

Grand Jury Report

RESPONSE FORM

Grand Jury Report Title : WORKING IN THE RAIN, A PUBLIC FACILITY AT RISK
A REPORT ON THE WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Report Dated : June 21, 2010 (REVISED)

Response Form Submitted By:

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c/o Executive Office
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Response MUST be submitted, per Penal Code §933.05, no later than:

September 6, 2010

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:
2,3,9,11,14
- 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, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 17 (See Attached)

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:
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 - 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)

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 (See Attached)

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.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

ATTEST:

Carmel J. Angelo, Clerk of the Board
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors



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Printed Name: CARRE BROWN

Title: Chair, Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

Signed: 

Date: AUG 31 2010

ATTACHMENT:

REPORT: WORKING IN THE RAIN, A PUBLIC FACILITY AT RISK

FINDINGS:

Findings No. 1,4,5,6,7,8,17: The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors has no specific information regarding these findings.

Finding No. 10,12,13,14,15,16: The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors has no specific information regarding these Findings and therefore incorporates by reference herein, the response prepared by the Mendocino County General Services Agency.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation No. 1, 2: The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors has no specific information regarding this recommendation and therefore incorporates by reference herein, the responses prepared by Mendocino County General Services Agency.

Findings

1. The WPD staff consists of: one Chief, one Administrative Assistant, four Sergeants, eight Officers, one Reserve Officer, one part-time Investigator, one Community Service Officer, (who also works in the Evidence Room), four fulltime Dispatchers, and five part-time Dispatchers. There are no vacant positions.
2. The WPD is housed in the *Willits Justice Center*, a County-owned building.
3. The Willits branch of the Superior Court was recently closed due to State budget cuts.
4. Willits police officers who must appear in court, now travel to Ukiah or Fort Bragg.
5. Prior to the court closing, Willits police officers were able to work until their testimony was required.
6. The Mendocino County District Attorney's Office, (MCDAO), may call multiple officers to testify, leaving WPD short-staffed.
7. Officers' time was better utilized when subpoenaed to the Willits Superior Court.
8. Officer testimony can create overtime cost. There is a minimum of three hours pay when an off-duty officer is called to testify.
9. The initial 30-year Lease Agreement terms between the City of Willits and the County, dated May 1, 1987, state:

- 5. a. "...the annual rent is \$30,000. Such rent shall be payable in equal installments of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), on or before February 1 and August 1..."
 - 5. c. "For the Extended Term of this Lease which follows the initial term, the Tenant shall pay the Landlord \$1 in rent on February 1..."
 - 8. b. "Landlord shall repair and maintain the structural portions of the building, both interior and exterior."
10. The value of the County-owned building diminishes every year the roof leaks.
 11. The MCGS is responsible for any building repairs.
 12. Repeated repairs by MCGS have **not** been successful.
 13. The exterior stucco siding at several locations on the building is delaminating and is a safety hazard.
 14. Buckets catching rainwater in the work areas create a safety hazard.
 15. Plastic sheeting covers electronics, office equipment, and desks, reducing work productivity.
 16. The ongoing moisture can be an environment for mold and dry rot which can create a health and safety hazard for employees.
 17. The WPD uses a bar-code system to identify items in their evidence room.

Recommendations

The Grand Jury recommends that:

1. in accordance with the lease agreement the Mendocino County General Services Department, make all necessary repairs to the building. (Findings 9-16)
 2. the Mendocino County General Services Department consults with an outside Engineer, to inspect for structural damage. (Findings 9-16)
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