Rape and sexual activity seriously reduce the mission of the Elmore County Sheriff’s Office to provide a safe and secure environment for offenders and staff. In accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003, the Elmore County Detention Center has established a zero-tolerance standard regarding the incidence of rape and sexual activity.

By providing training, education and policy reviews on an annual basis, we are confident that we are providing the inmates, staff, contractors and volunteers everything they need to be confident and comfortable with their responsibilities concerning PREA. We are also confident that all our staff, contractors and volunteers have a thorough knowledge and understanding of the PREA requirements and the Elmore County Detention Center policy and procedures in order to effectively provide sexual abuse and harassment prevention, detection and response to those allegations.

A PREA incident review is conducted on all PREA allegations whether they have been substantiated or unsubstantiated. The results of these reviews are used to access and improve our effectiveness and any corrective actions that may be needed pursuant to PREA mandate 115.88.

The occurrence of sexual abuse at the Elmore County Detention Center is very low. Upon reviewing the aggregate data in 2018 there were no substantiated allegations of sexual abuse.

The Elmore County Sheriff’s Office has policies and procedures in place in the instance a PREA allegation is found to be substantiated. These policies are in place to ensure that each incident and investigation are thoroughly reviewed by a review committee to determine if any corrective actions need to be taken in order to make our facility and processes better and safer for the inmate population.

We know that we must continually provide training to our staff members, contractors and volunteers and we must continually provide education to the inmates in order to provide effective detection, prevention and response to PREA allegations. We are dedicated to providing high levels of supervision and monitoring of the inmate to provide them the protection they deserve. We are dedicated to providing strong zero-tolerance policies and procedures and a safe and secure environment for the inmates. We work diligently to create a safe and trusted environment so that the inmate population understands that they can report a PREA allegation and be free from retaliation.

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