



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

2018 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.

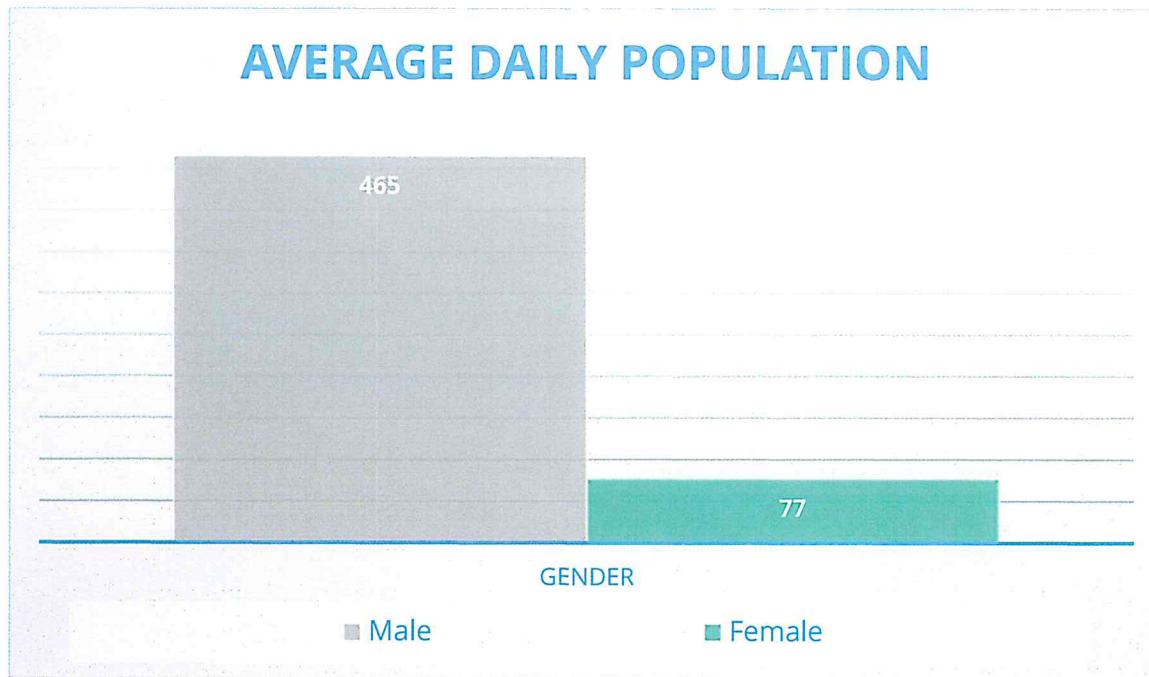
All staff members who encounter inmates; including Correctional Deputies, civilian employees, volunteers, and contractors, are provided PREA training prior to having unsupervised contact with inmates. This training emphasizes our zero-tolerance policy, prevention, and detection with regards to sexual 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.

2018 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 2018 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 houses only male inmates at the facility. In 2018 the Sheriff's Office received a total of 13 PREA allegations. Of the 13 allegations 8 were against other inmates and 4 were against staff. In one allegation, the inmate could not identify a fellow inmate or staff as the perpetrator. Below is a breakdown of cases by facility and their disposition following a detailed investigation.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY JAIL

