

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

REPORT TITLE: "Body-worn Cameras and Marin Law Enforcement: Follow Up Report"
REPORT DATE: May 24, 2018
RESPONSE BY: County of Marin Board of Supervisors


GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendation numbered R3-R5 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or reasonable.

Date:

JULY 31, 2018

Signed:



President, Board of Supervisors



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Those systems vary widely in design, ranging from simple cameras whose data is manually downloaded to a CD, DVD, or department-owned server, to much more complex systems like that deployed by the Sheriff's Office that use high definition cameras, smart phone apps to categorize captured video in real time, and a cloud-based data storage system to retain those recorded images for a predetermined period of time based on the specific type of incident that has been recorded.

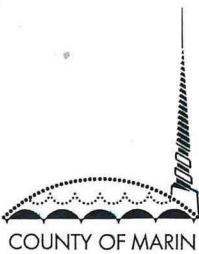
It is therefore unlikely that a coordinated purchase will fit the varied needs and funding capabilities of the different law enforcement agencies involved, nor the timetable in which those systems would likely be replaced.

R5. The County of Marin should work with the law enforcement agencies to form a county-wide buying group to reduce the costs of video technology.

Recommendation 5 will not be implemented because it is not warranted or reasonable.

For the same reasons cooperative negotiating and resource sharing is infeasible, as described above, pursuing a countywide buying group is unlikely to be feasible at this time as well.

Each law enforcement agency that has already deployed body-worn camera technology to the field has selected that technology based on their own individual needs. With law enforcement services from departments that vary in size from as few as 7 employees to as many as 300, the needs and funding capabilities likely vary too widely for a common solution or county-wide buying group to be feasible. In addition, legacy systems will need to be replaced or upgraded at varying points in time, making the ability to coordinate those upgrades and/or replacements unlikely as well.



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SUBJECT: Response to 2017-18 Grand Jury Report "Body-worn Cameras and Marin Law Enforcement: Follow Up Report" (May 24, 2018)

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RECOMMENDATION: Concur in and adopt the proposed response to the FY 2017-2018 Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report titled "Body-worn Cameras and Marin Law Enforcement: Follow Up Report" and authorize the Board President to forward the response to the Presiding Judge of the Marin County Superior Court.

SUMMARY: The 2017-2018 Civil Grand Jury Report published a report entitled "Body-worn Cameras and Marin Law Enforcement: Follow Up Report" (May 24, 2018). The report included a request for response from your Board to Recommendations R3 to R5.

Attached for your consideration, in accordance with §933 of the California Penal Code, is a proposed response from your Board. A copy of the Grand Jury report is attached for your information, as is a copy of the Marin County Sheriff's response to Recommendations R2-R5, dated June 12, 2018, which informed staff's proposed response herein.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Grand Jury Report "Body-worn Cameras and Marin Law Enforcement: Follow Up Report"
Sheriff's Office Response

CC: Robert T. Doyle, Sheriff-Coroner