

Subject: RE: CONFIDENTIAL: Grand Jury Report and Responses

From: Stephen D. Walpole - To: grandjury@scgrandjury.org - Date: August 1, 2017 at 11:34 AM, Attachments: image002.png
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Mr. Chappie,

Thank you for your email. I have attached my response in the form you provided. If you have any questions regarding my response feel free to contact me directly.

Chief Steve Walpole
Scotts Valley Police Department
831-440-5670

From: Grand Jury [mailto:grandjury@scgrandjury.org]
Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2017 1:20 PM
To: Stephen D. Walpole
Subject: CONFIDENTIAL: Grand Jury Report and Responses

June 8, 2017

Dear Walpole:

Attached is the section of the 2016-2017 Santa Cruz County Grand Jury Final Report that pertains to you. In addition, there is a form to use for your responses.

California Penal Code § 933.05 requires that elected officials or administrators respond to findings and recommendations in the report within sixty days of the report's publication; responses by the governing body of any public entity are required within ninety days. Additional instructions for respondents are on the response form.

This section of the Final Report will be released to the public at 11 a.m. on Tuesday June 23, 2016. We will send local media a press release at that time. Please note the Penal Code requires that no disclosure of the contents of Grand Jury reports is to be made by any public agency or governing body prior to the public release of the report. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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Rocco Chappie, Foreperson
Santa Cruz County Grand Jury 2016-2017
(831) 454-2099



**The 2016–2017 Santa Cruz County Civil Grand Jury
Requires that the
Scotts Valley Chief of Police
Respond to the Findings and Recommendations
Specified in the Report Titled
Assessing the Threat of Violence in our Public
Schools
by August 14, 2017**

When the response is complete, please

1. Email the completed Response Packet as a file attachment to grandjury@scgrandjury.org, and
2. Print and send a hard copy of the completed Response Packet to

The Honorable Judge John Gallagher
Santa Cruz Courthouse
701 Ocean St.
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Instructions for Respondents

California law PC § 933.05 (included [below](#)) requires the respondent to a Grand Jury report to comment on each finding and recommendation within a report. Explanations for disagreements and timeframes for further implementation or analysis must be provided. Please follow the format below when preparing the responses.

Response Format

1. For the Findings included in this Response Packet, select one of the following responses and provide the required additional information:
 - a. **AGREE** with the Finding, or
 - b. **PARTIALLY DISAGREE** with the Finding and specify the portion of the Finding that is disputed and include an explanation of the reasons therefor, or
 - c. **DISAGREE** with the Finding and provide an explanation of the reasons therefor.
2. For the Recommendations included in this Response Packet, select one of the following actions and provide the required additional information:
 - a. **HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED**, with a summary regarding the implemented action, or
 - b. **HAS NOT YET BEEN IMPLEMENTED BUT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE FUTURE**, with a timeframe or expected date for implementation, or
 - c. **REQUIRES FURTHER ANALYSIS**, with an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for that analysis or study; this timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report, or
 - d. **WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED** because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, with an explanation therefor.

If you have questions about this response form, please contact the Grand Jury by calling 831-454-2099 or by sending an email to grandjury@scgrandjury.org.

Findings

F5. Seven of the ten districts have a specific threat assessment plan; those districts without a plan are less able to respond effectively to threats. All of these reported that local law enforcement was aware of their plan.

AGREE

PARTIALLY DISAGREE – explain the disputed portion

DISAGREE – explain why

Response explanation (required for a response other than **Agree**):

The Scotts Valley Police Department (SVPD) is aware of the threat assessment plan that has been included as part of the Scotts Valley Unified School District's (SVUSD) Comprehensive Safe Schools Plan. Additionally, SVPD is aware of and has participated in training for the newest revision of the SVUSD, which will be implemented by the SVUSD beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

F10. Not all local law enforcement agencies have personnel trained in assessing threats of school violence, leaving them less able to assist schools.

