Grand Jury Report Response



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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
ITEM 5.3

On June 28, 2023, the City received the San Joaquin County Civil Grand Jury's published 2022-2023 report entitled "School Safety in San Joaquin County: Developing a Culture of Safety Case #0322."

The San Joaquin County Civil Grand Jury requests the City of Lathrop City Council, as responding agency, respond to the Finding and Recommendation detailed in the report.

Grand Jury Finding F2.4:

"Many district CSSP's show a lack of meaningful collaboration between districts and local law enforcement agencies, causing confusing and chaos during an emergency."

Grand Jury Recommendation R2.4:

"By December 15, 2023, each law enforcement agency in San Joaquin County meaningfully collaborate and approve the updated CSSP for school sites within that agency's jurisdiction."

Proposed Council Response:

The City of Lathrop City Council, as the responding agency, partially disagrees with Grand Jury Finding F2.4 and Recommendation R2.4 and would like to further clarify that staff confirmed that the Lathrop Police Department has four (4) School Resource Officers (SROs) assigned to the seven (7) schools within the City's jurisdiction. The recommendation by the Grand Jury has been implemented as all SROs work collaboratively with school administrators and the Lathrop Police Department has approved all Comprehensive School Safety Plans (CSSP) for each of the seven (7) schools. All SROs are required to be familiar with and regularly work with school personnel pursuant to said CSSP. Table-top exercises and practice drills by SROs pursuant to said CSSP are scheduled for completion at each school site by December 15, 2023.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Council accept the Grand Jury Report and direct the City Attorney to submit the proposed response to the Presiding Judge of the San Joaquin County Superior Court.

POSSIBLE RESPONSES TO GRAND JURY FINDINGS:

California Penal Code Section 933.05 requires the responding agency issue a response in writing to the Presiding Judge of the San Joaquin County Superior Court indicating whether the responding agency:

- Option 1. Agrees; or
- Option 2. Disagrees wholly or partially with the findings of the Grand Jury.

POSSIBLE RESPONSES TO GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS:

California Penal Code Section 933.05 also requires the responding agency to respond to each recommendation contained in the Grand Jury report with one of the following:

- **Option 1.** The recommendations have been implemented, with a summary regarding the implemented action.
- **Option 2.** The recommendations have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, with a timeframe for implementation.
- **Option 3.** The recommendations require 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 head of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable.
- **Option 4.** The recommendations will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, with an explanation therefor.