

MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TRANSIT POLICE DEPARTMENT



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The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was signed into Federal Law in 2003. It was created to address the problems of sexual misconduct in all confinement facilities. In 2012 the U.S. Department of Justice released national PREA standards to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement facilities. The Act requires all federal, state, and local corrections agencies to have a zero-tolerance policy regarding prisons, jails, police lock-ups, and confinement facilities.

The MBTA Transit Police Department is committed to keeping those in our custody safe and free from harm. The Department has a zero-tolerance for sexual misconduct in any form of those in its custody. The MBTA Transit Police Department continues to strive to reach full compliance with the national standards of PREA. It is the policy of the MBTA Transit Police Department to conduct a thorough investigation on all reports of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. If a PREA allegation is received, it will be investigated by the PREA Investigator assigned to the Professional Standards Unit.

An Officer is assigned to manage PREA and keep the Department in compliance with policies and procedures along with training.

All Officers receive annual PREA role call training.

In accordance with PREA Standards 115.187, 115.188, and 115.189, a system has been developed for data collection on PREA incidents. The Department collected arrestee data in 2021 for its annual PREA review and comparison. The MBTA Transit Police Department has never received any allegations of sexual misconduct in our Booking/Holding area.

The following terminology applies to this report and PREA complaints and investigations.

<u>Exonerated.</u> The incident did occur, but the actions of the accused were in compliance with Department policies, rules, and procedures. This definition would also include those allegations not directed at the individual but rather deal solely with a complainant's objection to, or criticism of, a Department policy or procedure.

<u>Sustained Allegation.</u> An allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

<u>Not Sustained Allegation.</u> An allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

<u>Unfounded Allegation.</u> An allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

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2020	Prisoner on Prisoner PREA Violation/Allegation	Officer on Prisoner PREA Violation/ Allegation
Reported	0	0
Exonerated	0	0
Sustained	0	0
Not Sustained	0	0
Unfounded	0	0
Ongoing Investigation	0	0
Totals	0	0

2021	Prisoner on Prisoner PREA Violation/Allegation	Officer on Prisoner PREA Violation/ Allegation
Reported	0	0
Exonerated	0	0
Sustained	0	0
Not Sustained	0	0
Unfounded	0	0
Ongoing Investigation	0	0
Totals	0	0

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