

**Response to Grand Jury Reports**

Report Title: Leggett Valley Fire Protection District  
Report Date: March 16, 2006

Response by: Alice Guerena Title: Director

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**FINDINGS**

I (we) agree with findings numbered:

**1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16. 18**

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: **10, 17**  
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Recommendations numbered 2, 3, 5 have been implemented.** (Attach a summary describing the implemented actions)

Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_  
have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.  
(attach a time frame for the implementation)

Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_  
require further analysis.  
(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a time frame for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)

**Recommendations numbered 1, 4**  
**will not be implemented** because they are not warranted or are not reasonable. (Attach an explanation)

Date: 8-31-06 Signed: Alice K. Guerena



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### **PARTIALLY DISAGREE**

- 10. We have remarkable volunteer Fire Department members. Some of the Leggett community always volunteers at fund raising events, and the financial support given to the Fire Department is amazing, without it they would not be able to keep their doors open. We would like to see more community support at the fund raisers instead of the same people every time.
- 17. The Fire Department has 4 vehicles, one is a 2006 4 wheel drive Fire Truck

### **RECOMMENDATIONS IMPLEMENTED**

- 2. We will continue with ongoing community education and outreach to encourage more community support.
- 3. The District and the Fire Department will continue looking for methods to upgrade vehicles and equipment by researching grants and holding fund raisers.
- 5. The District has sub-contracted with a private collection company that specializes in Volunteer Fire Departments to collect for volunteer time and vehicle use from insurance companies. We will continue to send them all information they need for collection.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS NOT IMPLEMENTED**

- 1. We would prefer to pay the Fire Chief but have not money in the budget for this purpose. If our budget were increased it would be one of the first things we would address.
- 4. This is totally unreasonable. Our tax income budget is not enough to pay for day to day operating costs. Without the hard work of the Fire Department members and the community to raise funds to pay for everything not covered by the small budget received, we would not have a volunteer Fire Department.