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### **Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Information**

PREA establishes national standards for the detection, prevention, reduction and punishment of sexual assault in correctional settings and applies to all federal, state and local prisons, jails, police lock-ups, private facilities and community settings such as a residential facilities.

The Talbot County Sheriff's Office has a zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual assault/rape and sexual harassment of inmates, offenders, detainees as crime victims. The Sheriff's Office will immediately respond to any and all allegations, provide a full investigation along with pursuing disciplinary action with referral for prosecution to those who perpetrate such acts.

Employees, contractors, volunteers and inmates are trained in the appropriate steps to take if an inmate/offender/detainee reports an incident of sexual assault. Inmate/Offender/Detainees who are victims of sexual assault may report the incident to any employee, volunteer or contractor. All alleged acts of sexual assault will be investigated to the fullest extent.

The Sheriff's Office will investigate any allegations of sexual misconduct involving staff or inmates at the facility. Medical services and counseling will also be made available to the victim(s).

Anyone who is housed within our facilities should report any incident of sexual abuse to a staff member immediately. A hotline is available to assist for those who wish to report incidents of sexual abuse.

*For confidential reporting, please call 410-822-1020 or email [sheriff@talbotcountymd.gov](mailto:sheriff@talbotcountymd.gov).*

*For additional information, please contact the PREA Coordinator for the Talbot County Sheriff's Office, Lt. Steve Hall at 410-822-1020.*