AGREE

PARTIALLY DISAGREE – explain the disputed portion

DISAGREE – explain why

Response explanation (required for a response other than **Agree**):

The Scotts Valley Police Department (SVPD) values the importance of a safe learning environment on campuses in the Scotts Valley Unified School District (SVUSD), as well as the other school campuses within our jurisdiction and beyond. As such, SVPD will be participating in the development of a threat assessment plan that will be applicable to all agencies and campuses within Santa Cruz County.

Recommendations

R5. The CSO and Chiefs of Police should ensure a law enforcement representative, preferably a School Resource Officer, be made available to school districts drafting or revising a threat assessment plan. (F6, F8)

HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED – summarize what has been done

HAS NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED BUT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE FUTURE – summarize what will be done and the timeframe

REQUIRES FURTHER ANALYSIS – explain scope and timeframe (not to exceed six months)

WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED – explain why

Response explanation, summary, and timeframe:

The Scotts Valley Police Department (SVPD) agrees with the recommendation that law enforcement representation be included in any drafting or revising of threat assessment plans with the Scotts Valley Unified School District (SVUSD). While SVPD has not always had the personnel levels available to staff a Student Resource Officer (SRO), SVPD has always and will continue to provide a liaison for such planning should an SRO not be available. The SVPD Student Resource Officer (SRO) was included in the SVUSD's revision of the Threat Assessment Plan and training on March 23-24, 2017.

R8. The County Sheriff and the Chiefs of Police should ensure their respective law enforcement agencies attend periodic training in assessing threats of targeted school violence. (F10)

HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED – summarize what has been done

HAS NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED BUT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE FUTURE – summarize what will be done and the timeframe

REQUIRES FURTHER ANALYSIS – explain scope and timeframe (not to exceed six months)

WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED – explain why

Response explanation, summary, and timeframe:

The Scotts Valley Police Department (SVPD) has already begun working with the Scotts Valley Unified School District (SVUSD) in specific threat assessment training, with the most recent training having been held in March of 2017. While this was the first time the SVUSD has held specific Threat Assessment training, aside from broader emergency response training, SVPD will also be working with all other law enforcement agencies within the County of Santa Cruz to further develop a County-wide Threat Assessment Protocol. Further training is anticipated for the 2017-2018 school year after the County-wide Threat Assessment Protocol is completed, with periodic training to continue going forward. Completion of a County-wide Threat Assessment Protocol is anticipated by the end of 2017.

Penal Code §933.05

1. For Purposes of subdivision (b) of §933, as to each Grand Jury finding, the responding person or entity shall indicate one of the following:
 - a. the respondent agrees with the finding,
 - b. the respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the finding, in which case the response shall specify the portion of the finding that is disputed and shall include an explanation of the reasons therefor.
2. For purpose of subdivision (b) of §933, as to each Grand Jury recommendation, the responding person shall report one of the following actions:
 - a. the recommendation has been implemented, with a summary regarding the implemented action,
 - b. the recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future, with a timeframe for implementation,
 - c. the recommendation requires further analysis, with 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 the publication of the Grand Jury report, or
 - d. the recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, with an explanation therefor.
3. However, if a finding or recommendation of the Grand Jury addresses budgetary or personnel matters of a County department headed by an elected officer, both the department head and the Board of Supervisors shall respond if requested by the Grand Jury, but the response of the Board of Supervisors shall address only those budgetary or personnel matters over which it has some decision-making authority. The response of the elected department head shall address all aspects of the findings or recommendations affecting his or her department.
4. A Grand Jury may request a subject person or entity to come before the Grand Jury for the purpose of reading and discussing the findings of the Grand Jury report that relates to that person or entity in order to verify the accuracy of the findings prior to their release.
5. During an investigation, the Grand Jury shall meet with the subject of that investigation regarding that investigation unless the court, either on its own determination or upon request of the foreperson of the Grand Jury, determines that such a meeting would be detrimental.
6. A Grand Jury shall provide to the affected agency a copy of the portion of the Grand Jury report relating to that person or entity two working days prior to its public release and after the approval of the presiding judge. **No officer, agency, department, or governing body of a public agency shall disclose any contents of the report prior to the public release of the final report.**