

Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Detention Facilities Inspection

Report Date: June 16, 2014

Response by: Jonathan Sharkey Title: Mayor, Port Hueneme

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: FI-01, FI-02, FI-03, FI-12 (all findings 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 R-01, R-02, R-03, R-04, R-05, R-09 have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ 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: November 3, 2014 Signed: _____

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City of Port Hueneme

CITY ADMINISTRATION

November 3, 2014

Honorable Robert Stewart, Foreman, Ventura County Grand Jury
Honorable Frederick Scott, Chair, Grand Jury Review Committee
Ventura County Grand Jury
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

SUBJECT: 2013-2014 VENTURA COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT
Detention Facilities Inspection, June 16, 2014

Dear Foreman Stewart and Chair Scott:

In accordance with California Penal Code 933.05, the City Council offers the following responses for the City of Port Hueneme to the subject Grand Jury Report dated June 16, 2014:

- The City of Port Hueneme accepts and agrees with the findings FI-01, FI-02, FI-03, FI-12.
- Recommendations R-01, R-02, R-03, R-04, R-05, R-09 have been implemented. Please see the notes below:

Recommendation R-01: *The Grand Jury recommends that the County, Cities, Sheriff, and Probation Department strive to operate detention and incarceration facilities at current or higher performance levels.*

Implemented Action: In order to meet this recommendation, the Port Hueneme Police Department conducts annual audits of its holding facility and the records associated with persons detained therein. We also have annual audits conducted by the California Corrections Standards Authority, the Ventura County Environmental Health Inspectors, and the Ventura County Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission.

Recommendation R-02: *The Grand Jury recommends that the Sheriff's Office, Probation Department, and Cities continue to expand their focus on mutual respect, rehabilitation, and societal reentry; in particular, that they expand their evidence-based skills, attitudes, and CBT training programs, sharing best programs and practices among all detention facilities where such programs are practical.*

Implemented Action: We at Port Hueneme recognize that early intervention, prevention, and providing opportunities work far better as a crime prevention strategy than the traditional punitive measures of the past. The Port Hueneme Police Department works closely with City Impact, Home Boys and Girls Industries, and the Ventura County Clergy Council to provide resources for those wishing to take advantage of the societal reentry, rehabilitation, and occupational opportunities to provide them with the tools to make life-changing decisions.

Recommendation R-03: *The Grand Jury recommends that the Sheriff's Office, Probation Department, and Cities expand their staff training to include more training that specifically addresses realignment challenges, e.g., more emphasis on how to cope with the greater probability of physical and verbal attacks by inmates and increased workloads, perhaps offering more frequent refreshers of current relevant training programs such as stress reduction, anger management, and Crisis Intervention Training.*

Implemented Action: The Port Hueneme Police Department is the only agency in Ventura County to have 100% of its officers trained in Crisis Intervention. In addition, each officer must complete mandatory Peace Officers Standards and Training defensive and unarmed tactical training every two years, in order to maintain their Peace Officer Certification. This training emphasizes verbalization techniques as well as de-escalation tactics used to hopefully prevent or reduce the number physical attacks on officers.

Recommendation R-04: *The Grand Jury recommends that detention facilities, wherever feasible, expand their efforts toward sustainable ecologies, e.g., capturing solar energy; recycling bottles, cans, and cartons; and composting and/or recycling yard and food waste.*

Implemented Action: The Port Hueneme Police Department agrees with this recommendation and has installed a recyclables receptacle in the facility and will work closely with Facility Maintenance Department to take full advantage of sustainable ecologies whenever possible.

Recommendation R-05: *The Grand Jury recommends that the County's detention and incarceration facilities continue to expand their use of technology, reducing their dependence on paper files.*

Implemented Action: The Port Hueneme Police Department has implemented a new Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management system that greatly reduce this agency's dependence on paper files, and we will continue to work with the Ventura County Justice System to use technology to our advantage in this effort.

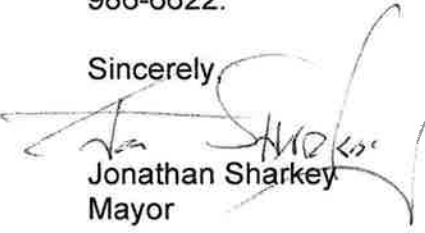
Recommendation R-09: *The Grand Jury recommends that the cities of Port Hueneme and Simi Valley keep microwavable meals on hand so that fast-food runs for arrestees are not necessary.*

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Implemented Action: Based on this recommendation, the Port Hueneme Police Department has purchased frozen dinners, which are kept in the officer's break room freezer.

If any further information is needed, please contact Police Chief Robert Gager, at (805) 986-6622.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Sharkey
Mayor