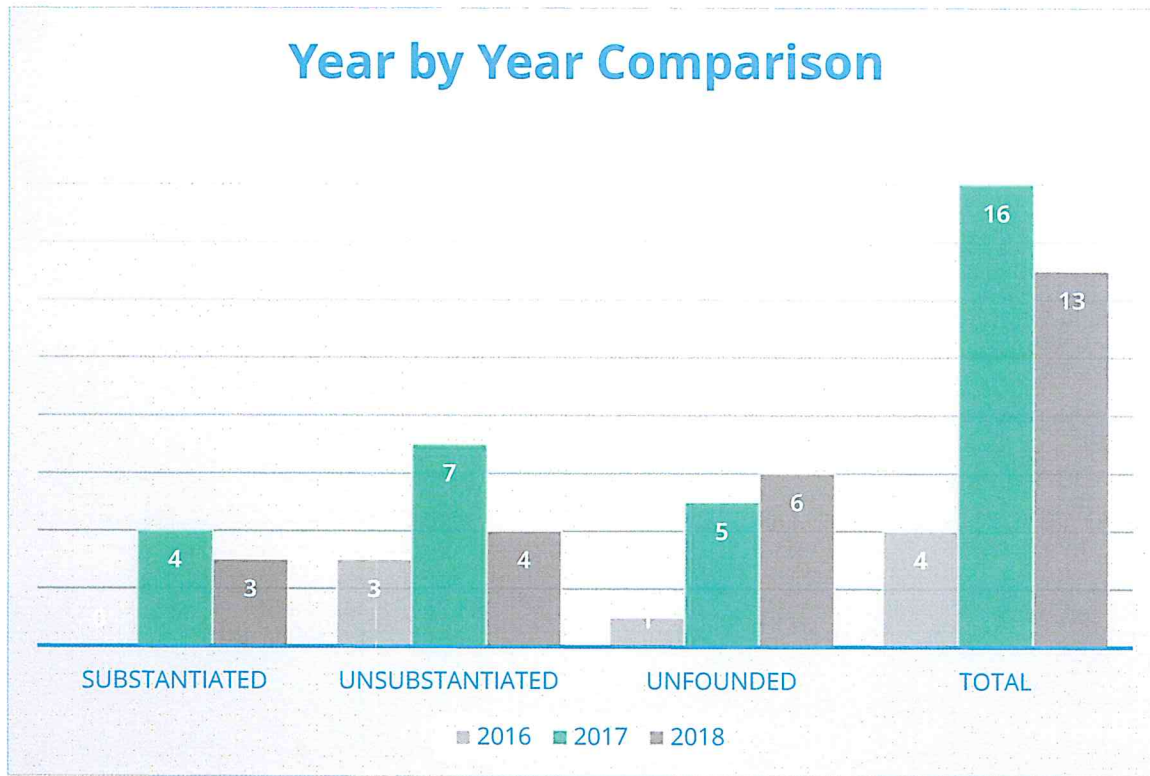
CASES	TYPE OF CONDUCT	DISPOSITION
1	IM/IM Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
2	Sexual Abuse (Unknown Perpetrator)	Unfounded
3	IM/IM Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
4	IM/IM Sexual Abuse	Unsubstantiated
5	IM/ IM Sexual Abuse	Unfounded
6	IM/IM Sexual Harassment	Unsubstantiated
7	IM/IM Sexual Harassment	Unsubstantiated
8	IM/IM Sexual Harassment	Substantiated
9	Staff Sexual Misconduct	Substantiated

10	Staff Sexual Misconduct	Unfounded
11	IM/IM Sexual Harassment	Substantiated
12	Staff Sexual Harassment	Unsubstantiated
13	Staff Sexual Harassment	Unfounded

