CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

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June 25, 2018

The Honorable Patricia M. Murphy
Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO VENTURA COUNTY GRAND JURY 2017-2018 ANNUAL DETENTION REPORT

Dear Judge Murphy:

The City of Simi Valley has received the Ventura County Grand Jury 2017-2018 report entitled "Annual Detention Report," and pursuant to *Penal Code* Section 933, we submit the enclosed response to the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations.

The City Council considered the Grand Jury Report at its June 18, 2018 regular City Council Meeting and authorized this response. We appreciate the efforts of the Grand Jury in looking into this matter and the opportunity to comment upon it.

Sincerely,

Robert O. Huber
Mayor

Enclosure
cc: Foreperson, Ventura County Grand Jury
City Council
City Manager
City Attorney
Chief of Police
Assistant City Manager, Government Affairs

Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Annual Detention Report

Report Date: May 16, 2018

Response By: Robert O. Huber **Title:** Mayor, City of Simi Valley

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: _____
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings/Conclusions numbered: C-17, R-03, and R-07.
  (Attach a statement specifying any portions of the Findings/Conclusions that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered C-17, R-03, R-07 have been implemented.
  (Attach a summary describing the implemented actions and date completed.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
  (Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.
- Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

Date: June 25, 2018

Signed: _____
Robert O. Huber, Mayor
City of Simi Valley

Number of pages attached: 12

Responses

Conclusion C-17: The Grand Jury concluded the absence of PREA standards in the 10 city police departments' policy and procedure manuals exposes the cities to potential liability.

Response to C-17: The City of Simi Valley does not contest the Grand Jury's Conclusion C-17. Please refer to the response to Recommendation R-03.

Recommendation R-03: The Grand Jury recommends that PHPD, SPPD, OPD, SVPD and VPD consider incorporating PREA standards into their policy and procedure manuals. (C-17)

Response to R-03: We partially disagree with FA-51 which states, "*The 10 city holding facilities visited did not have policies or procedures incorporating PREA standards,*" and the recommendation that PREA standards should be incorporated into the SVPD Policy and Procedures Manual.

The Simi Valley Police Department follows PREA standards and has a Department Policy which incorporates the PREA Standards. (SVPD Policy 902, Attached.) This policy has been in effect since 2015 and was in effect when the Simi Valley Police Department's Temporary Holding Facility was inspected.

Recommendation R-07: The Grand Jury recommends that all adult jails and holding facilities incorporate biennial fire-life safety inspections into maintenance schedules. (C-18)

Response to R-07: When reviewing the Grand Jury Report, which required a response to Recommendation R-07 from the Simi Valley Police Department, the report refers to Conclusion 18 (C-18). C-18 states, "*The Grand Jury concluded that it was unsatisfactory for safety and liability purposes that seven out of 10 holding facilities did not have current fire-life safety certifications available for inspection. (FA-50)"*

The Grand Jury Report, Page 10, FA-50 states, *"Of the 10 city holding facilities visited, only Oxnard Police Department (OPD), Simi Valley Police Department (SVPD), and Camarillo Police Department had up to date fire-life safety certificates available at the time of the Grand Jury inspection. Fire inspections are required once every two years. (BSCC Title 15, Section 13146.1(a)(b))."*

The Report, itself, responds to the fact that SVPD was one of the three agencies with an up-to-date certificate. Additionally, SVPD has a policy which addresses "Fire and Life Safety Staff and Fire Life Suppression Preplanning" (SVPD Policy 900.5.11, Attached) and the schedule of fire inspections.

Attachments

- SVPD Policy 902
- SVPD Policy 900.5.11