



FORT BRAGG POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Date: July 24, 2020

Dear Mendocino County Civil Grand Jury,

This packet contains my response to the report by the Mendocino County Civil Grand Jury, School Safety-A priority requested from the Fort Bragg Police Department dated June 3, 2020.

The following documents are included in this packet,

- A signed two page Response Form
- A two page Response for justification for the answers (Fort Bragg Chief of Police- F2, F4 F5 and R1-R3)
- Attachment F2, Fort Bragg Police Policy 415-Rapid Response and Deployment, 3-pages
- Attachment F4, Two maps of the city of Fort Bragg schools in relationship to police department.
- Attachment R1, SRO Lopez Fort Bragg Unified School District identification card.
- Attachment R3, Letter from Fort Bragg Unified School District Superintendent Rebecca Walker.

Please contact me if you require clarification or explanation of my responses.

Sincerely,

John Naulty
Interim Chief of Police

REQUIRED RESPONSE FORM

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Grand Jury Report Title : School Safety – A Priority

Report Dated : June 3, 2020

Your Response is REQUIRED no later than 60 days from the report date.

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:

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings numbered below, and have *attached* a statement specifying any portion of the Finding that are disputed with an explanation of the reasons therefore.

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

The following Recommendation(s) have have been implemented and attached, as requested, 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 requested, is a time frame for implementation:

The following Recommendation(s) require further analysis and attached, as requested, 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)

REQUIRED RESPONSE FORM

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- The following Recommendations will NOT be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are not deemed reasonable; attached, as requested, is an explanation therefore:
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I have completed the above responses, and have attached, as requested the following number of pages to this response form:

Number of Pages attached: 12 (TOTAL PAGES)

I understand that responses to Grand Jury Reports are public records. They will be posted on the Grand Jury website: www.mendocinocounty.org/government/grand-jury. 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 in pdf file format to:

The Grand Jury Foreperson at:
grandjury@mendocinocounty.org
The Presiding Judge:
grandjury@mendocino.courts.ca.gov

Second Step: Mail all originals to:

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

Printed Name: JOHN NAULTY

Title: INTERIM POLICE CHIEF

Signed: 

Date: 7-24-2020



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Date: July 24, 2020
To: Mendocino County Civil Grand Jury
From: John Naulty, Interim Police Chief
Re: School Safety-A Priority (Justification for the answer)

F2: *Standard operating procedure for emergency services personal is an "All Hands-on Deck" response,*

IMPLEMENTED

Fort Bragg Police Department Policy 415-Rapid Response and Deployment. This policy identifies guidelines and factors that will assist responding officers in situations that call for rapid response and deployment. Fort Bragg Police officers have trained and equipped to respond to any violent incident at schools, workplace, and other locations, (Attachment F2).

F4: *Due to County's geographic challenges, including cities and remote rural areas, this is no optimum incident response time by the emergency services personnel. According to a 2013 FBI study, almost 70% of gun-related active assailant events last just five minutes. A third of those last fewer than two minutes.*

IMPLEMENTED

Within the city of Fort Bragg, we do not have any "geographical challenges" with a timely response to any violent school incident. The location of schools within the jurisdiction of the city allows Fort Bragg Police Officers to respond within two to three minutes upon any reported incident. I have provided two maps to this report to show the relationship of the school to each other, police station and hospital, (Attachments F

F5: *Response time to an incident of five minutes or more is not acceptable. According to a 2013 FBI study, almost 70% of gun-related active assailant events last just five minutes. A third of those last fewer than two minutes.*

IMPLEMENTED

As stated above in F4 and shown on the maps provided, Fort Bragg Police Officers can respond to any violent school incident within two to three minutes.

- R1 *The BOS work with the County Sheriff's Department to develop a plan inclusive of law enforcement agencies (city, county, state) to place an officer in a locale where the average campus incident response time should be no greater than five minutes, (F1-F2, F-4-F5).*

IMPLEMENTED

Fort Bragg Police Department and the Fort Bragg Unified School District unified their resources and obtained a Proposition 56 Tobacco Grant to fund a full-time school resource officer (SRO) for three years. The police officer assigned to this position had previous experience as a school resource officer and is bi-lingual. SRO Oscar Lopez has an office at Noyo High and the Fort Bragg High School. SRO Lopez attends the other school during the week and wears a visible name identification tag. On the back of his ID nametag is instructions and procedure to all staff on Emergency Lockdown Procedures for teachers, (Attachment R1). Officer Lopez is responsible for all criminal activity at all of the schools as well as educating students about Tobacco violations. The enforcement of tobacco laws involves educating student violators as well as their parents.

