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June 14, 2010

Ms. Katharine Wylie
Grand Jury Foreperson
Mendocino County Grand Jury
P O Box 939
Ukiah, California 95482

Dear Ms. Wylie:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and respond to the Findings and Recommendations contained in the March 14, 2011 Grand Jury report titled "Fort Bragg Police Department." This letter contains responses from the City of Fort Bragg as required by California Penal Code Section 933. For the purpose of simplicity, the response from the Fort Bragg Assistant Police Chief, from whom a response was also required, is incorporated in the attached comments.

The Fort Bragg City Council reviewed the Assistant Police Chief's response at their meeting of June 13, 2011, and concurs with their responses to the findings and recommendations. As such, the attached document is the official response from the Fort Bragg City Council.

The City of Fort Bragg appreciates the Grand Jury's service and the opportunity to respond to this report.

Sincerely,



Dave Turner,
Mayor



FORT BRAGG POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Grand Jury Report RESPONSE FORM

RE: Report Titled: Fort Bragg Police Department

Report Dated: March 14, 2011

Response Form Submitted By:

Assistant Chief Willis
City of Fort Bragg
260 Cypress St
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Response MUST be submitted, per Penal Code §933.05, no later than: July 27, 2011

I have reviewed the report and submit my responses to the FINDINGS portion of the report as follows:

- I (we) agree with the Findings numbered:
#3, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #19
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings numbered below, and have attached, as required, a statement specifying any portion of the Finding that are disputed with an explanation of the reasons therefore.
#1, #2, #4

I have reviewed the report and submit my responses to the RECOMMENDATIONS portion of the report as follows:

- The following Recommendation(s) have been implemented and attached, as required, is a summary describing the implemented actions:

- The following Recommendation(s) have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, attached, as required is a time frame for implementation:

- The following Recommendation(s) require further analysis, and attached as required, is an explanation and the scope and parameters of the planned analysis, and a time frame for the matter to be prepared, discussed and approved by the officer and/or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed: (This time frame shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of publication of the Grand Jury Report)

#1

- The following Recommendations will NOT be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are not deemed reasonable, attached, as required is an explanation therefore:

#2

I have completed the above responses, and have attached, as required the following number of pages to this response form:

Number of Pages attached: 1

I understand that responses to Grand Jury Reports are public records. They will be posted on the Grand Jury website: www.co.mendocino.ca.us/grandjury. The clerk of the responding agency is required to maintain a copy of the response.

I understand that I must submit this signed response form and any attachments as follows:

First Step: E-mail (word documents or scanned pdf file format) to:

- The Grand Jury Foreperson at: grandjury@co.mendocino.ca.us
- The Presiding Judge: grandjury@mendocino.courts.ca.gov
- The County's Executive Office: ceo@co.mendocino.ca.us

Second Step: Mail all originals to:

Mendocino County Grand Jury
P.O. Box 939
Ukiah, CA 95482

Printed Name: STEPHEN M. WILLIS

Title: ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE

Signed: 

Date: MAY 18, 2011

FINDINGS

Explanations for findings numbered:

- #1: Present allocated staff consists of one Chief, one Lieutenant, three Sergeants, 11 Patrol Officers, two Community Service Officers, two Service Technicians and one Administrative Assistant.

- #2: On February 10, 2010, there was a 7% reduction in staff resulting in the elimination of one officer position, one community service officer and one technician.

- #4: We have eliminated our Canine program.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation #1 is currently being reviewed by staff to determine the availability of volunteers/reserves to use as transport officers. We are also considering hiring Seasonal parking enforcement personnel by June 2011 to handle parking citations and free-up the CSO's for transportation. Effective June 5, 2011 we are scheduled to rehire the Officer laid off in February, 2010 (see finding #1).

Recommendation #2 is no longer an option. We have discontinued our K-9 program due to the severe medical condition of our dog. We currently do not have the funds to start another program.

DISCUSSION

While we agree that we are operating the Fort Bragg Police Department in an efficient manner, we would not characterize our resources as being "drastically limited". We feel that we are very challenged by the current staffing level more by resignations and workers comp injuries than budget cuts. As indicated in recommendation #1, we have rehired the officer we laid off last year, as a temporary employee and we are currently reviewing the possibility of hiring him full-time.