

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

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Mail one signed hard copy to the Grand Jury at P.O. Box 629, Ukiah, CA 95482.

Report Title : "NEAT, CLEAN AND ORGANIZED, A Report on the Fort Bragg Police Department"

Report Date : May 13, 2009

Response by: Fort Bragg Chief of Police, City Council, and City Manager

Findings

- We agree with the findings numbered:
#1,#2; #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11; #12; #13; #14; #15; #16; #17.
- We disagree wholly or partially with the Findings numbered:
#18

(attach a statement specifying any portions of the Findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)

Explanations for Findings numbered:

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#18 Members of this department are not qualified to comment on this finding.

Recommendations

- Recommendations numbered: #2 have been implemented. (attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendation numbered: #3, #6 have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. (attach a time frame for implementation)

- Recommendations numbered: _____ require further analysis. (attach 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)
- Recommendations numbered: #1, #4, #5 will not be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are not deemed reasonable. (attach an explanation.)

Explanations for Recommendation:

Implemented Recommendations:

- #2 The Fort Bragg Police Department does provide training to School Resource Officers (SROs) prior to their assignment. Currently, there are two Police Officers trained to function as a SRO.

Recommendations Not Implemented:

- #1 The Fort Bragg Police Department currently has two bi-lingual (Spanish speaking) officers. The Fort Bragg Police Department has proactively partnered with our local college to provide Spanish courses to our employees. In addition, officers will be enrolled in an Emergency Services Spanish Course which will further assist them in serving our Latino Community. The Fort Bragg Police Department will continue to recruit qualified minorities.
- #3 The Fort Bragg Police Department may consider funding sources for a K-9 unit. There is a substantial amount of training time and costs associated with this endeavor.
- #4 Members of the Fort Bragg Police Department are exposed to a variety of traumatic instances in the course and scope of their duties. Each event is reviewed on a case by case instance. Critical incidents that involve serious trauma, injury or threat would call for employees of the Fort Bragg Police Department to receive mandatory counseling services. In addition, counseling resources are made available by the City of Fort Bragg for all employees.
- #5 This recommendation calls for actions involving other agencies. While the department can support this recommendation submitted by the Grand Jury; forensic and bookings programs are provided by federal, state and county agencies.

#6 The Fort Bragg Police Department is transitioning contracted dispatch services with Mendocino County Sheriff's Office to the Ukiah Police Department. The transition should occur by September 2009. The new service contract with Ukiah Police Department will provide access to a Mobile Computer System. The Fort Bragg Police Department has identified funding for the in car computers. The Fort Bragg Police Department will continue to research the feasibility of in car cameras.

Date: June 22, 2009 Signed: 
Mark Puthuff, Chief of Police

Date: 6/22/09 Signed: 
Doug Hammerstrom, Mayor

Date: 6.22.09 Signed: 
Linda Ruffing, City Manager

Number of response pages attached: 0 – all information include above.