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Kentucky State Penitentiary Passes PREA Audit

FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 22, 2019) – Kentucky State Penitentiary (KSP) recently passed its Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) audit. Signed into law Sept. 4, 2003, PREA is intended to improve the detection, prevention, reduction and prosecution of sexual harassment and abuse in correctional facilities across the country.

David Andraska and Alexandria Virginia, with the American Correctional Association, conducted the audit. The audit included a tour of the institution and several staff and inmate interviews.

“Being validated as PREA compliant is also a validation of the effort and professionalism being demonstrated by the staff and administrators of the Kentucky State Penitentiary in a consistent and ongoing basis,” said Corrections Deputy Commissioner Randy White. “KSP has a demanding and unique mission but the staff continually rise to the challenges presented. PREA compliance is yet another indication of a well-managed and professional correctional facility exceeding national standards.”

Andraska said he was impressed with responses from the correctional officers and other staff members that were interviewed.

“It is apparent that KSP is committed to zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. KSP exceeds the requirement of this standard,” said Andraska.

“KSP staff demonstrate on a daily basis their dedication to inmate safety and remaining compliant with PREA standards,” said KSP Warden DeEdra Hart. “Their care, compassion and attention to detail facilitates a positive reporting culture for the inmate population.”

PREA audits consist of 43 national standards that ensure compliance with all facets of this federal legislation. The last PREA audit conducted at KSP was in 2015, which also resulted in a passing score.

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