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From the office of Chief of Police Andrew G. Mills

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Police Training

Superior Court of Humboldt County
825 5th Street
Eureka, California 95501

Dear Judge Hinrichs,

After viewing the Grand Jury Report and studying its findings, the Eureka Police Department has the following response to their findings:

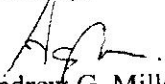
1. The Eureka Police Department agrees with finding one. The four day CIT training is significant and leaves staff strapped police agencies short in the field.
2. The Eureka Police Department agrees with finding two. Turnover at Mental Health is a substantial problem.
3. The Eureka Police Department agrees with finding three. EPD has always included and offered CIT training to its dispatchers.
4. The Eureka Police Department agrees with finding four.

The Grand Jury made four recommendations concerning these topics.

1. Concerning recommendation one: The Eureka Police Department has worked broadly with mental health stake holders to develop training for first responders. The training was a broad coalition of police and mental health professionals from Humboldt County. The next stage of its development is to share it with advocates, families and clients to fine tune the training. That will be done in the spring of 2017.
2. Concerning recommendation two: The Eureka Police purposefully included as many departments as wished to be involved in curriculum development. The goal is to provide the training broadly for any department who desires involvement. This includes dispatchers, office staff and volunteers and members of the mental health community.
3. Concerning recommendation three: The Eureka Police Department has consistent, continual and ongoing training, including interactions with persons with mental, behavioral or intellectual disabilities. It will continue to do so.
4. Concerning recommendation four: The Eureka Police Department is working with the College of the Redwood to have de-escalation training POST certified. Parts of the training have been POST certified in the past.

I hope these responses are sufficient for the members of the Jury. I apologize for any delay in getting them to the Grand Jury.

Sincerely,


Andrew G. Mills
Chief of Police