

5-49/000.00 - Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

PURPOSE OF ORDER:

The purpose of this order is to establish policy and procedures for ensuring Inmate Reception Center (IRC) is in compliance with the standards and mandates set forth in the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA).

SCOPE OF ORDER:

PREA was enacted by Congress in 2003, with the goals to establish the prevention of sexual abuse, develop standards of practice and procedure, collect data and increase accountability to all custodial facilities whether it is federal, state, or local jails. PREA is intended to address key issues from detection, prevention, reduction, and prosecution of all sexual abuse in any type of custodial facility.

PREA's standards were developed by the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission appointed by Congress. They were revised by the U.S. Attorney General (USAG) after public comment periods, and went into effect when signed by the USAG in 2012.

There is a zero tolerance for sexual abuse within the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. IRC employees at the facility will be trained in ways to identify and subsequently prevent sexually assaultive behavior among inmates processed through our facility.

ORDER:

The IRC Operations Lieutenant and Operations Sergeant will be the PREA compliance coordinators.

The IRC Operations Lieutenant and Operations Sergeant shall be responsible for ensuring that the Department's policies and procedures related to PREA are enforced.

IRC has developed a policy consistent with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 for the purpose of minimizing the number of sexual assaults by inmates or staff on other inmates.

In accordance with California Penal Code Section 673, Department personnel are required to care for and protect inmates remanded to the custody of the Sheriff. Violation of Penal Code 673 is a misdemeanor.

All cases of sexual abuse shall be documented and forwarded to the IRC PREA compliance coordinator.

The PREA compliance coordinator shall ensure that the incident documentation is filed and stored in the Operations archives.

The PREA compliance coordinator shall disseminate all policy and training updates to supervisors who are responsible for recurrent briefings to custody personnel.
