

Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Crisis Intervention Team

Report Date: July 2, 2012

Response by: Kathleen Sheehan **Title:** Police Chief, Port Hueneme

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: FI-10 (the only finding addressed toward our City)
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: _____
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered _____ have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered R-01 have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.
(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: July 2, 2012

Signed: _____



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VENTURA COUNTY
GRAND JURY



City of Port Hueneme

July 2, 2012

Ventura County Grand Jury
Honorable David H. Gale, Foreman
800 South Victoria Avenue, L#3751
Ventura, CA 93009

California Superior Court
Honorable Vincent J. O'Neil, Jr.,
Presiding Judge
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

SUBJECT: 2011-2012 VENTURA COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT
Crisis Intervention Team

The Honorable Vincent J. O'Neil, Jr., Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California:

The Honorable David H. Gale, Foreman:

In accordance with California Penal Code 933.05, the City Council offers the following responses for itself and behalf of the City Manager to the subject Grand Jury Report dated June 7, 2012:

- With regard to the Report's findings, the City Council accepts them without challenge or further comment.
- With regard to the Report's recommendation, it will be implemented in the future. The following response is offered:

Recommendation R-01: All County dispatch centers identify each officer's CIT status on their 911 displays with other specialized training.

Response: This recommendation will be implemented, when we have an automated dispatch system.

The Port Hueneme Police Department has trained and certified all of our officers in the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Program. We place a high value on our officers' ability to recognize the symptoms of mental illness and form appropriate responses. Our goal is to reduce the use of force, and increase the use of CIT tactics and communication skills, in order to deal with mentally ill persons in a more patient, humane, and non-confrontational fashion. Toward that end, 100% of our officers have now been trained in CIT.

However, regarding the identification of each officer's CIT status on the dispatch display screens, we lack the technical capability to fulfill that recommendation at this

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time. We are in the process of implementing a new Computer-Assisted Dispatch and Records Management System (CAD/RMS), but we are not expecting to "go live" with the system until approximately September, 2012. When the new CAD/RMS is operational, we will be able to add the CIT training status of all of our officers.

In the meanwhile, in keeping with the spirit of the Grand Jury recommendation, we have added notations about CIT training on the Watch Commander's Worksheet and Daily Journal. Should the Grand Jury have any questions regarding this response letter, please contact Kathleen Sheehan, Chief of Police, at (805) 986-6531.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas A. Breeze". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Douglas A. Breeze
Mayor

cc: City Council
City Manager