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LLCC Receives Perfect PREA Audit Score

FRANKFORT, Ky. (August 19, 2015) – Luther Lockett Correctional Complex (LLCC) received a perfect score during its Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) audit. Signed into law Sept. 4, 2003, PREA is intended to address the detection, prevention, reduction and prosecution of sexual harassment and abuse in correctional facilities in the country.

PREA auditors Kenneth VanMeveren and Becc Coyle from the South Dakota Department of Corrections conducted the audit. In their report, they noted “the audit itself, including the tour and interviews, confirmed that the staff and inmates at LLCC knew and practiced the written policy.”

“I am very pleased to see the continued excellence demonstrated by the staff of the Luther Lockett Correctional Complex,” said Corrections Commissioner LaDonna Thompson. “The PREA audit process gives us an opportunity to demonstrate the zero tolerance standard outlined by our policy and to attain a perfect score of 100 percent shows the true dedication of all the staff at LLCC.”

PREA audits consist of 43 national standards that ensure compliance with all facets of this federal legislation. Each of Kentucky’s 12 prisons will receive an initial PREA audit within the first three-year audit period that concludes in August 2016, with follow-up audits conducted once every three years on a continuous cycle.

“I would like to thank the auditors and my staff for their hard work and dedication during this audit,” said Acting Warden Mervin Haddix. “Although it was LLCC’s first time going through a PREA audit, everyone rose to the challenge to make this experience a positive one.”

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