BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY

Sexual Violence 2024 Annual Report for Halifax County Adult Detention Center

Data included in this report is from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

Inmates confined in HCADC on December 31, 2024 were 98 males and 16 females.
During 2024, new admissions to the jail were 909 males and 384 females.
The average daily population at HCADC in 2024 was 89 males and 14 females.

Inmate on Inmate Sexual Violence

The categories of inmate-on-inmate sexual violence are reported separately and are:

Non-consensual acts:

- Contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse; and
- Contact between the penis and the vagina or the penis and the anus including penetration; or
- Contact between the mouth and the penis, vagina, or anus; or
- Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person by hand, finger, or other object.

Abusive Sexual Contacts:

- Contact of any person without consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse; and
- Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks of any person, excluding contact incidental to a physical altercation.

The Blue Ridge Regional Jail Records all allegations of inmate-on-inmate sexual violence.

There were zero (0) allegations of inmate-on-inmate Non-consensual acts during this period.

There were zero (0) allegations of inmate-on-inmate Abusive Sexual Contact during this period.

Staff Sexual Misconduct and Harassment

Staff Sexual Misconduct and Harassment includes any behavior or act of a sexual nature directed toward an inmate by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor, or other agency representative, and includes two categories which are reported separately and defined as follows:

Staff Sexual Misconduct / consensual or non-consensual acts including:

- Intentional touching of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks with the intent to arouse, or gratify sexual desire; or
- Completed, attempted, threatened, or requested sexual acts; or
- Occurrences of indecent exposure, invasion of privacy, or staff voyeurism for sexual gratification.

Staff Sexual Harassment includes:

- Repeated verbal statements or comments of a sexual nature to an inmate by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor, or other agency representative.
- Demeaning references to gender or derogatory comments about body or clothing; or
- Repeated profane or obscene language or gestures.

The Blue Ridge Regional Jail Records all allegations of Staff Sexual Misconduct and Sexual Harassment.

There were zero (0) allegations of Staff Sexual Misconduct during this period.

There was one (1) allegation of Staff Sexual Harassment during this period. One (1) allegation was determined to be unfounded, meaning it was thoroughly and objectively investigated and determined to have not occurred.

During a review by the PREA Committee assembled to discuss our current PREA procedures and staffing plan it was determined that our current policies and procedures are sufficient in addressing the issue of sexual abuse in our facility. I believe that our PREA policies and training greatly enhance our ability to detect and deter sexual abuse in our facility.

History:

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2023 there were four (5) allegations of inmate on inmate non-consensual acts.

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2023 there were two (2) allegations of inmate on inmate abusive sexual contacts.

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2023 there were four (4) allegations of staff sexual misconduct.

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2023 there were two (3) allegations of staff sexual harassment.