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY HONOR FARM

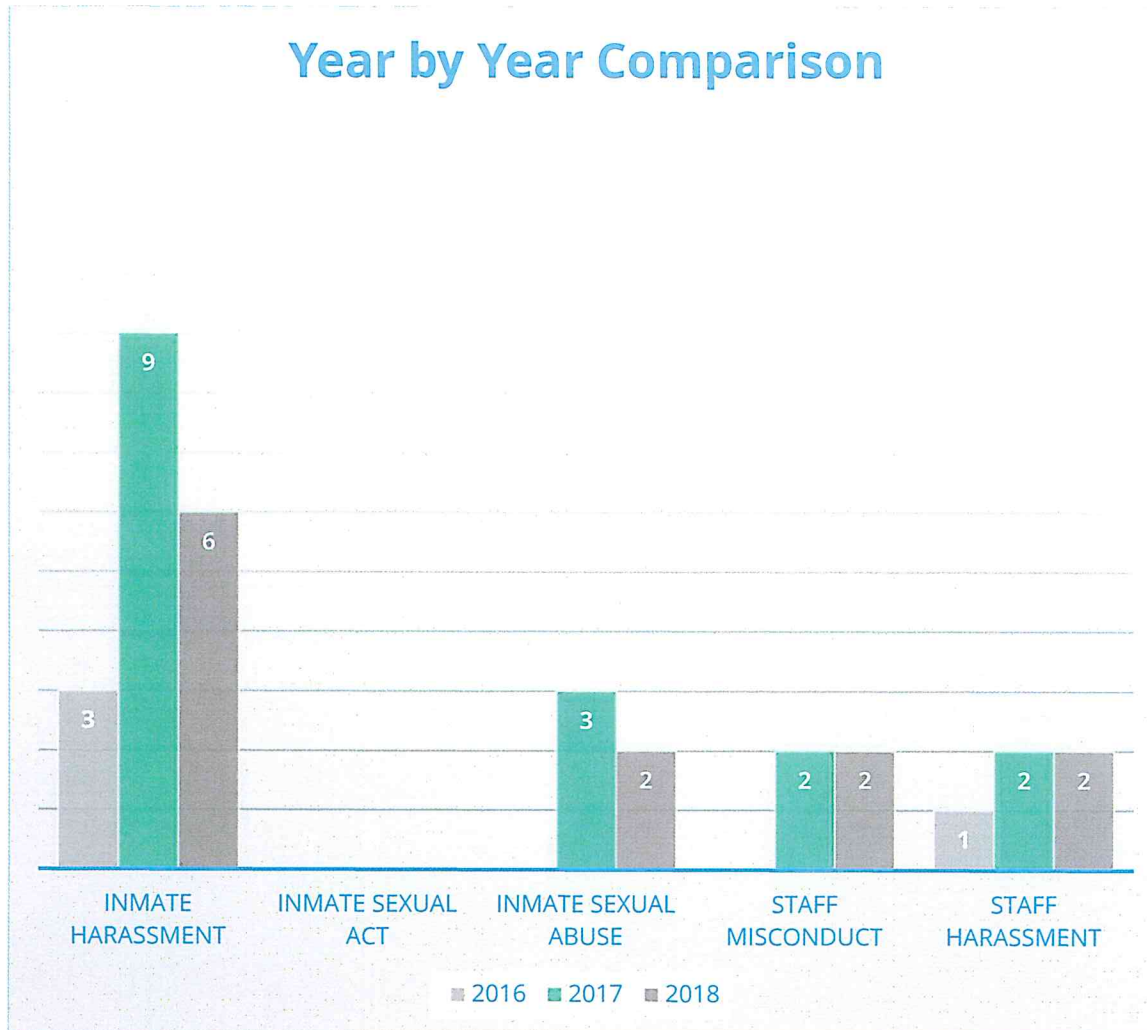
CASES	TYPE OF CONDUCT	DISPOSITION
0	N/A	N/A

A three-year comparison of total number of cases and the number of cases each year that are substantiated, unsubstantiated, unfounded is below.



A three-year comparison of various PREA allegations within both facilities.

Year by Year Comparison



Reviewing the data from the previous year indicates the number of cases of inmate/inmate sexual harassment were down. There were 16 total cases in 2017 as compared to 13 in 2018. The one case not accounted for in the above graph refers to the incident where an inmate was not able to identify a perpetrator as either staff or a fellow inmate. One case of staff misconduct by a contract employee was referred to detectives and ended in criminal prosecution.

The number of substantiated and unsubstantiated investigations went down while the number of unfounded investigations increased by one. After analyzing the data, no patterns have developed or operational flaws identified to decrease the total number of PREA allegations further.

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