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July 22, 2009

The Honorable Cindee Mayfield, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California
County of Mendocino
Mendocino County Courthouse
Ukiah, CA 95482

Re: Response to the 2008/2009 Grand Jury's Final Report:
Fort Bragg Substation and Holding Cells: A Report on the Mendocino County Sheriff's Fort
Bragg Substation

Dear Judge Mayfield:

Enclosed is the Board of Supervisor's official response to the findings and recommendations, as specified within the above mentioned report. If applicable, the report may also include the responses provided from select County departments and their respective Grand Jury Response forms.

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors approved their response at their Board Meeting of July 21, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hunter Alexander".

Hunter Alexander

Enclosures

cc: Grand Jury

Grand Jury Report
RESPONSE FORM

Grand Jury Report Title : *Fort Bragg Substation and Holding Cells*

Report Dated : *May 13, 2009*

Response Form Submitted By:

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road, Room 1070
Ukiah, CA 95482

Response *MUST* be submitted, per Penal Code §933.05, no later than: Aug 22, 2009

Required Responses (see final section of attached report):

Board of Supervisors (All Findings; All Recommendations)

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:

1-12, 14 -16, and 18-21



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.

13 and 17

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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:

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

Number of Pages attached: Eight (Combined Response Report)

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.

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Printed Name: Jeanine B. Nadel

Title: County Counsel

Signed: 

Date: 7-23-09

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Printed Name: Mr. Tom Mitchell

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Signed: 

Date: 07/23/2009

THOMAS D. ALLMAN
Sheriff-Coroner



Undersheriff Gary Hudson
Captain Kurt O Smallcomb
Field Services
Captain Tim Pearce
Corrections

County of Mendocino Office Of The Sheriff-Coroner

June 24, 2009

Honorable Cindee Mayfield, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California
County of Mendocino
County Courthouse
Ukiah, CA 95482

RE: Response to Report of the May 13, 2009 Grand Jury
Fort Bragg Substation and Holding Cells
A Report on the Mendocino County Sheriff's Fort Bragg Substation

Dear Judge Mayfield:

Attached and enclosed please find my responses to the Grand Jury's report entitled:

Fort Bragg Substation and Holding Cells
A Report on the Mendocino County Sheriff's Fort Bragg Substation

The Grand Jury requires me to respond to All Findings and Recommendations.

1. The Fort Bragg Substation is staffed by one lieutenant, one secretary who doubles as the evidence room tech, two sergeants and eight deputies (one is a trainee). The patrol area for the Fort Bragg office is the Navarro River Bridge to the north county line. The substation is also responsible for the south coast area which runs from the Navarro River Bridge to the south county line. South coast is staffed by one resident sergeant and one deputy.

Sheriffs Response:

I agree with findings.

2. There is a large screen telecommunications system where an early morning briefing is held each day with connections between the Sheriff's office in Ukiah and the Willits Substation.

Sheriffs Response:

I agree with findings.

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3. There are two holding cells at the Fort Bragg Substation. The inmate(s) are observed every 15 minutes.

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I agree with findings.

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5. A deputy from the Fort Bragg Substation transports prisoners as far as the Willits Substation where they are picked up by an inland deputy to complete the trip to Ukiah.

Sheriffs Response:

Occasionally a Fort Bragg Deputy may transport the inmate to Ukiah. This decision would be based on staffing and possible medical needs of the inmate.

6. Prisoners are brought from Ukiah for court in Fort Bragg and are kept in the substation's holding cells.

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I agree with findings.

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Sheriffs Response:

Deputies are allowed to carry tasers if they choose after they have completed the mandated training.

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Sheriffs Response:

I agree with findings. Our current policy is attached to this document.

11. New **deputies** are on probation for one year.

Sheriffs Response:

This is routinely the case.

12. The Sub-Station currently has no K-9 unit for **deputy** protection and drug "sniffing." It had one in the past and officers would like to reinstate it.

Sheriffs Response:

If the budgetary situation improves, deputies will be allowed to apply for the position of K-9 handler.

13. Only the south coast officers take their cars home when off duty.

Sheriffs Response:

The South Coast Deputies as well as deputies that are on-call routinely take their cars home.

14. Each patrol car at the Fort Bragg Substation is shared by two officers who are responsible for keeping it washed and clean.

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I agree with findings.

15. The patrol cars have cameras but no computers. The camera data are downloaded to disc at the end of the shift.

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I agree with findings.

16. There is a ride-along policy allowing civilians to ride with patrol officers.

Sheriffs Response:

I agree with findings.

17. The State Corrections Standards Authority visits the substation, without notice, on a biennial basis. Other inspections of the substation are done by the Fire Marshall and OSHA.

