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Dear Carol:

My apologies for our Department's late response to your report. Please accept the following as the official response from the Anderson Valley Fire Department and Community Services District.

With respect to:

- Finding 1. We agree.
- Finding 2. We agree.
- Finding 3. We agree.
- Finding 4. We agree.
- Finding 5. We agree.
- Finding 6. We agree.
- Finding 7. We disagree.

The Fire Chief's position is the only full time paid position directly relating to the Fire Department. The Community Services District also employs a General Manager as a part time paid position. The General Manager's responsibilities mainly deal with Fire Dept. issues and are principally funded through the Fire Department.

- Finding 8. We disagree.

As stated earlier in the report, our Department provides services to approximately 200 square miles from seven principal locations. Most calls do not require a full Department response to mitigate. Normally, one or two engine companies will respond on any given incident.

Finding 9. We disagree.

As stated in our 05/06 budget, Firefighters receive \$8.50 per call reimbursement for cost incurred.

Finding 10. We agree.

Finding 11. We agree.

Finding 12. We agree.

Finding 13. We agree.

Finding 14. We agree.

Finding 15. We agree.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1. The Recommendation has been implemented.

We have and will continue to solicit community support as evidenced by our recent recruiting drive, which resulted in 11 new Firefighters completing basic training. In addition, the Goldeneye Winery has recently agreed to donate approximately 1.2 acres of land for a new fire station in Philo and our Firefighters Association's 2005 fundraising drive provided over \$20,000 in donations.

Recommendation 2. The recommendation has not yet been implemented.

Unfortunately, the implementation of this recommendation is completely beyond our control. During the period since the information for your report was gathered to date, we have disposed of all surplus apparatus **not involved in the FEPP**. At this time, all remaining surplus apparatus are covered by the program and we continue to store them at various locations around our District. We have filled all appropriate forms to request permission to either return or dispose of the units.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS/CORRECTIONS

In the comments section in the first paragraph, the statement is made that the per-call stipend is intended to fund replacement of boots only. The stipend is actually intended to reimburse all out-of-pocket expenses for firefighters including the cost of fuel and vehicle maintenance when used to attend training or responding to calls.

Sincerely,



COLIN H. WILSON
Chief



ANDREA LaCAMPAGNE
Chairperson, AVCSO