

Grand Jury Report

REQUIRED RESPONSE FORM

Grand Jury Report Title : *School Safety - A Priority*

Report Dated : June 3, 2020

Response Form Submitted By:

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
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Response MUST be submitted, per Penal Code §933.05, no later than: September 1, 2020

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:
F2, F4 _____

- 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.
F5 _____

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:

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- 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)
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- 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:
R1, R2
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I have completed the above responses, and have attached, as required the following number of pages to this response form:

Number of Pages attached: 2

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:

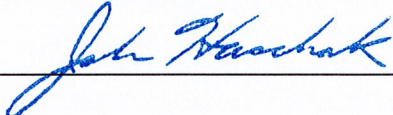
- The Grand Jury Foreperson at: grandjury@mendocinocounty.org
- The Presiding Judge: grandjury@mendocino.courts.ca.gov

Second Step: Mail all originals to:

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

Printed Name: John Haschak

Title: Chair, Board of Supervisors

Signed:  Date: AUG 26 2020

**MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY
REPORT TITLED:**

SCHOOL SAFETY – A PRIORITY

Discussion

The Board of Supervisors welcomes this opportunity to respond to the Grand Jury report titled "School Safety – A Priority". The Board of Supervisors shares the concern about school safety but has no direct authority over school operations. The Board of Supervisors supports and encourages the ongoing cooperation of law enforcement and school authorities to keep our schools safe and is ready to assist if called upon.

Pursuant to the request of the Grand Jury, the Board is responding to the following:

- F2. Standard operating procedures for emergency services personnel is an "All Hands-on Deck" response.

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors agrees and commend County/City/State/Federal/Tribal law enforcement agencies for their pre-planning that includes incident training exercises and coordination with other emergency responders throughout the region in preparation for any major event. The Board of Supervisors agrees with and incorporates by reference the response of Sheriff Matthew Kendall.

- F4. Due to the County's geographical challenges, including cities and remote rural areas, there is no optimum incident response time by 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.

The Board of Supervisors agrees that Mendocino County's geographical terrain presents challenges for emergency service responders; however, it is our understanding that responders at all levels have done extensive preplanning to respond to incidents that may occur. The Board of Supervisors agrees with and incorporates by reference the response of Sheriff Matthew Kendall.

- 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.

The Board of Supervisors partially disagrees with this statement which appears to be an opinion and not a conclusion or judgement based on verified facts. While a response time of five minutes or less is optimal, the verified facts,

as noted by the Grand Jury in Finding 4, is that geographically dispersed and remote locations present challenges for emergency responders.

Response to Recommendations:

- 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-F5).

The Board of Supervisors has no direct authority over operations of the County Sheriff's Office but is willing at any time to work with the County Sheriff's Office if requested by the Sheriff.

- R2. The MCOE work with the BOS to develop a strategic plan for the most expeditious response time to any school site incident. (F1-F5).

The Board of Supervisors has no direct responsibility over school operations but is willing to work with the Mendocino County Office of Education on important issues involving Mendocino County youth, if requested by the Superintendent of Schools.