



# VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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The Honorable Vincent O'Neill, Jr.  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
County of Ventura  
800 S. Victoria Ave  
Ventura, CA 93009

Please see response below to the Sheriff's portion of the report entitled, "Final Report – Emergency Communications Interoperability".

**Report Date: June 2, 2011**

**Responding Agency/Dept: Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services**

**Response by: Laura D. Hernandez Title: Assistant Director, Emergency Services**

## FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: **FI-03 through FI-08**
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: **NONE**

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered **R-01** have been implemented. *Through the representation on the EPC/ETC, all local agencies are meeting regularly to discuss and improve interoperability between agencies. Planning is in process to review and update the SEMS Communications Plan, which is one of the foundation documents of the County's Interoperability Project. OES is supporting IT Services in their efforts to obtain additional interoperability resources through grants and surplus equipment screening.*

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- Recommendations numbered **R-02 & R-03** are in the implementation process. *Four vendors have submitted proposals to complete the Gap Analysis. Their submissions are being reviewed, and we anticipate completion of the Analysis no later than December 31, 2011. The ETC will continue to make the provision of information and material pertaining to the interoperability tools available a priority, and will encourage the use of interoperability resources for routine and emergency events (ongoing).*
- Recommendations numbered **(NONE)** have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
- Recommendations numbered **(NONE)** require further analysis.
- Recommendations numbered **(NONE)** will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.



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Cc: **Foreman, Ventura County Grand Jury**  
Frank Chow, CEO Analyst

# county of ventura

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June 2, 2011

Ventura County Emergency Planning Council  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

Re: Emergency Communications Interoperability

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find a copy of the subject report by the 2010-2011 Ventura County Civil Grand Jury.

This report is provided to you two working days prior to its public release in accordance with the provisions of Penal Code §933.05(f). Please note that under the provisions of that code section no officer, agency, department, or governing body of a public agency shall disclose any contents of the report prior to public release by the Grand Jury.

The Grand Jury requests that you respond in writing to the Findings and Recommendations contained in the report pursuant to Penal Code §933(c) (d). Penal Code Sections 933.05(a) and 933.05(b) are specific as to the format of the responses. A form showing the required format is enclosed. The Penal Code is also specific about the deadline for responses. You are requested to submit your response to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court within **90** days as follows:

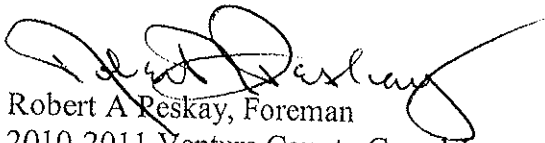
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Please send a copy to the undersigned at the address below:

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Ventura, CA 93009

Responses are public records. The clerk of the agency affected must maintain a copy of your response. Should you have any questions, please contact me at the above address or at one of the numbers below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Peskay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Robert A. Peskay, Foreman  
2010-2011 Ventura County Grand Jury  
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Enclosures: Response to Grand Jury Report Form