



Pine County Jail

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2015 PREA Annual Data Report

The current Pine County Jail began operations in February 2008, replacing the old jail that was constructed in 1983. The Pine County Jail is designed as a Direct Supervision Facility for those incarcerated.

The facility is licensed by the State of Minnesota to house up to 131 inmates that are separated into 3 housing units. Inmates housed here include sentenced and pre-trial adult male and female offenders. Aside from the 3 housing units, the Intake area can hold 17 inmates in 5 separate areas. Other areas of the jail include: a recreational room, library/programming room, medical unit, laundry facility, fully staffed kitchen, court holding, master control center. Each housing unit contains video visiting stations, telephones for inmate use, televisions with basic limited programming, common kitchen area with sink and microwave, dayroom area, gaming tables and a natural lighting source. Canteen items can be purchased by inmates. The proceeds from canteen are used to purchase recreation and programming equipment and reference materials for the inmates.

In Accordance with the National Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003, the Pine County Jail has a policy of zero tolerance with regard to sexual abuse and sexual harassment in this facility and will take appropriate affirmative measures to protect all offenders from sexual abuse and harassment while in this facility. The Pine County Jail will promptly and thoroughly investigate all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

The Pine County Jail is required to undergo a PREA audit every 3 years. We are required to post a copy of the Final Report once the audit is completed. Our facility is currently awaiting the results of our PREA Audit, completed March 23 & 24, 2016.

2015 Pine County Jail Statistics and Comparison:

In 2015 the Pine County Jail admitted a total of **1,994** inmates to our facility which included: 1,528 adult males, 443 adult females, 16 juvenile males and 7 juvenile females. In comparison, 2014 the Pine County Jail admitted a total of **1,934** inmates to our facility which included 1,475 adult males, 459 adult females, 31 juvenile males and 12 juvenile females. The average daily inmate population for the Pine County jail in 2015 was 94.6 compared to 92.8 in 2014. *(Reported by Statewide Supervision System)*

In 2015, as reported to the U.S. Department of Justice, The Pine County Jail responded to 7 PREA complaints. Four complaints were allegations of inmate vs. inmate sexual harassment of which 2 were determined unsubstantiated and 2 were determined unfounded. Three complaints were allegations of staff vs. inmate sexual harassment of which 2 were determined unsubstantiated and 1 was determined unfounded. The Pine County jail received no complaints regarding sexual abuse in 2015. *(note: The Pine County Jail began introducing PREA Standards throughout 2015 – beginning the audit process in 2016)*

In 2014 Pine County Jail responded to 2 PREA complaints of staff sexual misconduct of which 1 was determined unfounded and 1 was determined substantiated and resulted in a staff termination.

The Pine County Jail is regularly in review of its facility, utilizing incident reviews and internal audits to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training. In 2015 the Pine County Jail conducted a “blind spot” audit of its facility to determine areas not covered

by video surveillance. As a result the Pine County Jail added, repositioned and refocused cameras inside the jail, and added enhanced monitoring capabilities to Master Control, improving the safety and security of the facility. Signage was strategically placed throughout the jail to provide inmates, information on how to report sexual abuse and harassment. A message HOTLINE was implemented providing inmate's an alternative means to report. Systems were put into practice at Intake, identifying potential victims and abusers for classification and housing purposes. Also in 2015 training was provided and will continue for all jail staff, nurse contractors, kitchen staff, and program volunteers in the prevention, detection and response to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Inmate education concerning PREA has been implemented and begins at intake with a PREA Informational letter, and orientation video to the jail. Additional educational material is provided through signage and inmate handbook.

Respectfully Submitted by

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