

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING PROGRAM

Mobile Team Unit 15

Training Announcement

Name of Training	Class ID#	Course ID#
Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Certification	200342	81925

Date(s) of Training	Time	Hours	Location
September 11-12, 2025	7:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Day 1) 7:00 AM – 1100 AM (Day 2)	11.5	Jackson County Sheriff's Office, 1001 Mulberry St, (Media Room), Murphysboro, II

Course Description

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 is a Federal law established to address the elimination and prevention of sexual assault and rape in correctional systems. PREA applies to all federal, state and local prisons, jails, lockups, private facilities, and community settings such as residential facilities, and it mandates specific training based on different categories of personnel. This class meets all requirements for Correctional Officers and Supervisors and includes:

- > PREA overview of the law & your role
- Inmates' rights to be free from sexual abuse & sexual harassment
- Inmates' rights to be free from retaliation for reporting
- Prevention & detection of sexual abuse & sexual harassment
- Response & reporting of sexual abuse & sexual harassment
- Professional boundaries
- Effective & professional communication with inmates
- > Conducting professional & respectful cross-gender pat searches & pat searches of transgender & inmates

Course Objectives

- ✓ Overview of the law & specific role obligations
- ✓ Maintaining effective, professional boundaries & communication with inmates & co-workers
- ✓ Overview of sexual assault & its long-term effects
- √ Victim-sensitive response to sexual assault & harassment
- ✓ Overview of major mental health issues & best practice responses
- ✓ Explanation of current behaviors as formed by history of sexual abuse

- ✓ Stress & burnout for correctional officers
- ✓ To understand define exigent circumstances
- √ Key terms for pat searches
- ✓ Considerations for differently gendered inmates
- ✓ How to reduce sexual abuse & harassment
- ✓ The three "E's" of a traumatic event
- How traditional pat down techniques can be misunderstood
- ✓ Participate in practice pat search techniques

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Mandates Met by This Training

- Civil Rights
- Constitutional and proper use of law enforcement authority
- Crisis Intervention
- Procedural Justice
- Human Rights

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