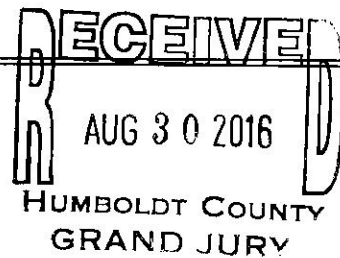


August 17, 2016



Honorable Joyce D. Hinrichs, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt
825 5th Street
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Foreperson
Humboldt County Grand Jury
825 5th Street
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Re: 2015-2016 Civil Grand Jury Report: Earthquake, Flood , Tsunami; Is Humboldt County Ready?

On behalf of the Arcata Police Department, the Arcata City Council and the Arcata Police Chief provide the following responses to findings F6, F7, F9 and F11 as well as recommendation R3 of the 2015-2016 Civil Grand Jury report "Earthquake, Flood, Tsunami; Is Humboldt County Ready?"

F6: Due to retention difficulties and training issues, staffing of Emergency Dispatch Centers throughout the County is a chronic problem.

The respondent agrees with the finding.

F7: Due to short staffing, overtime costs are a significant issue for the various entities providing emergency dispatch.

The respondent agrees with the finding.

F9: Previous discussions regarding possible consolidation of emergency dispatch centers have been primarily informal. No extensive survey or reviews of consolidation options have taken place in recent history.

The respondent agrees with the finding.

F11: The HCCGJ has seen no evidence that a formal feasibility study of the consolidation of Emergency Response Dispatch Centers for Humboldt County has ever been explored.

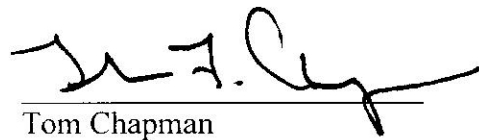
The respondent agrees with the finding.

R3: *The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends a formal feasibility study of the formation of a Joint Powers Authority to consolidate the Emergency Response Dispatch Centers for Humboldt County be conducted using research consultants who are a part of any County stakeholder agency. (F6, F7, F9, F11)*

Recommendation will not be implemented: While the Arcata Police Department agrees with this recommendation it cannot be implemented due to no funding earmarked for such a study at this time.

Respectfully submitted,


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Mayor
City of Arcata


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Chief of Police
Arcata Police Department