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Ventura County
Grand Jury

Honorable Kent M. Kellegrew
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

RE: Response to Grand Jury Final Report – Annual Detention Facilities and Law Enforcement Report dated April 26, 2019; and Drugs and Sharps Disposal report dated May 2, 2019

Dear Judge Kellegrew:

On behalf of the Moorpark City Council, I respectfully attach the City of Moorpark's responses to the above referenced Ventura County Grand Jury Final Reports findings and recommendations as required by the Grand Jury. The responses were approved by the City Council at its July 17, 2019, regular meeting. Thank you for the opportunity to respond to these Grand Jury reports.

Sincerely,

Janice S. Parvin
Mayor

Attachments

c: Kathleen Diamond, Grand Jury Foreperson 2018-2019

e: Honorable City Council
Troy Brown, City Manager
Captain Victor Fazio
Deborah Traffenstedt, Assistant City Manager
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Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Drug and Sharps Disposal Report

Date: July 17, 2019

Response by: Janice Parvin Title: Mayor - City of Moorpark

FINDINGS / CONCLUSIONS

- I (we) agree with the findings/ conclusions numbered: C-01 R-03
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings/ Conclusions numbered:

_____ (Attach a statement specifying any portions of the Findings/ Conclusions that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Date: 7/22/2019

Signed: Janice Parvin

Number of pages attached: 2

**GRAND JURY REPORT FINDINGS (in italics)
AND CITY OF MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL RESPONSES**

C-01 *“The Grand Jury concluded that among the County law enforcement facilities that have drug disposal bins, there is a lack of information and consistency in public guidance regarding the disposal of all medications, particularly for pet owners. (FA-09, FA-10, FA-11, FA-12, FA-13, FA-14, FA-15, FA-16) (Att-01)”*

City Response: The Ventura County Sheriff's Office (VCSO), is the contract law enforcement agency for the City of Moorpark. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office understands the importance of disposal of unused/expired prescription medications as well as sharps disposal. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office has designated public lobbies at all patrol stations available for residents to dispose of drugs during regular business hours. None of the patrol stations offer sharps disposal. The Moorpark Police Station offers a bin in the public lobby to dispose of unused/expired prescription medication. There is no disposal bin for sharps. Sharps may be disposed of at a number of locations in the County of Ventura including Moorpark Family Care Clinic at 612 W. Spring Road, Suite A, Moorpark, phone number (805) 523 5400.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

R-03 *“The Grand Jury recommends that all law enforcement agencies update their websites and other sources of public information. Information should include, but not be limited to, guidance regarding the availability of disposal bins for drugs and sharps, accessibility requirements to the bins and directions for disposal. (C-01)”*

City Response: The Ventura County Sheriff's Office (VCSO), is the contract law enforcement agency for the City of Moorpark. The Moorpark Police Station is not equipped to handle sharps disposal due to the necessary manpower as well as the ability to monitor sharps disposal bins on a continuous basis. The lack of needed monitoring could lead to improperly disposed of needles which can be hazardous to the residents who routinely visit police lobbies. In some cases such as criminal investigations or other law enforcement contacts, sharps are safely collected by patrol deputies and disposed of in sharps containers at the Ventura County Sheriff's Property Room located within the Moorpark Police Station. Disposal of sharps in these circumstances is manageable due to the small volume.

The Moorpark Police Department agrees with the recommendation of offering sources of public information to communicate drugs and sharps disposal. This will be done through press releases, utilizing the various social media platforms offered by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Moorpark Police Department, and the City of Moorpark (e.g. Facebook, Twitter and NextDoor). The Ventura County Sheriff's Office has agreed

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to provide links on its website to direct citizens to locations for drug disposal, including pet medications, and types of sharps disposal. The City of Moorpark has agreed to post links on its website to direct citizens to information and locations for drug disposal, including pet medications, and types of sharps disposal by July 30, 2019.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office will create an agency-wide policy on unused/expired prescription drug bin drop off. Employees of the Moorpark Police Department will be responsible for adhering to this policy.