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August 11, 2016

Marin Civil Grand Jury
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 275
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Subject: Grand Jury Report:

2015/2016 Marin's Hidden Human Sex Trafficking Challenge: *It's Happening in Our Backyard*

Dear Marin Civil Grand Jury Foreperson,

I have been directed by the Board of Directors of the Tiburon Fire Protection District to respond to the Marin Civil Grand Jury Report titled, **2015/2016 Marin's Hidden Human Sex Trafficking Challenge: *It's Happening in Our Backyard***, dated June 16, 2016. Attached, please find our response.

The Tiburon Fire Protection District conducted this response in accordance with Penal Code section 933 (c) and was subjected to the notice, agenda, and open meeting requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Should you have any question or require additional information, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Pearce
Fire Chief

Report Title: **2015/2016 Marin's Hidden Human Sex Trafficking Challenge: *It's Happening in Our Backyard***

Report Date: June 16, 2016

Public Release Date: June 23, 2016

Response by: **Tiburon Fire Protection District**

FINDINGS

I (we) agree with the findings numbered: F3,9,10,12

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: F1,2,4,5,6,7,8,11,13

(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefor.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations numbered R5 have been implemented.

(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)

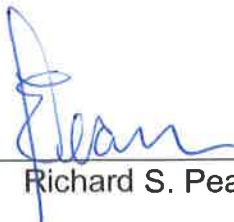
Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.

(Attach 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 publication of the grand jury report.)

Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 8/11/16

Signed: 
Richard S. Pearce, Fire Chief

FINDINGS

F1. Human Sex Trafficking is mostly unrecognized, under-reported, and rarely subject to intervention in Marin.

The District is unable to agree or disagree with this finding. The District is not aware of the reporting or intervention rates for human sex trafficking.

F2. A significant number of human sex trafficking victims are from Marin, not just transients imported from other areas.

The District is unable to agree or disagree with this finding. The District is unaware of the place of residency of human sex trafficking victims and/or whether said number is "significant."

F3. Reports from two Marin County victim advocate organizations show that approximately 30% of the victims they aid are under the age of 18.

The District agrees with this finding.

F4. Some Marin County law enforcement officers still believe some human trafficking victims are criminals.

The District is unable to agree or disagree with this finding. The District does not know what Marin County law enforcement officers believe.

F5. State law mandates that officers receive two hours of training on human trafficking and some Marin agencies may not be complying with this law.

The District partially agrees and is partially unable to agree or disagree with this finding. The District agrees that state law mandates that law enforcement officers receive two hours of training on human trafficking. The District is unaware of whether some Marin agencies may not be complying with this law.

F6. Training of Marin County law enforcement on the *Marin County Uniform Law Enforcement Protocol for Human Trafficking* has been inconsistent across agencies.

The District is unable to agree or disagree with this finding. The District is unaware of the consistency levels of training throughout agencies.

F7. Law Enforcement officers and others who are closest to human trafficking believe that California mandated two-hour POST training video on human trafficking is not sufficient.

The District is unable to agree or disagree with this finding. The District does not know what law enforcement officers and others who are closest to human trafficking believe.

F8. Marin law enforcement agencies rarely use multidisciplinary training, incorporating collaboration between Children Family Services (CFS), The District Attorney, law enforcement experts, and possibly victims.

The District is unable to agree or disagree with this finding. The District does not know what methods Marin law enforcement agencies utilize for training.

F9. Training for firefighters and EMS professionals in recognizing human trafficking victims and reporting the crime is inconsistent in Marin.

The District agrees with this finding.

F10. It is difficult to determine the extent of human trafficking in Marin because of inconsistent classification and definitions of the crime, as well as the lack of a central clearinghouse for this data.

The District agrees with this finding.

F11. The Marin County School Districts do not provide education on a systematic basis for students, parents and teachers in recognizing signs of human trafficking.

The District is unable to agree or disagree with this finding. The District does not know what Marin County School Districts provide for education of students, parent and teachers on this subject.

F12. Human trafficking outreach has been fragmented and is currently insufficient in reaching critical audiences.

The District agrees with this finding.

F13. The Marin County Coalition to End Trafficking Coalition needs dedicated resources to make it more effective.

The District is unable to agree or disagree with this finding. The District does not know what the Marin County Coalition to End Trafficking needs in the way of resources.