



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Ian Parkinson *Sheriff-Coroner*

2017 PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA) ANNUAL REPORT

BACKGROUND

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed in 2003 to protect inmates from sexual harassment and/or assaults from other inmates and/or staff members. The goal of PREA is to prevent, detect, investigate any incidents of sexual assault, harassment, or misconduct. For further information, you can visit [Homepage | PREA \(prearesourcecenter.org\)](http://prearesourcecenter.org).

The San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office has a **zero-tolerance** policy regarding sexual harassment, assault, or misconduct directed toward inmates; either from other inmates and/or staff members.

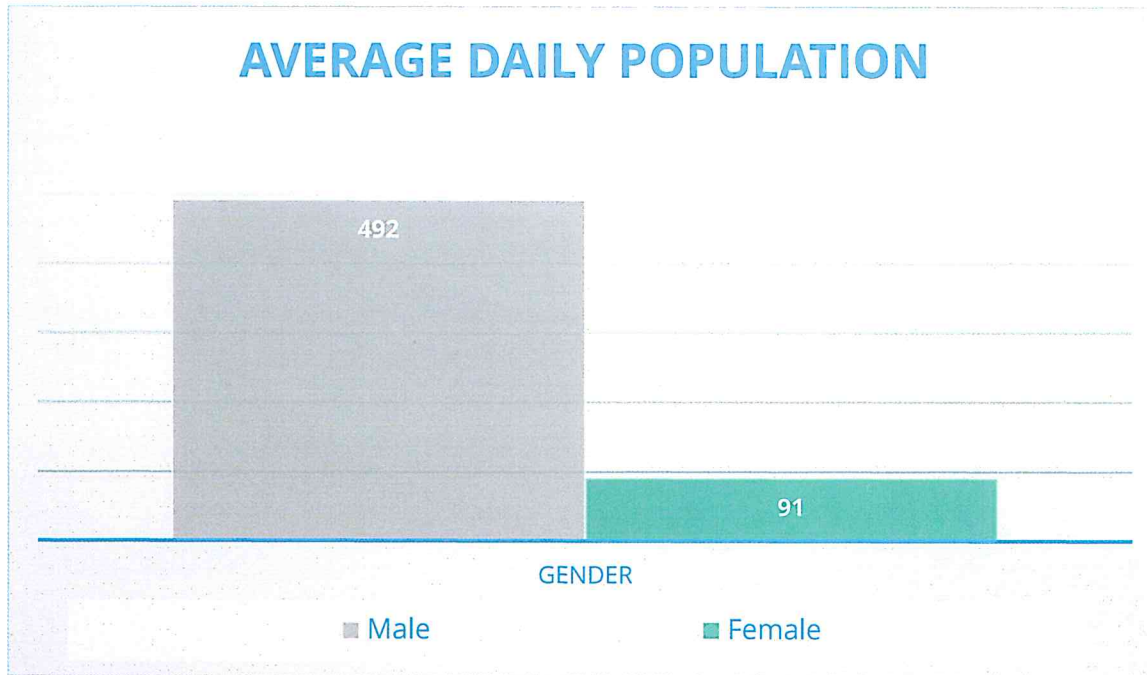
All staff members who encounter inmates; including Correctional Deputies, civilian employees, volunteers, and contractors, are provided PREA training prior to having unsupervised contact with inmates. This training emphasizes our zero-tolerance policy, prevention, and detection with regards to sexual harassment and/or abuse. Correctional Sergeants receive additional training in investigating PREA allegations. Correctional Deputies receive PREA training every two years to refresh and reiterate the importance of PREA guidelines and update them on any changes in PREA guidelines.

DEFINITIONS

- Substantiated- an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.
- Unsubstantiated- an allegation that was investigated and insufficient evidence was obtained to determine if the allegation did or did not occur.
- Unfounded- an allegation that was investigated and proven not to have occurred.
- Ongoing Investigation- The investigation was initiated and ongoing.

2017 Annual Statistics

The Average Daily Population (ADP) of inmates is an important number to consider when reviewing the number of PREA allegations. Over the course of 2017 the Average Daily Population by gender is reflected in the chart below.



The San Luis Obispo County Jail houses both male and female inmates. The San Luis Obispo County Honor Farm housed both male and female inmates until April 6, 2017. Female inmates were housed in the Barracks and known as the Female Honor Farm. On 4-6-17, female inmates were transferred to the newly completed Kansas Jail, which housed only female inmates. In 2017 the Sheriff's Office received a total of 16 PREA allegations. Below is a breakdown of cases by facility and their disposition following a detailed investigation.

