

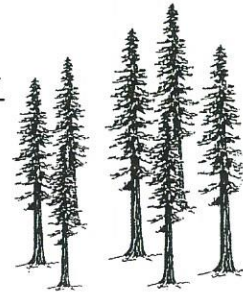
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Honorable Dale A. Reinholtsen, Presiding Judge
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Subject: Response to Grand Jury Report- How Do We Deal With Children in Crisis?

The Rio Dell City Council and the Rio Dell Police Chief respond as follow to recommendations R1 and R2 of the 2013-2014 Grand Jury Report "How Do We Deal With Children In Crisis?"

R1 *Crisis Intervention Training should be mandatory for all law enforcement officers. The Citizen (Law) Enforcement Liaison Committee and the Department of Health and Human Services have offered to pay for such training. (F3)*

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future: Currently the Rio Dell Police Department strives to have all of officers attend locally offered Crisis Intervention Training as our staffing allows. Because we have a small police department it is difficult to send multiple officers to training at the same time, which would prolong our ability to comply with the recommendation. Turnover within the department may also make it difficult to achieve compliance. It is reasonable, due to small staffing levels to send one officer to this training as it is offered, providing it does not conflict with other required peace officer training.

R2 *The curriculum of Crisis Intervention Training should include responses to children younger than 16 in life-threatening situation. (F3)*

The recommendation will not be implemented: The Rio Dell Police Department, while not objecting to the inclusion of training that addresses children younger than 16 who are in life-threatening situations, is not responsible for designing training curriculums.

Respectfully submitted,

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