Sheriffs Response:

Other inspections are also handled by Public Health and Environmental Health, but not OSHA.

18. The County Sheriff's Office in Ukiah handles all dispatch.

Sheriffs Response:

As of July 1, 2009, the Sheriff's Office handles all dispatch responsibilities for Sheriff's Office personnel only. Ukiah Police Department handles Fort Bragg Police Department Dispatch responsibilities.

19. The deputies on the north coast work ten hour shifts with no overlap. There is no coverage for a four-hour period. The south coast coverage varies; however, there is always someone on call.

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I agree with findings.

20. The evidence room has no computerized system for tracking evidence. A card system is still in use. For approximately 17 years the substation has requested a bar coding system. The Grand Jury noticed an abundance of backlogged material evidence awaiting clearance and proper disposal.

Sheriffs Response:

I agree with findings.

21. Confiscated firearms are destroyed in an Oakland foundry. Drugs and other hazardous materials are taken to a multi-agency purging area in San Francisco.

Sheriffs Response:

I agree with findings.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Grand Jury recommends that the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office:

1. Seek funding for a canine unit for the Fort Bragg Substation. (Finding 12)

Sheriffs Response:

With the current financial crisis looming, the Sheriff's Office has no discretionary funds available for this recommendation. Grant funding will be researched.

2. Implement a bar-coding system for evidence record keeping. (Finding 20)

Sheriffs Response:

With the current financial crisis looming, the Sheriff's Office has no discretionary funds available for this recommendation. Grant funding will be researched.

Sincerely,



Thomas D.Allman
Sheriff-Coroner

cc: Finley Williams, Grand Jury Foreman
John Pinchess, Chair-Board of Supervisors
Tom Mitchell, County CEO
Jeanine Nadel, County Counsel

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USE OF FORCE

PURPOSE:

This general order establishes the general policy on use of force by members of this office.

POLICY:

Any use of force by members of this office must be objectively reasonable in light of the facts and circumstances confronting the member. Whenever feasible, the member should give a warning prior to using force.

PROCEDURES:

I. SITUATIONAL ASSESSMENT:

A. Situations requiring the use of force may happen suddenly. These situations are often tense, uncertain and rapidly changing. The reasonableness of a particular use of force is not capable of precise definition or mechanical application.

B. General factors affecting the use of force decision include:

1. The nature and severity of the crime.
2. Whether the suspect is actively resisting.
3. Whether the suspect is attempting to escape custody.
4. Whether the suspect poses an apparent threat to the member or others.

C. Individual characteristics affecting the use of force decision include:

1. Age
2. Size
3. Skill level
4. Multiple subjects or multiple officers
5. Relative strength

D. Special circumstances affecting the use of force decision include:

1. Proximity of a weapon
2. Injury or exhaustion
3. Influence of alcohol or drugs
4. Mental status
5. Environmental conditions
6. Being in a position of tactical advantage or disadvantage
7. Distance from the subject
8. Threat to others
9. Special knowledge about subject
10. Availability of options

II. USE OF FORCE OPTIONS:

A. The following list of options is in order of increasing force. This is a general list. It is not meant to be an exhaustive list of all techniques, nor is it meant to prohibit the use of a technique that is not listed.

1. Verbal or physical directions or command
2. Control holds
 - a. Escort position
 - b. Balance displacement
 - c. Grips
 - d. Joint manipulation
 - e. Nerve stimulation
3. Mechanical restraint devices
 - a. Handcuffs
 - b. Leg restraints
4. Take-down maneuvers
5. Aerosol agents (OC, CS, CN)
6. Electrical devices
 - a. Stun gun
 - b. Taser®
 - c. REACT® belt
7. Empty-hand striking or kicking
8. Impact weapons
9. Pepperball®
10. Lateral vascular neck restraint
11. Less-lethal projectiles
12. ~~Deadly force~~
 - a. Firearms (other than less-lethal projectile launchers)
 - b. Such other force which, by its nature, is inherently likely to cause death.

B. Members are not required to progress through each level of the force options when it is

clear, based on the circumstances, that lower-level techniques will not overcome the subject's resistance.

- C. Members shall not utilize any defensive weapons of the types listed above unless:
 - 1. They are authorized to carry and use the weapon; and
 - 2. They have successfully completed a course of instruction approved by this office in the proper use of the weapons.

