



SUTTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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COUNTY OF SUTTER
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By JACKIE LASWELL Deputy

RE: Response to the 2009-2010 Grand Jury Final Report

The following are the responses of the Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator to the findings and recommendations of the 2009-2010 Sutter County Grand Jury Final Report.

Operations

Findings: *The Grand Jury finds the need for video surveillance cameras for all squad cars.*

Recommendations: *The recommendations include continuing our efforts into researching grants to assist in funding car cameras for each of our patrol cars.*

Response: The Sheriff's Department **concurs** with the findings of the Grand Jury. For the past several years, the sheriff's department has been using grant funds to purchase in car video cameras with the goal of outfitting each patrol car with a camera. The sheriff's department will continue looking for funds to purchase additional cameras.

Jail

Findings: *The Grand Jury finds the need for the purchase and installation of video surveillance cameras in the sleeping areas.*

The Grand Jury finds the need for additional food storage space.

The Grand Jury finds the minimum security area needs to be upgraded to medium security.

Recommendations:

- 1. The Grand Jury finds the need for the purchase and installation of video surveillance cameras in the sleeping areas.*

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Response: The Sheriff's Department **concur**s with the recommendation. The Jail has budgeted \$10,000 from the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grant fund to purchase cameras to be placed inside the sleeping rooms.

Recommendation:

2. *The Grand Jury recommends acquiring additional food storage space to purchase food in bulk quantities.*

Response: The Sheriff's Department **concur**s with the recommendation. The goal of this recommendation is the ability to save overall cost by being able to purchase foodstuffs in bulk, thus saving money. The caveat to this project (to increase foodstuff storage) is that it comes at significant cost to the County and at this point would require general funds to finance. The sheriff's department believes that if the project was funded at this time, the break-even point for any cost savings realized in bulk foodstuffs vs construction costs would take many years if not decades to be realized, perhaps beyond the anticipated life of the building.

In 2008/09 fiscal year, a grant was submitted requesting the State of California fund a construction project which would have included the expansion of our dry goods storage area and a cooler. Sutter County was unsuccessful in their bid for the grant. We assure the Grand Jury that we will continue to explore other and perhaps less costly means for the storage of bulk foodstuffs as well as continuing to seek grant funding for this project. Until that time, we are forced to maintain our "just in time" inventory methods.

Recommendations:

3. *The Grand Jury finds the minimum security area needs to be upgraded to medium security.*

Response: The Sheriff's Department **concur**s with the recommendation and is working with the Community Services Department and its Engineer to complete this project which has been approved by the County.

Respectfully submitted,


J. PAUL PARKER
SHERIFF-CORONER

cc: Sutter County Board of Supervisors
Stephanie Larsen, County Administrative Officer

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933. (c) No later than 90 days after the grand jury submits a final report on the operations of any public agency subject to its reviewing authority, the governing body of the public agency shall comment to the presiding judge of the superior court on the findings and recommendations pertaining to matters under the control of the governing body, and every elected county officer or agency head for which the grand jury has responsibility pursuant to Section 914.1 shall comment within 60 days to the presiding judge of the superior court, with an information copy sent to the board of supervisors, on the findings and recommendations pertaining to matters under the control of that county officer or agency head and any agency or agencies which that officer or agency head supervises or controls. In any city and county, the mayor shall also comment on the findings and recommendations. All of these comments and reports shall forthwith be submitted to the presiding judge of the superior court who impaneled the grand jury. A copy of all responses to grand jury reports shall be placed on file with the clerk of the public agency and the office of the county clerk, or the mayor when applicable, and shall remain on file in those offices. One copy shall be placed on file with the applicable grand jury final report by, and in the control of the currently impaneled grand jury, where it shall be maintained for a minimum of five years.

933.05. (a) For purposes of subdivision (b) of Section 933, as to each grand jury finding, the responding person or entity shall indicate one of the following:

(1) The respondent agrees with the finding.

(2) The respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the finding, in which case the response shall specify the portion of the finding that is disputed and shall include an explanation of the reasons therefor.

(b) For purposes of subdivision (b) of Section 933, as to each grand jury recommendation, the responding person or entity shall report one of the following actions:

(1) The recommendation has been implemented, with a summary regarding the implemented action.

(2) The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, with a timeframe for implementation.

(3) The recommendation requires further analysis, with an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or head of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.

(4) The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, with an explanation therefor.

(c) However, if a finding or recommendation of the grand jury addresses budgetary or personnel matters of a county agency or department headed by an elected officer, both the agency or department head and the board of supervisors shall respond if requested by the grand jury, but the response of the board of supervisors shall address only those budgetary or personnel matters over which it has some decisionmaking authority. The response of the elected agency or department head shall address all aspects of the findings or recommendations affecting his or her agency or department.

(d) A grand jury may request a subject person or entity to come before the grand jury for the purpose of reading and discussing the findings of the grand jury report that relates to that person or entity in order to verify the accuracy of the findings prior to their release.

(e) During an investigation, the grand jury shall meet with the subject of that investigation regarding the investigation, unless the court, either on its own determination or upon request of the foreperson of the grand jury, determines that such a meeting would be detrimental.

(f) A grand jury shall provide to the affected agency a copy of the portion of the grand jury report relating to that person or entity two working days prior to its public release and after the approval of the presiding judge. No officer, agency, department, or governing body of a public agency shall disclose any contents of the report prior to the public release of the final report.