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The Honorable Brian J. Back
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
County of Ventura
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura CA 93009

Re: Detention Facilities Inspections

Dear Judge Back:

Enclosed, please find our Response to Grand Jury Report Form titled Automatic External Defibrillator Detention Facilities Inspections

We agree with the report findings.

By way of explanation see our comments below regarding the recommendations:

Recommendations: **R-03** The Grand Jury recommends that an AED be purchased by the City of Ventura for the VPD, placing it near the detention holding cells. All personnel should be trained in its use. (FI-03)

Response: AED is immediately available on-site in the Fire Department Administration offices located in the Police/Fire building. The current placement of the AED in the Police/Fire building complies with the American Heart Association recommendation of a 3 to 5 minute response time to the detention facility in the building. The department will place signage in the detention facility identifying the location of the AED. The department is evaluating the feasibility of enhancing our facility with the installation of an AED in the detention facility.

On August 5, 2013, the Ventura City Council approved this Grand Jury report response and authorized the Mayor to make this reply. We appreciate the Grand Jury's efforts in looking into this important matter.

Sincerely,

For Mike Tracy
Mayor