

CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE



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Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Annual Report

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The Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) is the state's primary Executive Branch agency for law enforcement and public safety. The Connecticut State Police was established in 1903 and is proud to be the oldest state police agency in the nation. As of December 31, 2023, Connecticut State Police nine hundred twenty-seven (927) sworn members. DESPP consists of six divisions. They are:

- 1) Division of State Police (CSP), the state's largest law enforcement agency.
- 2) Division of Scientific Services (DSS), also known as the State Forensic Laboratory.
- 3) Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security (DEMHS).
- 4) Division of Police Officer Standards & Training Council (POST).
- 5) Division of Fire Prevention & Control/Connecticut Fire Academy. (CFPC)
- 6) Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications (DSET).

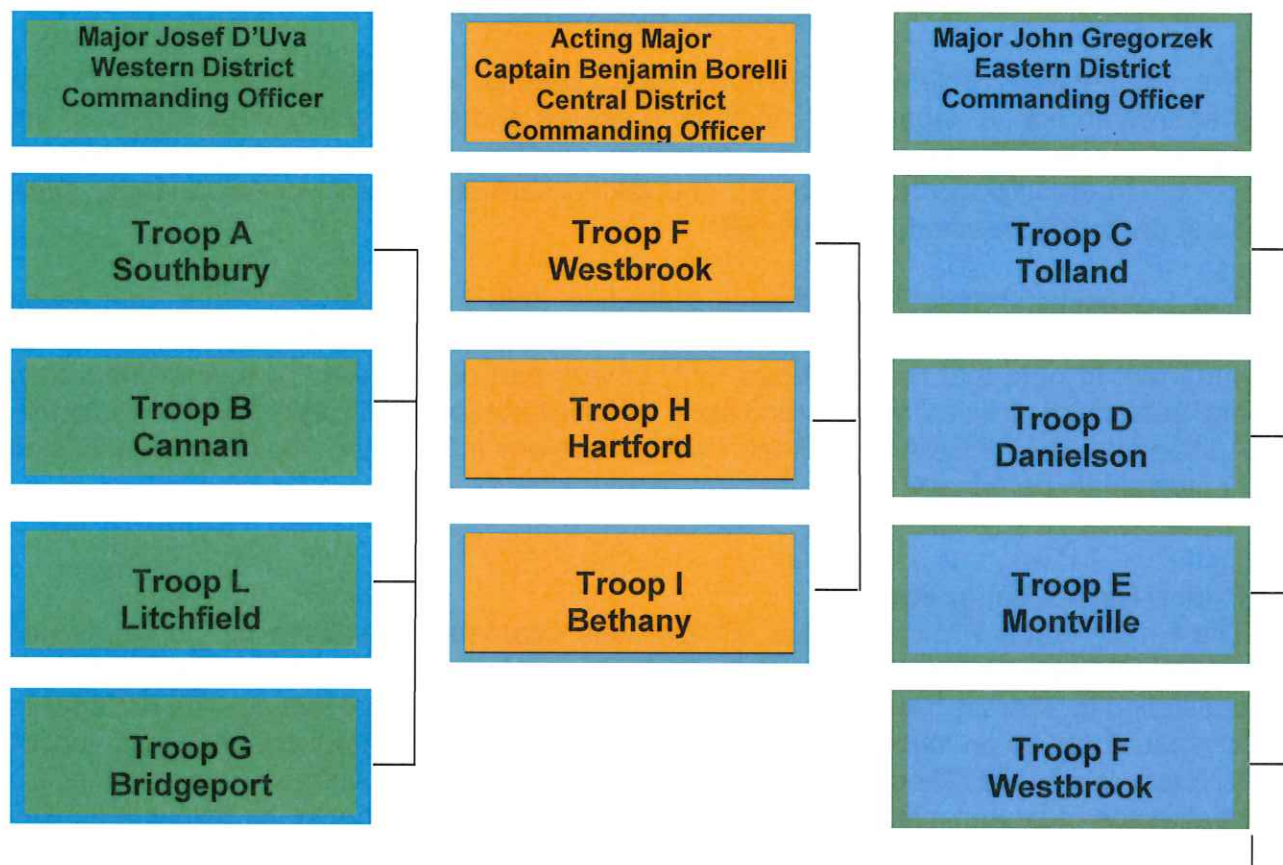
There are eleven (11) State Police Troops geographically placed throughout the State. These Troops are divided into three (3) Districts – West, Central and East. Each District maintains a Major Crime Squad that is an Investigative Unit which processes major crime scenes and assumes primary investigative responsibilities for homicides, bank robberies, assaults that may result in death, sexual assaults, kidnappings, and suspicious deaths. Major Crime Squads also assist Troops with complex crime scene management, evidence processing and extensive follow-up investigations. These services are available to municipal police agencies throughout the state, other state agencies and federal agencies upon request. The following is a breakdown of Districts and Troops:



