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COUNTY OF SUTTER
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The Honorable Christopher R. Chandler
Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California
County of Sutter
446 Second Street
Yuba City, CA 95991

Re: 2008-2009 Grand Jury Report - Yuba City Police Department

Dear Judge Chandler:

On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Yuba City Police Department, I would like to express my gratitude to the Grand Jury for their assessment of the agency. The time and energy that the Criminal Justice Sub-Committee spent at the police department was commendable.

Sutter County Gang Task Force: We agree with the findings of the Grand Jury and feel the Task Force has been a great asset to the community. The effort and coordination of the unit serves as a model for agencies working together with a common goal of sharing resources and personnel to reduce the gang activity in our community. We also agree with the recommendations of the Grand Jury and have submitted for several grants that will benefit the Task Force; the most specific is currently waiting funding of approximately \$33,000 in overtime dollars for the gang unit at the federal level. We continue to understand the value of training and preparing officers as expert witnesses and will support the efforts of the Task Force in preparing its members in that respect.


Police Operations: The Grand Jury Criminal Sub-Committee spent several hours and tours at the Police Department. We appreciate their recognition of the building improvements that have been performed and the acknowledgement that the City is preparing for future growth with the acquisition of the property adjacent to the current Police Department. As the economy of the nation and state affects the city government and the budget before us, we will continue to examine all avenues of streamlining our operations with minimal impact to the community in an effort to save costs at the Police Department.

We realize that the magnitude of the economic events have put us in the position of making cuts in all areas of operations, inclusive of a 5 % furlough program by the employees. The budget affects all areas of the City and we as a department have an obligation to explore all cost saving

measures, which we continue to do. With respect to utilizing Reserve Officers and volunteer staff, this department has always been a strong proponent of both programs and will continue in our efforts at recruiting and maximizing the use of volunteers at the Yuba City Police Department.

Once again, thank you for the findings and recommendation of the Grand Jury. They are an integral part in ensuring checks and balances are maintained in the public entities of this city and county.

Respectfully yours,



ROBERT D. LANDON
Chief of Police

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