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Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Annual Detention Report

Report Date: May 16, 2018

Response by: Manuel Minjares

Title: Mayor - City of Fillmore

FINDINGS / CONCLUSIONS

• I (we) agree with the findings / conclusions numbered: C-18, R-07

• I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings / Conclusions numbered:
C-17

(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the Findings / Conclusions that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

• Recommendations numbered C-18 and R-07 have been implemented.
 (Attach a summary describing the implemented actions and date completed.)

• Recommendations number _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
 (Attach a time frame for the implementation.)

• Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.

• Recommendations numbered C-17 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Number of pages attached: 2



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Ventura County
Grand Jury

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Eric Tennessen, Chief of Police
DATE: July 10, 2018
RE: **Consider Response to Final Report of the Ventura County Grand Jury Annual Detention Report**

BACKGROUND

Penal Code Section 919(b) requires the Ventura County Grand Jury to conduct annual inspections of all detention facilities in Ventura County, including temporary detention facilities at the Fillmore Police Department.

DISCUSSION

On May 24, 2018, the Grand Jury provided the City Council and City Manager with a Final Report of its investigation entitled, "Annual Detention Report." In its report, the Grand Jury noted that the Fillmore Police Department did not have a current Fire-Life Safety Inspection certificate required by Health and Safety Code Section 13146.1 and recommended that the Fillmore Police Department obtain a current certificate and schedule biennial inspections. The Grand Jury also recommended that all local police departments incorporate Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards into their policy and procedure manuals.

On February 15, 2018, the Fire-Life Inspection Certificate was completed and biennial inspections will be conducted to ensure compliance with the requirements pursuant to 13146.1 H&S. A copy of the Fire-Life Inspection Certificate is on file at the Fillmore Police Department.

PREA is not a state requirement and has not been fully implemented in Sheriffs' facilities.

The Grand Jury report required a response from the City Council on the findings and recommendations within 60 days of receiving the report. A form was provided for the response and a draft response is attached for City Council consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests the Council approve the attached response to the Grand Jury findings and recommendations and submit the response to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court.

ATTACHMENTS

Response to Grand Jury Form / Fire-Life Inspection Certificate

GRAND JURY REPORT FINDINGS (in italics) AND FILLMORE CITY COUNCIL RESPONSES

GRAND JURY FINDING C-18:

The Grand Jury concluded that it was unsatisfactory for safety and liability purposes that seven out of 10 holding facilities did not have current fire life safety certifications available for inspection. (FA-50)

CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO FINDING C-18:

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) is the contract law enforcement agency for the City of Fillmore. On 02/15/2018, a Fire-Life Safety Inspection was conducted at the Fillmore Police Department. The Fillmore Police Department passed the inspection and a copy of the Fire-Life Safety inspection is on file at the Fillmore Police Department. A copy of the Fire-Safety certificate is attached.

GRAND JURY FINDING R-07:

The Grand Jury recommends that all adult jails and holding facilities incorporate biennial Fire-Life safety inspections into maintenance schedules. (C-18)

CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO FINDING R-07:

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) is the contract law enforcement agency for the City of Fillmore. The Fillmore Police Department agreed to incorporate biennial Fire-Life Safety Inspections into our maintenance schedules. The next inspection will occur in February of 2020.

GRAND JURY FINDING C-17:

The Grand Jury concluded the absence of PREA standards in the 10 city police departments' policy and procedure manuals exposes the cities to potential liability. (FA-51)

CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO FINDING C-17:

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) is the contract law enforcement agency for the City of Fillmore. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office understands the seriousness of sexual assaults and sexual harassment in our detention facilities. It is important to note that there is a substantial difference between a holding area where an inmate may spend several hours, and the jails which the Sheriff's Office operates. The majority of arrestees are held separately while in the Fillmore Police holding area. We immediately initiate and conduct a thorough investigation into any reported offense. Although we are not currently required to fully implement PREA, the Sheriff's Office Detention Services Division has a PREA policy that provides direction and serves as a resource for the entire agency should an incident occur in a holding area within its jurisdiction.



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KIETH GAROLLA

FIRE CAPTAIN
BILLY GABRIEL

On February 15, 2018, The Fillmore Police/ Ventura County Sheriff's Station, located at 524 Sespe Ave. Fillmore, California was inspected by the Fillmore Fire Department.

No notable deficiencies were identified.

All internal fire extinguishers are due for service in April of 2018.

Prepared by:

Captain Billy Gabriel

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Gabriel'.

2/15/18