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The Connecticut State Police Accreditation Unit is responsible for Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) implementation, maintenance, and oversight. On July 21, 2023, the Connecticut State Police established a PREA Policy and training was provided for all applicable staff members in April of 2024. Throughout 2024, the Connecticut State Police provided additional training to more than 150 staff members to become specialized sexual abuse investigators. The Connecticut State Police takes every opportunity to be proactive in educating agency personnel through annual in-service training, newly promoted Sergeant training, as well as recruit training.

The Accreditation Unit oversees all PREA investigations by working with the assigned investigator(s) and the Internal Affairs Unit following the report of an alleged or actual sexual assault in accordance with agency Administrative Directives and Department of Justice National Standards to prevent, detect and respond to prison rape. The Connecticut State Police shall maintain a zero-tolerance policy on sexual assault in support of the requirements and standards within Public Act 108-79, The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003.



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ANALYSIS of DATA

The Connecticut State Police reviews data collected (PREA standard 115.187) and prepares an annual report of its findings to assess and improve the effectiveness of the agency's sexual abuse prevention, detection, response policies, practices, and training to include identifying problem areas and taking corrective action on an ongoing basis pursuant to PREA standards 115.188.

The Connecticut State Police began collecting data in August 2023, and this report presents the first analysis. The data will be evaluated based on the calendar year, so it's important to note that the 2023 data only covers part of the year. To ensure the safety and security of facilities, victims, and staff, specific details from all reports will be redacted. Additionally, the PREA Annual Report will remove any information that could identify staff or individuals personally.

Prison Rape Elimination Act

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was unanimously passed by Congress and signed on September 4, 2003, by President George H.W. Bush, becoming the first federal legislation to address the issue of sexual assault in a correctional setting. The Act applies to sexual abuse in all custodial corrections settings, including prisons, jails, police lockups, juvenile facilities, and community residential settings. Moreover, the Act applies to all types of sexual misconduct against detainees, including abuse by fellow detainees and staff.

All complaints received by the State Police involving allegations of sexual abuse or harassment by a trooper or officer are subject to criminal and/or administrative review and investigation(s). The PREA regulations and standards specifically apply to instances of reported sexual abuse or harassment by a detainee in a State Police lockup facility. Moreover, any complaint submitted by a detainee alleging sexual abuse or harassment which reportedly occurred after the detainee has been (1) arrested upon probable cause and/or valid legal process, (2) handcuffed or detained, and (3) placed into a State Police cruiser for transport to a State Police lockup, is also subject to the protocols set forth in the CSP PREA Policy (A&O 19.03.30) as well as all other applicable department policies. The department reports cases for the year in which the complaint is received. The investigations are conducted by specialized investigators, which are also reviewed by the agency's PREA Coordinator. The incident review team conducts a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every substantiated or unsubstantiated sexual abuse investigation. For the purpose of this report, the following definitions apply:

- **Substantiated** - The event was investigated and determined to have occurred.



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- **Unfounded** - The event was determined not to have occurred, or, if the event occurred, the conduct was nonetheless within policy and the alleged perpetrator exonerated.
- **Unsubstantiated** - The evidence was insufficient to make a final determination that the event occurred.

PREA Investigation Findings by Facility
August 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Staff Sexual Misconduct (Staff on Detainee)

Facility	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated
Troop A	0	0	0
Troop B	0	0	0
Troop C	0	0	0
Troop D	0	0	0
Troop E	0	0	0
Troop F	0	0	0
Troop G	0	0	0
Troop H	0	0	0
Troop I	0	0	0
Troop K	0	0	0
Troop L	0	0	0

Staff Sexual Harassment (Staff on Detainee)

Facility	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated
Troop A	0	0	0
Troop B	0	0	0
Troop C	0	0	0
Troop D	0	0	0
Troop E	0	0	0
Troop F	0	0	0
Troop G	0	0	0
Troop H	0	0	0
Troop I	0	0	0
Troop K	0	0	0
Troop L	0	0	0



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Nonconsensual Sexual Act (Detainee on Detainee)

