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August 12, 2012

Foreman, Grand Jury
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Dear Foreman, Ventura County Grand Jury:

Enclosed please find my agency's response to the Ventura County Civil Grand Jury's findings and recommendations concerning the Crisis Intervention Team.

Should you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (805) 385-7624.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeri Williams".

Jeri Williams
Chief of Police

Cc: Honorable Vincent J. O'Neill, Jr., Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California
Karen Burnham, Oxnard Interim City Manager
Oxnard City Council

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Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Final Report, Crisis Intervention Team

Date of Report: 6-20-12

Response by: Martin Meyer

Title: Patrol Commander

Findings:

- We disagree partially with the findings numbered F-23

The Oxnard Police Department is an active partner in the Ventura County Sheriff's Office Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) providing officers with critical incident training. To date, 157 department command staff, sergeants, officers, dispatchers and booking officers have attended the CIT 40-hour academy. The Department has hosted this training. Additionally, instructors and actors are provided for each academy session. The Oxnard Police Department conducts on-going CIT briefing training. The agency's CIT coordinator attends meetings and otherwise acts as a liaison with mental health service providers to ensure problematic clients are matched with available services.

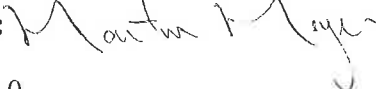
The Oxnard Police Department previously listed whether an officer was CIT-trained on daily riding schedules so as to alert dispatchers and supervisors these resources were available. A recent change in the scheduling system caused this information to be temporarily removed from the daily riding schedule. During the interim, dispatchers continued to utilize a list showing which officers working at any given time were CIT-trained.

Recommendations:

- Recommendation numbered R-01 was re-implemented

Currently, CIT designations noting whether an officer is CIT-trained per Grand Jury recommendation R-01 are on the Oxnard Police Department's daily riding schedules.

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Signed: 

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