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Green River Correctional Complex Passes PREA Audit

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb. 2, 2021) – Green River Correctional Complex (GRCC) in Central City 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 successful completion of this audit represents not only that GRCC is on par to professionally meet national standards, but that the facility staff places a daily, continuous and ongoing priority upon offender safety. I am proud of GRCC for their accomplishment,” said Deputy Commissioner Randy White.

The audit was conducted by Sharon Shaver, a PREA auditor employed by the American Correctional Association in Georgia. The audit included a tour, interviews, and documentation review.

“Warden Mazza and his staff take their charge very seriously and exemplify the mission and dedication to the humane and proper management of the offender population,” said Shaver.

Assistant Director/Agency PREA Coordinator Shannon Butrum emphasized that PREA compliance is an ongoing process and requires diligence to maintain. “Green River Correctional Complex has worked hard throughout the operational challenges of the current pandemic to ensure that PREA compliance is maintained,” Butrum said. “It is a facility dedicated to not only meeting the standards, but exceeding them when possible.”

“GRCC staff go above and beyond to protect the inmates that they are entrusted with,” said Warden Kevin Mazza. “To exceed in eight standards not only shows the commitment and dedication of our staff, it also shows that even though we are going through trying times they have not forgotten any aspect of their jobs. I couldn’t be more proud of our staff.”

PREA audits consist of 45 national standards that ensure compliance with all facets of this federal legislation. The last PREA audit conducted at GRCC was in 2017, which also resulted in a passing score.

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