



# COUNTY of VENTURA

## Grand Jury

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### Response to 2023-2024 Ventura County Grand Jury Report Form (Please See California Penal Code Section 933.05)

Report Title: *Linking First Responders – Ventura County Regional Radio System*

Responding Entity: Mayor John Zaragoza, City of Oxnard

#### FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the Findings numbered: F-03, F-04
- 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.)

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R-03, R-04 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 summary indicating the timeframe for implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ require further analysis.  
(Attach an explanation to include: scope and parameters of the analysis or study and timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion with the agency or department head. The timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the report.)
- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.  
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 7-16-24

Signed: *John Zaragoza*  
Title: Mayor, City of Oxnard

Number of pages attached: 1

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Recommendation Summary**

Recommendation R-03

The Oxnard Police Department (OPD) began a project to update and replace its current radio infrastructure in FY 2022-2023. OPD has agreed to join VCRRS to implement a radio infrastructure that allows for interoperability.

In July 2022, the City of Oxnard purchased 160 Motorola APX 8000 portable radios and 247 APX 8500 mobile radios to replace aging equipment with building penetration problems and reception issues in certain areas. These radios are compatible with the VCRRS equipment and ready to integrate into VCRRS. The City of Oxnard is currently reviewing an MOU with VCRRS and will be ready to join the system before July 2025, absent any delays beyond their control.

Recommendation R-04

The City of Oxnard realizes the importance of integrated training for events related to active assailants and natural disasters. Oxnard Police and Oxnard Fire utilize the Incident Command System (ICS) during critical incidents. ICS is a standardized, on-scene, all-risk incident management concept. This allows its users to adopt an integrated organizational structure to match the complexities and demands of single or multiple incidents without being hindered by jurisdictional boundaries. Integrated training between the Police Department, the Fire Department, and other public safety agencies within Ventura County has occurred related to active assailant incidents in 2023 and is scheduled for 2024. This type of training will be ongoing and included the transition to VCRRS