- R3 *Ongoing lines of communication among MCOE, school districts and first responders be maintained, (F2-F4)*

IMPLEMENTED

Fort Bragg Superintendent Becky Walker and I, Interim Chief of Police for the Fort Bragg Police Department, work alongside each other to ensure the safety of all students in the Fort Bragg School District. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Superintendent, Fort Bragg Police Department, and the City Manager Tabatha Miller have work cohesively as a team. All parties involved maintain constant, open communication to comply with all mandated regulations and restrictions, (Attachment R3)

Rapid Response and Deployment

415.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Violence that is committed in schools, workplaces and other locations by individuals or a group of individuals who are determined to target and kill persons and to create mass casualties presents a difficult situation for law enforcement. The purpose of this policy is to identify guidelines and factors that will assist responding officers in situations that call for rapid response and deployment.

415.2 POLICY

The Fort Bragg Police Department will endeavor to plan for rapid response to crisis situations, and to coordinate response planning with other emergency services as well as with those that are responsible for operating sites that may be the target of a critical incident.

Nothing in this policy shall preclude the use of reasonable force, deadly or otherwise, by members of the Department in protecting themselves or others from death or serious injury.

415.3 CONSIDERATIONS

When dealing with a crisis situation members should:

- (a) Assess the immediate situation and take reasonable steps to maintain operative control of the incident.
- (b) Obtain, explore and analyze sources of intelligence and known information regarding the circumstances, location and suspect involved in the incident.
- (c) Attempt to attain a tactical advantage over the suspect by reducing, preventing or eliminating any known or perceived threat.
- (d) Attempt, if feasible and based upon the suspect's actions and danger to others, a negotiated surrender of the suspect and release of the hostages.

415.4 FIRST RESPONSE

If there is a reasonable belief that acts or threats by a suspect are placing lives in imminent danger, first responding officers should consider reasonable options to reduce, prevent or eliminate the threat. Officers must decide, often under a multitude of difficult and rapidly evolving circumstances, whether to advance on the suspect, take other actions to deal with the threat or wait for additional resources.

If a suspect is actively engaged in the infliction of serious bodily harm or other life-threatening activity toward others, officers should take immediate action, if reasonably practicable, while requesting additional assistance.

Officers should remain aware of the possibility that an incident may be part of a coordinated multi-location attack that may require some capacity to respond to other incidents at other locations.

When deciding on a course of action officers should consider:

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- (a) Whether to advance on or engage a suspect who is still a possible or perceived threat to others. Any advance or engagement should be based on information known or received at the time.
- (b) Whether to wait for additional resources or personnel. This does not preclude an individual officer from taking immediate action.
- (c) Whether individuals who are under imminent threat can be moved or evacuated with reasonable safety.
- (d) Whether the suspect can be contained or denied access to victims.
- (e) Whether the officers have the ability to effectively communicate with other personnel or resources.
- (f) Whether planned tactics can be effectively deployed.
- (g) The availability of rifles, shotguns, shields, breaching tools, control devices and any other appropriate tools, and whether the deployment of these tools will provide a tactical advantage.

In a case of a barricaded suspect with no hostages and no immediate threat to others, officers should consider summoning and waiting for additional assistance (special tactics and/or hostage negotiation team response).

415.5 PLANNING

The Chief of Police or their designees should coordinate critical incident planning. Planning efforts should consider:

