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The Sheriff is announcing that the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office has achieved PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act 2003) compliance. Congress enacted the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) to address the problem of sexual abuse of persons in the custody of U.S. correctional agencies. PREA calls for Federal, State, and local corrections systems to have a zero-tolerance policy regarding prison rape (as defined by PREA) in prisons, jails, police lock-ups, and other confinement facilities.

Highlights of PREA include:

- Requires development of standards for detection, prevention, reduction, and punishment of prison rape.
- Standardizes collection and dissemination of information on the incidence of prison rape.

The Act applies to all public and private institutions that house adult or juvenile offenders and to community-based correctional agencies.

- We started the process in January of 2018
- Through the National PREA Resource center a Certified PREA Auditor was selected from the list of available auditors.
- Between January and April documents were exchanged with the auditor prior to an onsite physical audit.
- Three (3) Auditors were on site from April 4th through 7th.
- Auditors reviewed the department policies, procedures, and protocols. Auditors spoke to random staff at all levels and inmates to see if we were in compliance with the 45 standards.

Example of standards:

- 115.11 Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment
- 115.31 Employee training
- 115.34 Specialized training for investigations
- 115.51 Inmate reporting
- 115.81 Medical and Mental Health screenings

- An interim report draft of the audit was given to us on May 21, 2018 with the results and the standards we did not meet.
- There were 25 standards that we were in compliance with and 20 standards that we were not. We had 180 days to fix things and become compliant.
- There was a corrective action plan that was put in place and between May 25, 2018 and October 31, 2018 we worked on being in compliance with those standards.
- On October 31, 2018 we received the letter from the auditor stating that have complied with all standards.

A complete final report will be sent to us within the next few week for publication.

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