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Roederer Correctional Complex Passes PREA Audit

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb. 28, 2019) – Roederer Correctional Complex (RCC) in LaGrange passed its recent 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.

The audit team consisted of two PREA auditors, Diane Lee and James McClelland, both employed by the American Correctional Association in Florida.

The audit itself, including the tour and interviews, confirmed staff, inmates, volunteers, and contractors at RCC know and practice the written policy, according to the auditors.

“It was evident that Roederer Correctional Complex has an effective program in place to educate all concerned in the zero-tolerance policy against sexual abuse,” said audit chairperson Diane Lee. “Staff were cooperative and professional. Morale was good and the staff-inmate relationships were positive.”

The auditors also noted staff members were very knowledgeable about their responsibilities to ensure a safe facility and were aware of reporting responsibilities, preservation of evidence, as well as dealing with victims of sexual assault and/or sexual harassment.

“PREA compliance is an ongoing process and not easily maintained,” said Deputy Commissioner Randy White. “Roederer Correctional Complex being recognized as compliant exemplifies the outstanding work performed on a consistent basis and validates the facility is operating in line with federal and national standards.”

“I can certainly say the RCC leaders and staff did a wonderful job not in just preparing for the audit, but also in the daily attention over the last three years to maintain PREA expectations,” said Ravonne Sims who was warden of the prison during the audit and audit period.

PREA audits consist of 43 national standards that ensure compliance with all facets of this federal legislation. The last PREA audit conducted at RCC was in 2016, which also resulted in a passing score.

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