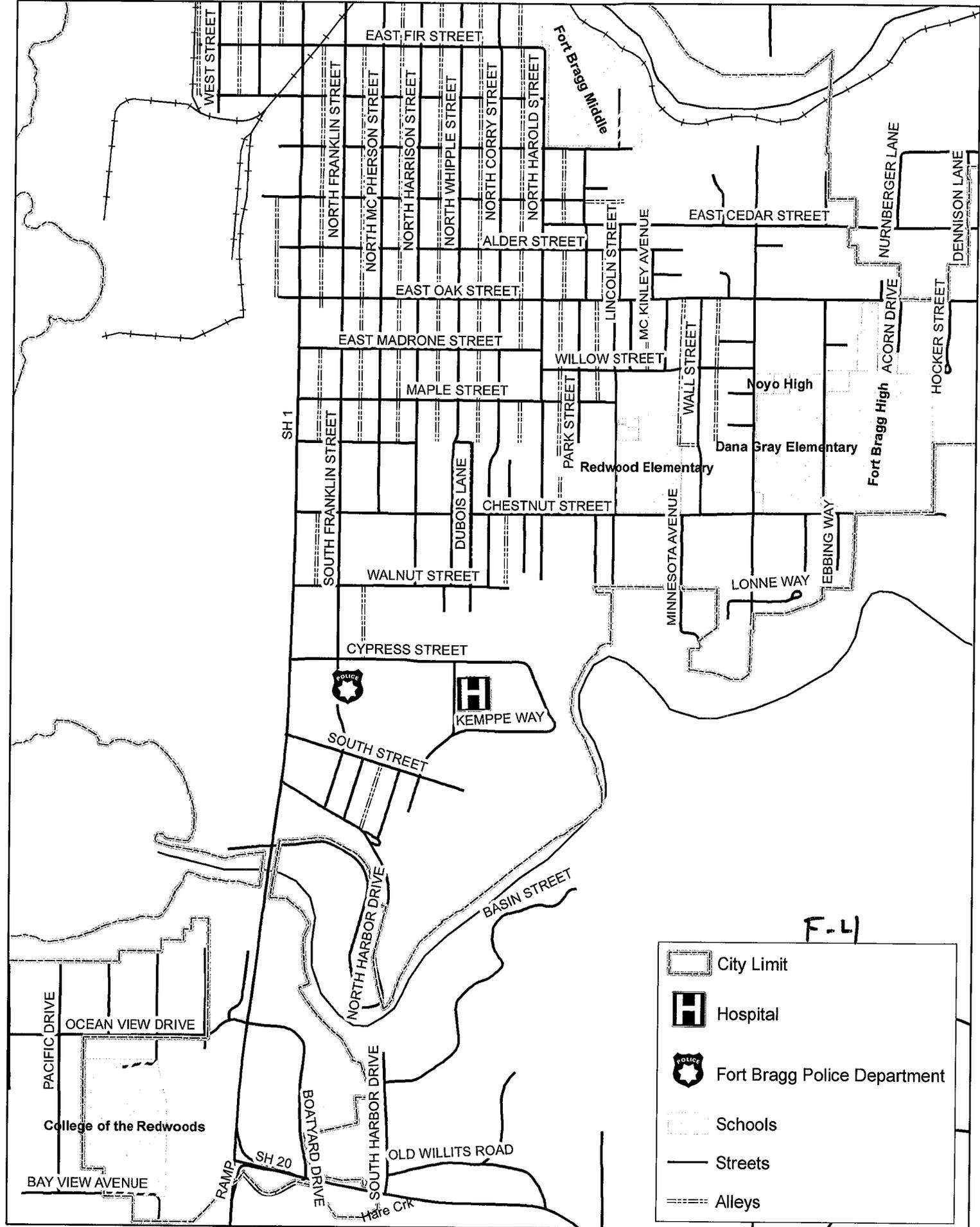
- (a) Identification of likely critical incident target sites, such as schools, shopping centers, entertainment and sporting event venues.
- (b) Availability of building plans and venue schematics of likely critical incident target sites.
- (c) Communications interoperability with other law enforcement and emergency service agencies.
- (d) Training opportunities in critical incident target sites, including joint training with site occupants.
- (e) Evacuation routes in critical incident target sites.
- (f) Patrol first-response training.
- (g) Response coordination and resources of emergency medical and fire services.
- (h) Equipment needs.
- (i) Mutual aid agreements with other agencies.
- (j) Coordination with private security providers in critical incident target sites.

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415.6 TRAINING

The Training Manager should include rapid response to critical incidents in the training plan. This training should address:

- (a) Orientation to likely critical incident target sites, such as schools, shopping centers, entertainment and sporting event venues.
- (b) Communications interoperability with other law enforcement and emergency service agencies.
- (c) Patrol first-response training, including patrol rifle, shotgun, breaching tool and control device training.
 - 1. This should include the POST terrorism incident training required for officers assigned to field duties (Penal Code § 13519.12).
- (d) First aid, including gunshot trauma.
- (e) Reality-based scenario training (e.g., active shooter, disgruntled violent worker).



