

# VENTURA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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PRESIDING JUDGE**

Honorable Bruce A. Clark  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
Ventura County Hall of Justice  
800 S. Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

**SUBJECT:** 2002/03 Grand Jury Report, Fire and Rescue Service, California  
State University Channel islands (CSUCI)

In response to the Grand Jury's report in the above stated matter, the Ventura  
County Fire Protection District has the following comments to the report:

### **Background**

One correction is needed. The CSUCI contract was cancelled on July 31, 2001,  
and not "Late in the year 2000."

### **Findings**

- F-1 Concur
- F-2 Concur In Part - As of 5/1/03, CSUCI still does not have a volunteer fire  
department or any other fire/rescue provider, other than the Fire District,  
which provides service from its existing sites.
- F-3 Concur
- F-4 Concur
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- F-12 Concur

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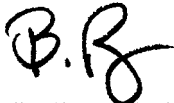
- F-13 Concur
- F-14 Concur In Part - The existing fire sprinkler systems in the old hospital buildings are a "junior system" and are not acceptable by modern building/fire codes.
- F-15 Concur
- F-16 Concur
- F-17 Concur
- F-18 Concur
- F-19 Concur

**Recommendations**

- R-4 Will Be Implemented  
The Fire Chief and CSUCI President are trying to schedule a meeting before the next Camarillo Site Authority meeting on July 7, 2003.
- R-5 Requires Further Study  
The Fire District is willing to meet and discuss this issue at any time with the CSUCI. Achievement of this recommendation depends on good faith discussions and overcoming the financial obstacles. An initial meeting occurred May 9, 2003.

I would like to thank the Grand Jury for their efforts in resolving this urgent public safety issue. I remain available to answer any other questions and may be contacted at 389-9700.

Sincerely,



BOB ROPER  
Fire Chief

cc: John F. Johnston, CEO  
Board of Directors