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June 11, 2007

Honorable Colleen Toy White, Presiding Judge Superior Court of California, Ventura County Hall of Justice #2120 800 South Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA 93009

Dear Judge White:

The City of Simi Valley has received the 2006-2007 Grand Jury report, "Public Safety: Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Ranger Program" and, in accordance with Penal Code Section 933.05, we submit this response to the Grand Jury recommendations.

R-02. The District should execute formal Memoranda of Understanding/Agreement with SVPD and VCSD defining the operational and jurisdictional interface between the Ranger Program and the two agencies.

Currently, Simi Valley Police Department General Order (GO) 0831 sets forth the operational policies and procedures with regard to coordination between the Simi Valley Police Department and the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Rangers. This GO covers investigative responsibilities, arrest and booking procedures, improper arrests, evidence, misconduct complaints, access to criminal history information, and radio communications. While it is our view that the General Order sufficiently addresses the interface between our agency and the Ranger Program, we would be happy to meet with the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, at their request, to discuss other approaches to defining our respective agency responsibilities.

R-03. The District should establish a mechanism by which SVPD and VCSD report to the Ranger Program all crimes and incidents occurring on District property.

Currently, crime reports are provided to the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District on an as-requested basis. We would be happy to establish a reporting mechanism to provide the District with regular reports on calls for service, upon the District making such a request.

The City Council accepted the Grand Jury report at its June 11, 2007 meeting and authorized this response. In accordance with the Grand Jury's request, a copy of the minutes of that meeting will be provided once they have been prepared and approved.

Should you require anything further, please feel free to contact me at (805) 583-6703.

Sincerely,

Paul Mille

Mayor

cc: Alyce O. Klussman, Foreman, Ventura County 2006-2007 Grand Jury

Larry Peterson, General Manager, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District

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