

ANNUAL PREA REPORT FY22

NORTHERN VIRGINIA
JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

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SUMMARY

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 resident-to-resident sexual assault and staff-to-resident sexual assault. The Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Center fully supports the guidelines set forth in this law and has **ZERO-TOLERANCE** for all incidents of sexual assault and sexual misconduct in accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003.

The Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Center implements its “Zero-Tolerance” policies through a facility-wide systematic process that begins when residents are initially admitted into the facility. When residents enter our intake area they are met with a comprehensive educational process where their rights to be free from sexual abuse and harassment is explained in detail to them. From there an assessment is conducted on every resident to determine

their individual risk of victimization or predation using an objective measurement tool based on specific risk factors. This tool is utilized to make an individualized determination of housing and program assignments for each resident.

Throughout the facility, residents are exposed to education concerning reporting options through the use of the resident handbook, posters, pamphlets, and other resident educational activities with information in regard to sexual abuse prevention and information concerning victim advocacy.

Residents at the facility are housed in living units supervised by staff at a ratio of 1:8. The layout of each housing area is arranged to create direct observation of all resident corridors to minimize blind spots. Video monitoring is utilized throughout the facility to enhance security and surveillance. The number and location of video cameras is reviewed no less frequently than every year by the Executive Director in conjunction with the facility PREA Coordinator to assess if the level of monitoring is adequate to protect the resident population from sexual abuse and to ensure the safety of all staff and residents.



FY22 DATA

When it comes to sexual activity within the detention facility, Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Center policies and procedures are clear; **ALL SEXUAL ACTIVITY IS PROHIBITED**. Beyond those rules, forced or coerced sexual behavior is a criminal act that merits criminal prosecution. All substantiated incidents are reported to the local police and an investigation is conducted to ensure the perpetrator faces the full consequences of the law. The Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Center has an agreement with the City of Alexandria Police Department to ensure that all incidents of sexual assault are thoroughly investigated and referred for prosecution to the Alexandria Commonwealth Attorney.

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

- **Substantiated** – *an allegation which was investigated and determined to have occurred*
- **Unfounded** – *an allegation which was investigated and determined not to have occurred (not reportable (NR) on this report)*
- **Unsubstantiated** – *an allegation which produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination of a substantiated or unfounded claim*

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
SUBSTANTIATED	0	0	0	0
UNSUBSTANTIATED	0	0	0	0
UNFOUNDED	NR	NR	NR	NR

	FY21	FY20	FY19	FY18
SUBSTANTIATED	0	0	0	0
UNSUBSTANTIATED	1	1	2	0
UNFOUNDED	NR	NR	NR	NR