

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: *School Resource Officers Revisited*

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Agenda Date: August 8, 2019

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FINDINGS

- None.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendation number R1: **SRO programs in Marin County should be retained or expanded where they now exist. SRO programs should be established to cover those school districts where they do not exist**, has been implemented.
 - The Central Marin Police Authority has a full-time police officer assigned as a School Resource Officer. The School Resource Officer serves all the school districts within the Central Marin Police Authority's jurisdiction.
- Recommendation number R2: **Municipalities, school districts, and law enforcement agencies in Marin County should make SRO programs a high budgetary priority**, has been implemented.
 - The Central Marin Police Authority funds its School Resource Officer through a thirty (30) year bond. The existence of the School Resource Officer position is guaranteed through at least the life of the bond, which is set to end in 2038.
- Recommendation number R3: **To ensure insure (sic) continuity, each SRO should be assigned to serve at least a four-year term**, will not be implemented because it is not warranted and is not reasonable.
 - Generally, a School Resource Officer is chosen by the Central Marin Police Authority for a period of three or more years. However, in certain circumstances the needs of the community, the officer, or the Authority

warrant a shorter term. In those circumstances, it would be unbeneficial to the community, the Authority, and/or the officer to require a minimum four-year term.


- Recommendation number R7: **All SROs should complete SRO POST training by July 1, 2020**, has been implemented.
 - The Central Marin Police Authority's School Resource Officer completed the SRO POST training on June 13, 2014.

- Recommendation number R8: **Law enforcement agencies should fund additional training for SROs that will help them keep up with and handle their responsibilities**, has been implemented.
 - The Central Marin Police Authority earmarks training funds every year for the School Resource Officer to attend any training which would assist them in their duties.

- Recommendation number R10: **School districts and municipalities should explore funding sources such as grants, bond issues, special taxes, and other sources**, has been implemented.
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- Recommendation number R12: **County law enforcement agencies should provide the time and facilities for the SROs to meet regularly to exchange information, ideas, and discuss new trends by October 1, 2019**, has not been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
 - The Central Marin Police Authority School Resource Officer will be made available to meet with the other School Resource Officers as frequently as they deem necessary to exchange information, ideas, and discuss new trends.

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