

PREA Audit
Summary Report from Inspector James Aguiar, Jr. - BOJ PREA Auditor

The PREA Audit was from Monday, March 25, 2019 @ 1300 hours to Wednesday, March 27, 2019 @ 1100 hours.

During this audit Inspector Aguiar reviewed the Hendry County Sheriff's Office – Jail Division's polices, toured and view the entire facility, interviewed jail staff and inmates.

Inspector Aguiar interviewed 37 staff members which consisted of the following:

- CEO of the Agency – Chief Deputy Kevin Nelson
- Upper Jail Command Staff – Captain Joseph Bastys and Lieutenant Jonathan Reyes
- Five Shift Supervisors
- Sixteen Detention Deputies
- Human Resource Director – Cindy West
- Chaplain – Art Vanzanten
- Four Trinity Contract Staff Members
- Civilian Staff Members
 - Two Medical LPN
 - Two Jail Techs
 - One Visitation Clerk
- Specialized Staff Members
 - PREA Coordinator – Sergeant Lucy larkin
 - PREA Investigators – Lieutenant Don Weathers and Lieutenant Chris Buchhofer

Special Highlighted Deputies

- Detention Deputy Scott Archibe
- Detention Deputy Zanda Garcia
- Sergeant Mike Taylor
- Sergeant Lucy Larkin

Inspector Aguiar interviewed 32 inmates (27 males and 5 females) with one inmate refusing to be interviewed (here are the types of inmates that were interviewed):

- Three LGBTI Inmates
- Five Limited English Prof ency
- One with Special Disabilities
- Five Inmates in Confinement
- Five Juvenile Inmates

Some possible recommendations

- In your collective bargaining contract, I would suggest to use some of the PREA verbiage related to discipline of staff members mentioned in 115.76 and 115.77.
- Policy 8.25, I would suggest to remove the verbiage of “part-time” from the policy as this could be used as a potential issue for any future litigation against the agency.
- Ii15.33(53), I would suggest to change this standard to non applicable.