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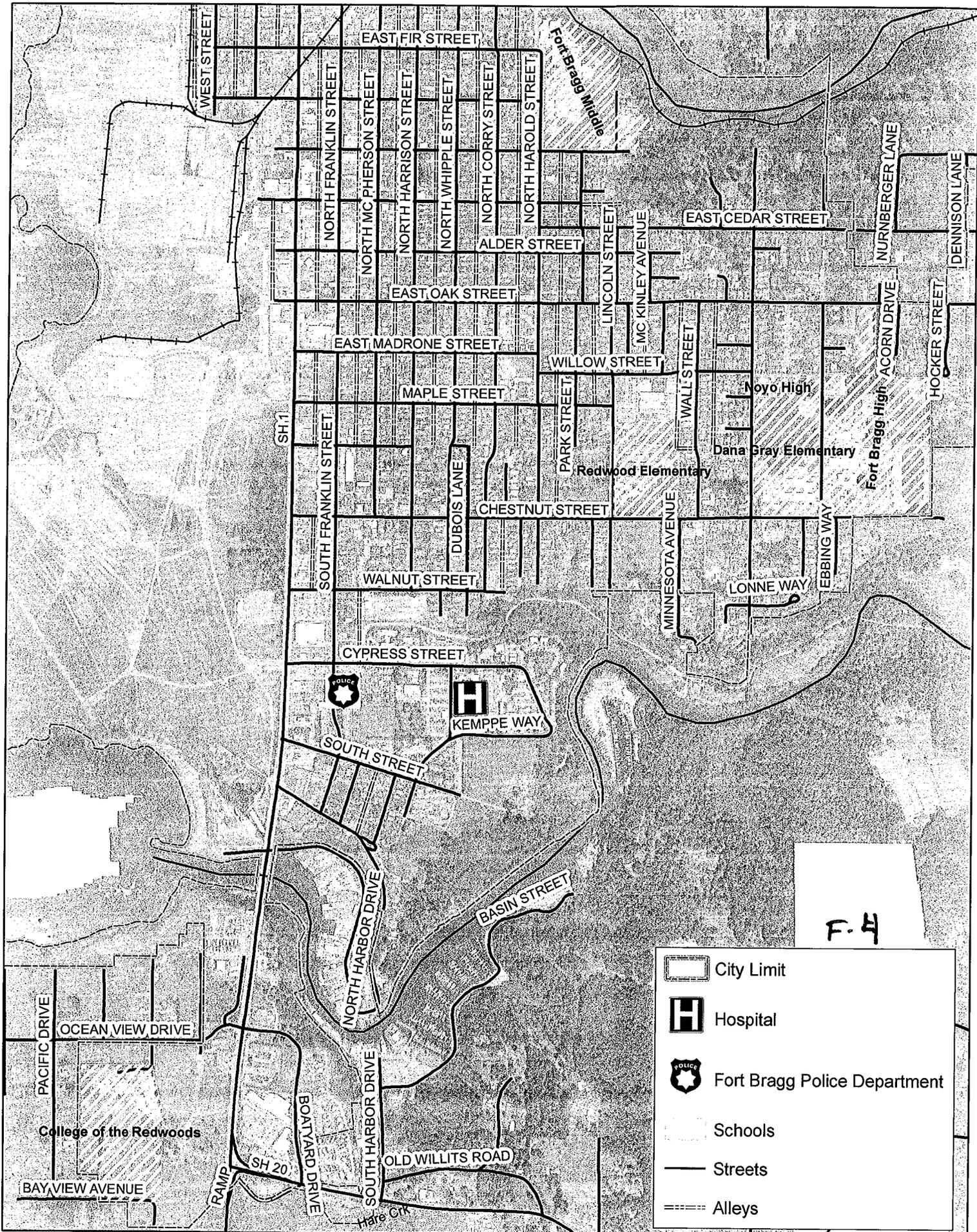
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Police Department and Fort Bragg Schools

