



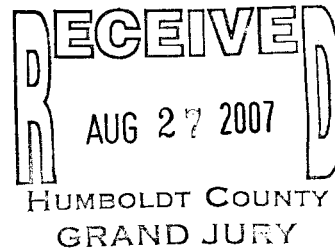
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MAYOR

August 22, 2007

Honorable John T. Feeney, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California
County of Humboldt
825 5th Street
Eureka, CA 95501



Dear Judge Feeney:

The 2006-07 Humboldt County Grand Jury Report addressed two subject areas within the City of Eureka.

At the Eureka City Council meeting on August 21, 2007, the City Council discussed the Grand Jury findings, conclusions, and recommendations. As directed, the City Council provides their response for the 2006-07 Grand Jury's Report.

Sincerely,

Virginia Bass

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Mayor
City of Eureka

Cc: Jim Snow, Foreperson, 2006-07 Grand Jury
County Administrative Office

Eureka Police Department
Response to Grand Jury
July 16, 2007

Grand Jury Report #2007-LJ-02

Findings:

Finding 1 The Grand Jury finds that training in the use of less than lethal force is inadequate, ineffective and secondary and secondary to required training in the use of force and defensive tactics.

Disagree

Response to Recommendation #1

The respondent disagrees in whole with Finding #1 as it relates to Eureka Police Department. EPD personnel, in addition to viewing required training materials received from POST relative to use of force, also attend monthly scenario based training geared specifically toward use of force subject mater. Ethical use of force and less lethal use of force are integral components of this training. The training typically is taught in four hour blocks, is interactive, and includes an evaluation component. Additionally, EPD has committed to training all uniform and dispatch personnel in the twenty-four hour Crisis Intervention Training.

Finding 2 The Grand Jury finds that Tasers are not adequately deployed.

Agree

Response to Recommendation #2

We believe and are committed to providing all uniform personnel with Tasers and the appropriate requisite training. Our goal is to implement this policy incrementally and as expeditiously as possible given our resource limitations.

Finding 3 The Grand Jury finds that Tasers are expensive tools costing approximately \$1,000.00 each.

Agree

Response to Recommendation #3

We were unable to secure approval for a budget request to supply Tasers and training to all uniform personnel in the FY 2007-2008 budget. However, through manipulation of other funds and realignment of some priorities we have ordered eight X26 Tasers and will evaluate the feasibility of purchasing additional units during this fiscal year.