Facility	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated
Troop A	0	0	0
Troop B	0	0	0
Troop C	0	0	0
Troop D	0	0	0
Troop E	0	0	0
Troop F	0	0	0
Troop G	0	0	0
Troop H	0	0	0
Troop I	0	0	0
Troop K	0	0	0
Troop L	0	0	0

Sexual Harassment (Detainee on Detainee)

Facility	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated
Troop A	0	0	0
Troop B	0	0	0
Troop C	0	0	0
Troop D	0	0	0
Troop E	0	0	0
Troop F	0	0	0
Troop G	0	0	0
Troop H	0	0	0
Troop I	0	0	0
Troop K	0	0	0
Troop L	0	0	0

2023 Summary

The Connecticut State Police implemented the PREA Policy on July 21, 2023. During the reporting period, from August 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, there were no reported PREA-related allegations across any of the 11 Connecticut State Police Troops. This includes incidents involving detainee-on-detainee interactions, as well as those involving sworn and civilian DESPP personnel, and constables under the supervision of the Resident State Trooper program.



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PREA Investigation Findings by Facility
January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

Staff Sexual Misconduct (Staff on Detainee)

Facility	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated
Troop A	0	0	0
Troop B	0	0	0
Troop C	0	0	0
Troop D	0	0	0
Troop E	0	0	0
Troop F	1	0	0
Troop G	0	0	0
Troop H	1	0	0
Troop I	0	0	0
Troop K	0	0	0
Troop L	0	0	0

Staff Sexual Harassment (Staff on Detainee)

Facility	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated
Troop A	0	0	0
Troop B	0	0	0
Troop C	0	0	0
Troop D	1	0	0
Troop E	0	0	0
Troop F	0	0	0
Troop G	0	0	0
Troop H	0	0	0
Troop I	0	0	0
Troop K	0	0	0
Troop L	0	0	0

Nonconsensual Sexual Act (Detainee on Detainee)

Facility	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated
Troop A	0	0	0
Troop B	0	0	0
Troop C	0	0	0
Troop D	0	0	0
Troop E	0	0	0



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Troop F	0	0	0
Troop G	0	0	0
Troop H	0	0	0
Troop I	0	0	0
Troop K	0	0	0
Troop L	0	0	0

Sexual Harassment (Detainee on Detainee)

Facility	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated
Troop A	0	0	0
Troop B	0	0	0
Troop C	0	0	0
Troop D	0	0	0
Troop E	0	0	0
Troop F	0	0	0
Troop G	0	0	0
Troop H	0	0	0
Troop I	0	0	0
Troop K	0	0	0
Troop L	0	0	0

Summary and Conclusion

2024 Summary

During the reporting period from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, three PREA-related allegations were reported. Two PREA allegations were reported as staff on detainee sexual misconduct and one was reported as staff on detainee sexual harassment. All three were investigated by specialized investigators and were determined to be unfounded.

PREA Audit Methodology

The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) requires that Governors must certify that their respective states are in full compliance with the standards associated with 28 CFR Part 115 (PREA), which took effect on August 20, 2012. These standards apply to state and local confinement facilities, categorized as jails and prisons, community confinement facilities, lockups, and juvenile facilities.

All facilities operated by the Connecticut State Police are designated as Lockup Facilities. The agency operates 11 state-operated secure facilities, all of which adhere to the standards set forth by the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) for lockups.



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The Connecticut State Police contracted with US Department of Justice Certified PREA Auditors to conduct required PREA audits. As a result, all eleven (11) Connecticut State Police troops were audited in 2024. In 2025, the Connecticut State Police will audit all four lockup facilities in the Western District (Troops A, B, G, and L) to ensure continued compliance with PREA standards, which mandate that one-third of the facilities be audited each year.

Conclusion

The Connecticut State Police is committed to working with our federal, state, and local partners to reduce and eliminate sexual abuse and sexual harassment in our facilities. In addition, the Connecticut State Police will continue to pursue all efforts to develop and implement "Best Practices" in our processes and systems to improve the level of sexual safety for all detainees in our custody.

PREA further requires the Connecticut State Police to aggregate and review that data in order to assess and improve the Department's effectiveness as an agency at preventing, detecting and responding to PREA. Standards related to the collection of data include § 115.87 & § 115.287 Data Collection, § 115.88 & § 115.288 Data Review for Corrective Action, § 115.89 & § 115.289 Data Storage, Publication, and Destruction. For reference purposes, they are included within this report.

Publications Approval

Standard 115.188 Provision (C): The agency's report shall be approved by the agency head and made readily available to the public through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means.

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