



Western Tidewater Regional Jail

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The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 is a federal law established to support the elimination and prevention of sexual assault and sexual misconduct in correctional systems. PREA addresses both inmate-to-inmate sexual assault and staff-to-inmate sexual assault. The Western Tidewater Regional Jail fully supports the guidelines set forth in this law and has a Zero-Tolerance for any and all incidents of sexual assault and sexual misconduct in accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003.

This report provides a comparison of incidents from 2015 and 2014 and will be utilized by the PREA Coordinator to identify problem areas and formulate corrective measures in efforts of reducing future incidents of sexual abuse.

In accordance with PREA, all investigations are assigned one of the three possible determinations:

Substantiated- an allegation which was investigated and determine to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated- an allegation which provided insufficient evidence to make a final determination of a substantiated or unfounded claim.

Unfounded- an allegation which was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

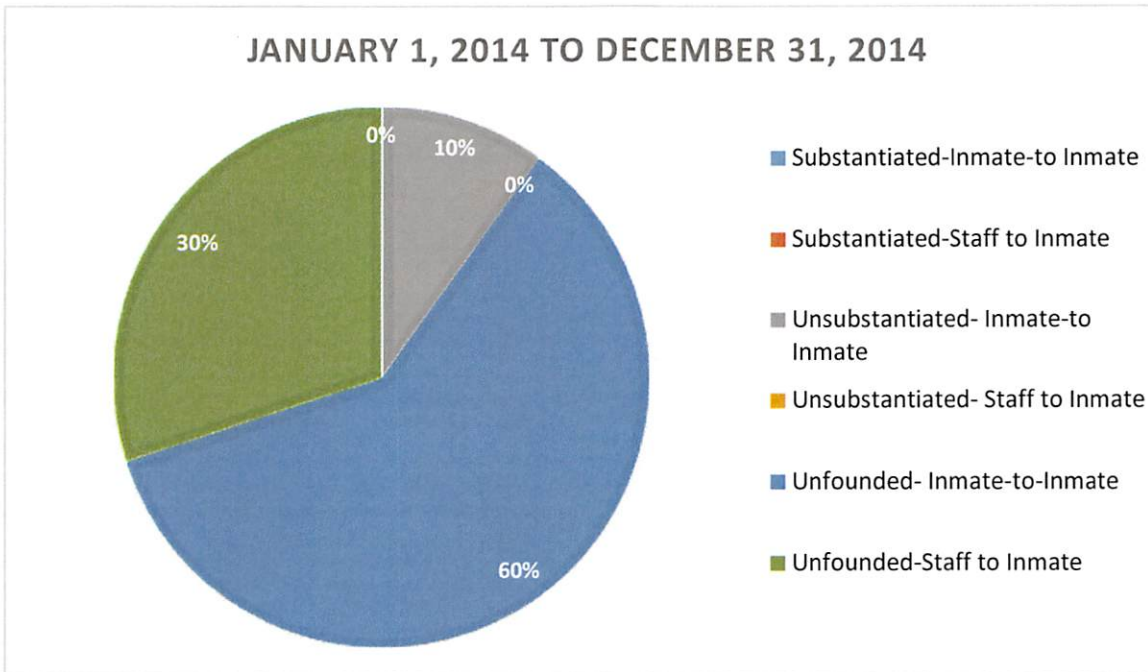
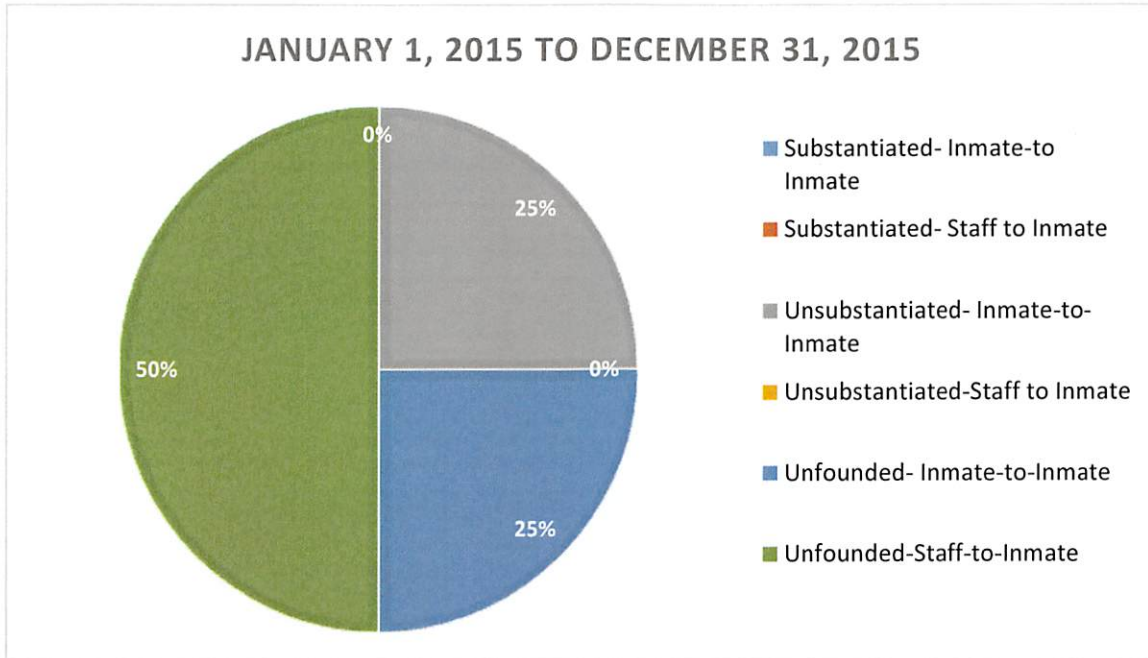
In 2015, there were zero substantiated allegations, two unsubstantiated, and 6 unfounded allegations.

Of the two unsubstantiated allegations, all were inmate-to-inmate allegations. Of the six unfounded allegations, two were inmate-to-inmate allegations and four staff to inmate allegations. All allegations were investigated either by Western Tidewater Regional Jail Investigators, Suffolk Police Department, and U.S. Marshall Service.

The locations of the allegations were from the inmate housing area within the facility. No problem areas were identified and no corrective measures needed at this time.

Western Tidewater Regional Jail makes every effort to reduce and/or eliminate staff on inmate and inmate on inmate sexual abuse and sexual harassment by continually providing inmate education and staff training on the PREA standards.

The charts provide a comparison between 2015 and 2014 Sexual Victimization Data for Western Tidewater Regional Jail.



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