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Honorable Dale A. Reinholtsen, Presiding Judge  
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Humboldt County Grand Jury  
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Re: 2013-2014 Grand Jury Report: How Do We Deal With Children In Crisis?

The Arcata City Council and the Arcata Police Chief collectively provide the following responses 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)*

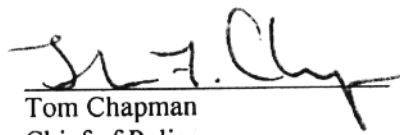
Recommendation implemented: The Arcata Police Department (APD) has required all of its sworn officers to attend Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for the past several years. The APD will continue to make CIT a requirement as well as co-sponsor CIT in Humboldt County.

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

Recommendation will not be implemented: While many aspects of the current CIT curriculum can be applied to children, specific training towards this age group would enhance law enforcement's ability to successfully resolve crisis situations involving children; however, the APD does not have the authority to change the CIT curriculum.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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