitions utilized are consistent with RIDOC PREA Policy 9.49 as well as the Bureau of Justice Statistics Survey of Sexual Violence Summary Report.

The following chart depicts a breakdown of CY 2014 sexual misconduct and sexual harassment data; inmate-on-inmate and staff-on-inmate. This section also contains a comparison to CY 2012 and CY 2013.

### Sexual Misconduct (Inmate-Inmate)

Year	Non Consensual Sexual Act Reported	Substantiated	Abusive Sexual Contact Reported	Substantiated
2012	18	3	2	1
2013	8	3	4	2
2014	5	3	0	0

### Sexual Harassment (Inmate-Inmate)

Year	Sexual Harassment Reported	Sexual Harassment Substantiated
2013	7	1
2014	5	5

### Sexual Misconduct (Staff-Inmate)

Year	Sexual Misconduct Reported	Sexual Misconduct Substantiated
2012	0	0
2013	0	0
2014	2	0

### Comparative Data Analysis

The above charts show no increase in substantiated non-consensual sexual acts in comparison to CY 2012 and CY 2013. In comparison to CY 2012 and CY 2013, there was a decrease in the number of non-consensual sexual acts reported for CY 2014.

### Corrective Actions

The RIDOC continues to implement best practices that are consistent with the requirements of the Prison Rape Elimination Act standards in order to address allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The following are corrective actions completed at an agency level:

- Revised Prison Rape Elimination Act Policy to enhance PREA policy and practice;
- Revised many RIDOC policies to reflect PREA policy and practices
- Implemented revised staff training curriculum with emphasis on zero tolerance of sexual misconduct; training is for uniform and non-uniform staff
- Implemented and trained specialized training for investigative staff within Special Investigation Unit and Office of Inspectors
- Developed Memorandum of Understanding between RIDOC and Rhode Island State Police in respect to investigations/allegations of sexual misconduct

- Developed and implemented an objective screening for risk of victimization tool that is consistent with PREA standards. The objective screening tool is utilized for sentenced inmates as well as awaiting trial offenders
- Enhanced data collection and aggregation
- Establishment of PREA Compliance Managers in each of the correctional facilities

The Rhode Island Department of Corrections is committed to implementation of the requirements of the Prison Rape Elimination Act standards.

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Ashbel T. Wall, II Director