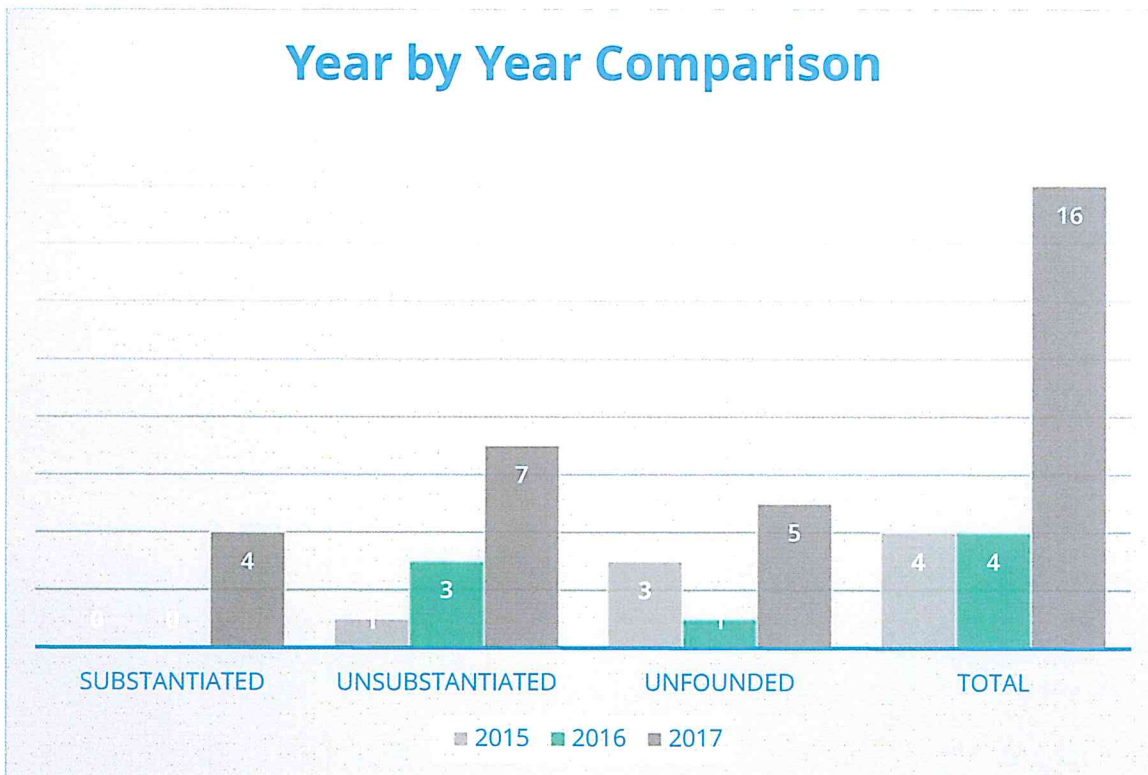
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY JAIL

CASES	TYPE OF CONDUCT	DISPOSITION
1	IM/IM Sexual Harassment	Substantiated
2	IM/IM Abusive Sexual Contact	Unsubstantiated
3	IM/IM Abusive Sexual Contact	Unsubstantiated
4	IM/IM Sexual Harassment	Unsubstantiated
5	IM/IM Sexual Harassment	Unsubstantiated
6	Staff Misconduct	Unsubstantiated
7	IM/IM Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
8	IM/IM Sexual Harassment	Substantiated