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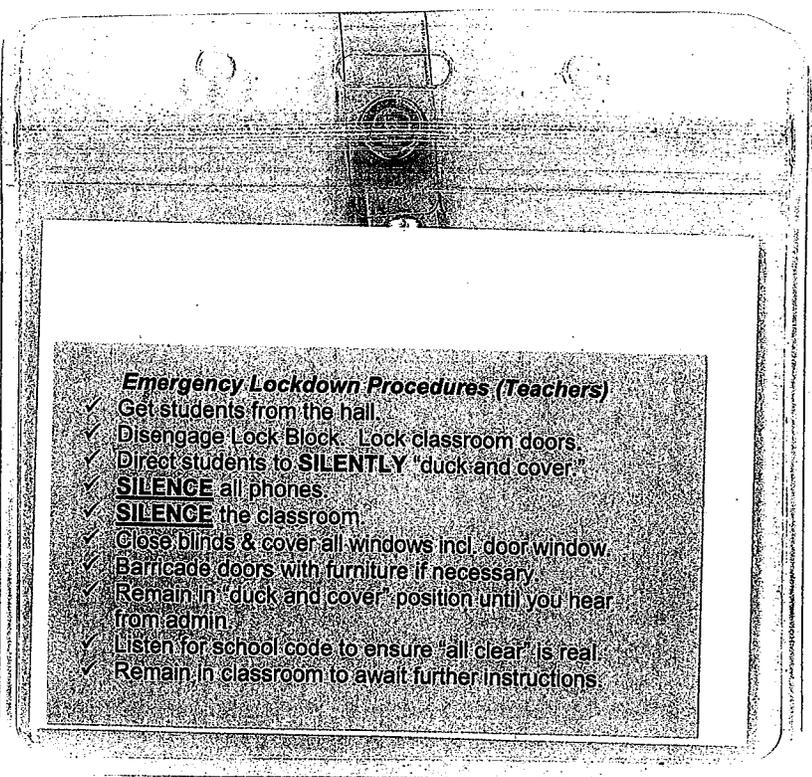
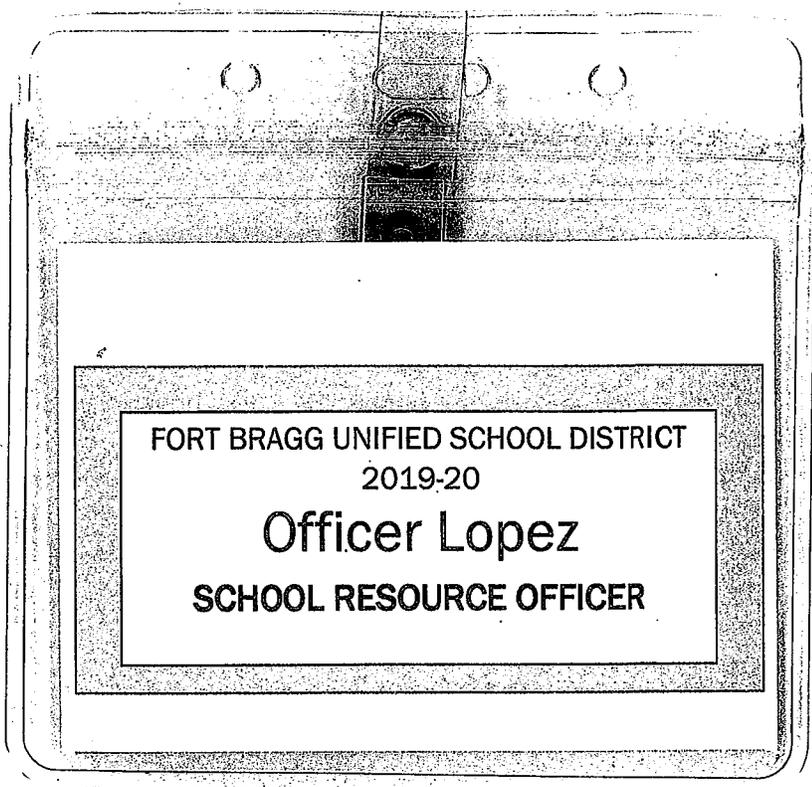
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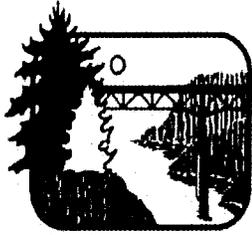
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Re: School Safety – A Priority

Dear Grand Jury Members,

Student and staff safety is our top priority at Fort Bragg Unified. We are fortunate to work with a team of first responders and county officials who maintain timely and open communication.

As the superintendent, I maintain consistent communication with the Mendocino County Office of Education (MCOE) and I work closely with Chief John Naulty of the Fort Bragg Police Department and Fort Bragg City Manager, Tabatha Miller, to coordinate our efforts to reopen schools, share information and communicate needs. This partnership has been instrumental in navigating the current COVID-19 pandemic.

We are also fortunate to have received the Proposition 56 Tobacco Grant to fund a full-time school resource officer (SRO) for FBUSD schools for the next three years. This position further strengthens our partnership with the City of Fort Bragg Police Department and the city management team.

Thank you for the work you do for our community. We appreciate the time and expertise you provide to ensure the safety of Mendocino County. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office should you have any questions.

Best regards,

Rebecca Walker
FBUSD Superintendent