

# **PREA Annual Report – Caribou County**

## **Caribou County Detention Center**

### **2017 Annual PREA Report**

**01-04-2018**

Rape and sexual activity seriously reduces the mission of the Caribou County Sheriff's Office to prevent crime and provide quality criminal justice services. In accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003, the Caribou County Detention Center has established a zero tolerance standard regarding the incidence of rape and sexual activity.

By providing training, education, and reviewing our policy and procedures on a yearly basis we are confident that we are providing the inmates, staff, contractors, and volunteers everything we can so they are confident and comfortable with the PREA mandates. We are also confident that all of our staff, contractors, and volunteers have a thorough knowledge and understanding of the PREA mandates and the Caribou 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 that have been substantiated and unsubstantiated. The results of these reviews are used to assess 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 Caribou County Detention Center is very low. Upon reviewing the aggregated data for 2017 we had zero substantiated allegations of sexual abuse.

A PREA incident review is conducted on all PREA allegations that have been reported at the Caribou County Detention Center, inmates are also educated on how to report incidents that occur in other facilities. Caribou County Detention had one such allegation. We promptly reported this to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for investigation.

We realize that we must continually provide training to our staff members, contractors and volunteers. 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 inmates 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, providing them with a comfort that they can report PREA allegations free from retaliation and in a confidential format.

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