



FERNDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

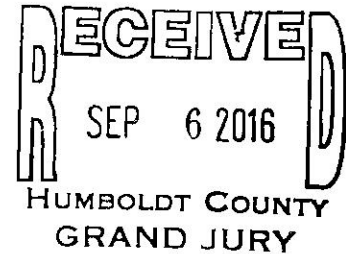
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July 8, 2016

The Honorable Judge Joyce D. Hinrichs, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of the County of Humboldt
825 Fifth Street
Eureka, CA 95501-1153



Honorable Judge Hinrichs:

On behalf of the City of Ferndale and the Ferndale Police Department, I take this opportunity to respond to the Grand Jury's request regarding **"Guardians before Warriors: Humboldt County Law Enforcement Training."**

R1-R3. The City of Ferndale and the Ferndale Police Department strongly support formal Crisis Intervention Training in Humboldt County. We will partner and work with mental illness stakeholders and the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services as necessary. However, funding, in the way of training costs, must be a consideration. Small departments such as Ferndale, with limited staffing and budget constraints, must consider the cost of overtime compensation for officers either attending the training or covering for officers at the training. This is a variable for consideration when recommending such action.

The City of Ferndale and the Ferndale Police Department appreciate the opportunity to respond to the Grand Jury's recommendations regarding **"Guardians before Warriors: Humboldt County Law Enforcement Training."**

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should need further information.

Sincerely,

Bret A. Smith
Chief of Police

c: John Heckel, Foreperson
2015-16 Humboldt County Grand Jury
825 5th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: GUARDIAN BEFORE WARRIORS: HUMBOLDT COUNTY L.E. TRAINING

Report Date: _____

Response by: BRET SMITH Title: CHIEF OF POLICE

FINDINGS

1. I (we) agree with the findings numbered: F1, F2, F3 AND F4
2. I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: _____
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Recommendations numbered _____ have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implementation actions.)
2. Recommendations numbered R1, R2 & R3 have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
3. Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.
(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe 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 the publication of the Grand Jury report.)
4. Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 7/8/2016

Signed: [Signature]

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