

## **Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)**

The Hampton Sheriff's Office (HSO) has a zero-tolerance towards all forms of sexual abuse/assault and harassment. HSO employees, agency vendors and volunteers are strictly prohibited from engaging in personal dealings or any conduct of a sexual nature with inmates.

It is prohibited for any HSO inmate to willfully make or cause to be made to a law enforcement agency or officer any false, misleading or unfounded report, for the purpose of interfering with the operation of a law enforcement agency, or to hinder or obstruct any law enforcement officer in the performance of his/her duty, shall be guilty.

### **HOW TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE AT THE HAMPTON CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES**

The Hampton Sheriff's Office inmates can privately report sexual abuse, sexual harassment or retaliation by other inmates or staff by using the following:

- Inmate Correspondence Form
- Inmate Grievance Form
- Verbal Report
- Sexual Assault Hotline 800-656-HOPE(4673)
- Third-party reporting

If you or someone you know has been sexually assaulted in this facility please contact the supervisor on duty at (757) 727-6185, or if you do not wish to speak to anyone, an on-line reporting form may be filled out. Please have as many details as possible to include:

- Name of the inmate(s)
- Name(s) of person(s) involved
- Names(s) of any witnesses
- Description of the incident
- Date and time of the incident
- Location of where the incident occurred
- Any additional relevant information
- Your name and contact information (optional)

**All allegations of sexual abuse, harassment and retaliation concerning an incident of sexual abuse at any of the Hampton Correctional Facilities will be thoroughly investigated and shall be subject to administrative and/or criminal prosecution.**

**The Hampton Sheriff's Office shall have a policy in place stating their responsibility to set guidelines in order to prevent and report sexual abuse/ assault within the facilities in accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA).**

**The Hampton Police Division shall have a policy in place stating their responsibility to conduct criminal investigations of sexual abuse in the City of Hampton.**

**Reporting a sexual assault is a serious allegation and will be treated as such.**

**False reporting will carry serious consequences.**

Download a **PREA Reporting Form** (pdf)