III. REPORTING AND DOCUMENTATION:

- A. All circumstances surrounding a use of force shall be documented in the narrative portion of the appropriate report. Information must minimally include:
 - 1. Circumstances leading to use of force
 - 2. Warnings issued
 - 3. Type of force used
 - 4. Effect of force
 - 5. Injuries sustained
 - 6. Treatment provided
 - 7. Photographic or other documentary evidence collected
- B. Any use of force defined in Section II., A., 5. through 12. above shall be immediately reported to the member's supervisor.
- C. All visible injuries resulting from a member's use of force must be photographed prior to or during the booking process.

IV. MEDICAL ATTENTION

- A. Any subject suffering a physical injury as a result of a member's use of force shall undergo a medical clearance prior to booking.
- B. When it is clear that a subject will require medical attention, the subject should be transported by ambulance.

FORT BRAGG SUBSTATION AND HOLDING CELLS **A Report on the Mendocino County Sheriff's Fort Bragg Substation**

May 13, 2009

Summary

The Grand Jury visited the Mendocino County Sheriff's Substation in Fort Bragg and found it to be well-staffed and well-managed. Despite repeated requests for an efficient bar coding system, the evidence room staff must still document and track evidence manually. This contributes to an abundance of backlogged material evidence awaiting clearance and proper disposal.

Background

California Penal Code states ...*The Grand Jury shall inquire into the condition and management of the public prisons within the county* [§ 919(b)] and ...*The Grand Jury shall investigate and report on the operations, accounts and records of the officers, departments or functions of the county* [§ 925]. On February 19, 2009, the Grand Jury undertook this charge by touring the Fort Bragg Substation, including the holding cells and evidence room.

Methods

The Grand Jury toured the facility, including the evidence room and the holding cells. The vehicles were inspected and the personnel interviewed on site.

Findings

1. The Fort Bragg Substation is staffed by one lieutenant, one secretary who doubles as the evidence room tech, two sergeants and eight deputies (one is a trainee). The patrol area for the Fort Bragg office is the Navarro River Bridge to the north county line. The substation is also responsible for the south coast area which runs from the Navarro River Bridge to the south county line. South coast is staffed by one resident sergeant and one deputy.

Required Response: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

Required Response: Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer

The Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer agrees with this finding.

Required Response: Mendocino County Sheriff

The Mendocino County Sheriff agrees with this finding.

2. There is a large screen telecommunications system where an early morning briefing is held each day with connections between the Sheriff's office in Ukiah and the Willits Substation.

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The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

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The Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer agrees with this finding.

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The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

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The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

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5. A deputy from the Fort Bragg Substation transports prisoners as far as the Willits Substation where they are picked up by an inland deputy to complete the trip to Ukiah.

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The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

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The Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer agrees with this finding.

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The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding, in that all officers who have completed the mandated training may carry tasers.

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The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

Required Response: Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer

The Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer agrees with this finding.

Required Response: Mendocino County Sheriff

This is routinely the case.

12. The Sub-Station currently has no K-9 unit for officer protection and drug "sniffing." It had one in the past and officers would like to reinstate it.

Required Response: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding, regarding the current status of no K-9 unit.

Required Response: Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer

The Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer agrees with this finding, regarding the current status of no K-9 unit.

Required Response: Mendocino County Sheriff

If the budgetary situation improves, deputies will be allowed to apply for the position of K-9 handler.

13. Only the south coast officers take their cars home when off duty.

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The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors disagrees partially with this finding. The South Coast Deputies, as well as deputies who are on-call, routinely take their cars home.

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18. The County Sheriff's Office in Ukiah handles all dispatch.

Required Response: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

Required Response: Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer

The Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer agrees with this finding. The Sheriff's Office handles all dispatch responsibilities at this time. By late August (approximately), the City of Fort Bragg dispatch services will be handled by the Ukiah Police Department. The Ukiah Police Department is still in the process of implementing communications software and hardware, and the Sheriff will continue to provide services until a formal request to discontinue services is received.

Required Response: Mendocino County Sheriff

As of July 1, 2009, the Sheriff's Office handles all dispatch responsibilities for Sheriff's Office personnel only. Ukiah Police Department handles Fort Bragg Police Department Dispatch responsibilities.

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The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

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Recommendations

The Grand Jury recommends that the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office:

1. seek funding for a canine unit for the Fort Bragg Substation. (Finding 12)

Required Response: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

This recommendation requires further analysis. With the current financial crisis, the Sheriff's Office has no discretionary funds available to implement this recommendation. Grant funding will be researched.

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Discussion

Jurors found the staff to be very helpful, cooperative and informative. The evidence clerk is very busy and does not have sufficient time to purge the evidence.

Required Responses

Mendocino County Sheriff (All Findings; All Recommendations)

Board of Supervisors (All Findings; All Recommendations)

Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer (All Findings; All Recommendations)