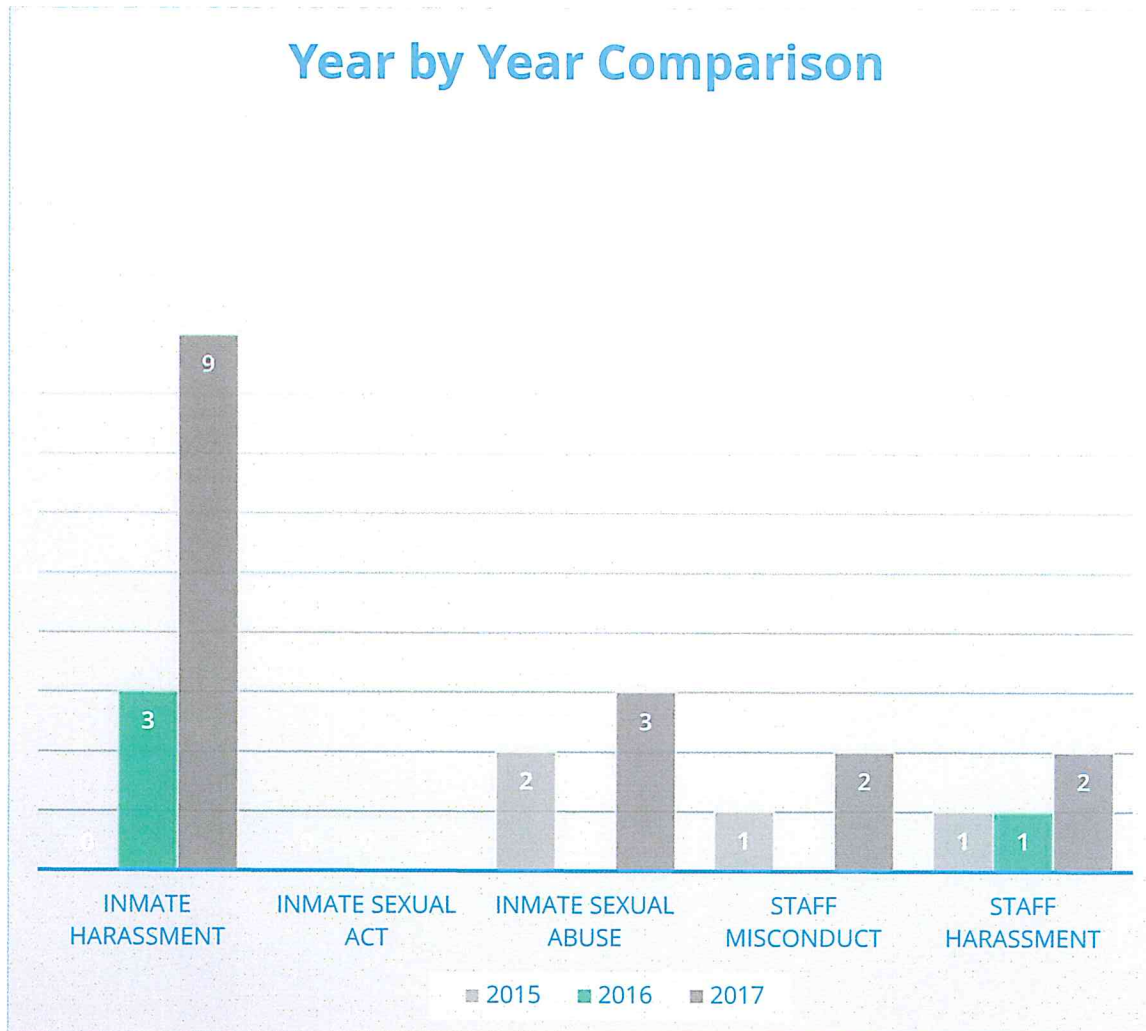
9	IM/IM Sexual Harassment	Unsubstantiated
10	IM/IM Sexual Harassment	Substantiated
11	IM/IM Sexual Harassment	Unsubstantiated
12	IM/IM Abusive Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
13	IM/IM Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
14	Staff Misconduct	Unfounded
15	Staff Sexual Harassment	Unfounded

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY HONOR FARM

CASES	TYPE OF CONDUCT	DISPOSITION
1	Staff Sexual Harassment	Substantiated



Year by Year Comparison



Reviewing the data from 2017 indicates an increase in each category from the previous 2 years. This can be contributed to a PREA Audit being conducted in 2017. There were 9 investigations for inmate-on-inmate harassment initiated with 4 being substantiated compared to only 3 in 2016. Two cases of staff misconduct were documented. One of the investigations was referred to detectives and determined to be unfounded. The other was unsubstantiated. Two cases of staff harassment were investigated. One was unsubstantiated while the other was substantiated and sanctions were levied by the Professional Standards Unit. Increased emphasis was placed on PREA by the Sheriff's Office with regards to training for staff and inmates. Additional higher quality cameras have been added to the facility.

FUTURE

The San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office will continue to be diligent in education, prevention, and investigation of any PREA complaint. All investigations will continue to be reviewed to evaluate if corrective measures are warranted to provide the safest custody environment possible for staff and inmates.

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Ian Parkinson, Sheriff-Coroner