



August 22, 2019

The Honorable Paul M. Haakenson
Presiding Judge
Marin County Superior Court
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

Mr. Pat Randolph
2018-2019 Foreperson,
Marin County Civil Grand Jury
P.O. Box 4988
San Rafael, CA 94913

Re: City of San Rafael response to "School Resource Officers Revisited" Marin County Civil Grand Jury report dated May 23, 2019

Dear Judge Haakenson and Foreperson Randolph:

At the regular City Council meeting on August 5, 2019, the San Rafael City Council reviewed the report "School Resource Officers Revisited" and in accordance with Penal Code 933 (c) responded to recommendations R1, R2, R3, R5, R7, R8, R10, R11 and R12 as requested.

Should the members of the Grand Jury require additional information, please contact Jim Schutz, City Manager, at (415) 485-3070.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Phillips".

Gary Phillips
Mayor

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

Report Title: School Resource Officers Revisited

Report Date: May 23, 2019

Public Release Date: May 30, 2019

Response By: Mayor Gary Phillips and San Rafael City Council

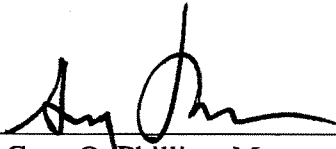
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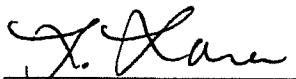
- We agree with the findings numbered N/A
- We disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Recommendations numbered R1, R2, R7, R8 and R10 have been implemented.
(See Attachment A)
- Recommendation numbered R12 has not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future.
(See Attachment A)
- Recommendations numbered R5, R11 requires further analysis.
(See Attachment A)
- Recommendations numbered R3 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(See Attachment A)

Date: 8/22/2019

Signed: 
Gary O. Phillips, Mayor

Attest: 
Lindsay Lara, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT A

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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.

Response: Agreed. The City of San Rafael has no plans to eliminate the SRO program and is continually researching for funding to add another position.

R2. Municipalities, school districts, and law enforcement agencies in Marin County should make SRO programs a high budgetary priority.

Response: Agreed. Our SRO position is extremely important for the schools, the community and the police department. The position is funded by the police department budget and was maintained even through the most recent economic recession.

R3. To insure continuity, each SRO should be assigned to serve for at least a four-year term.

Response: Disagree. Our SRO position has historically been a three-year assignment. This allows for more opportunity for our officers to be an SRO. We have not seen a necessity to extend it to four years.

R5. The City of San Rafael should have at least one additional full-time SRO.

Response: Agreed. We value the SRO position and continue to seek funding for another SRO. A second SRO would be very beneficial to the community.

R7. All SRO's should complete SRO POST training by July 1, 2020.

Response: Agreed. Our current SRO attended POST SRO Training in October 2018.

R8. Law Enforcement agencies should fund additional training for SROs that will help them keep up with and handle their responsibilities.

Response: Agreed. Upon entering the assignment of School Resource Officer, our officer is scheduled for POST School Resource Officer training as soon as possible. The SRO also attends 80 hours / two-week Core Investigative course along with Parent Project training as part of their duties.

R10. School districts and municipalities should explore funding sources such as grants, bond issues, special taxes, and other sources.

Response: Agreed. We are partnering with the San Rafael City Schools to apply for a grant for a School Resource Officer (SRO) to conduct Tobacco education and enforcement at the 13 schools within the district. The California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tax Act of 2016 (Proposition 56) provides local public agencies with funding to promote a healthier California by reducing illegal sales and marketing of cigarettes and tobacco products to minors. The Office of the Attorney General makes these annual funds available to local law enforcement agencies through the California Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Program. If approved, this grant would provide funding for a second SRO through 2024.

R11. School Districts and municipalities should consider sharing the costs and services of SRO programs.

Response: Agreed. The cost of the SRO program whether there is one or two SROs, should involve cost sharing between the school districts and municipalities. The City has had ongoing discussions with the San Rafael City Schools, but other than the grant referred to in response to R10, no definite sharing arrangements have been developed.

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.

Response: Agreed. The county's SRO's should regularly to exchange information. The City will be working with other County law enforcement agencies to implement this.

RESOLUTION NO. 14716

**RESOLUTION OF THE SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL
APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE
RESPONSE TO THE MARIN COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT
ENTITLED, "SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS REVISITED"**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Penal Code section 933, a public agency which receives a Grand Jury Report addressing aspects of the public agency's operations, must comment on the Report's findings and recommendations contained in the Report in writing within ninety (90) days to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court with a copy to the Foreperson of the Grand Jury; and

WHEREAS, Penal Code section 933 specifically requires that the "governing body" of the public agency provide said response and, in order to lawfully comply, the governing body must consider and adopt the response at a noticed public meeting pursuant to the Brown Act; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Rafael has received and reviewed the 2018-2019 Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report, issued May 30, 2019, entitled "School Resource Officers Revisited" and has agenzized it at this meeting for a response.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of San Rafael hereby:


1. Approves and authorizes the Mayor to execute the City of San Rafael's response to the 2018-2019 Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report, issued May 30, 2019, entitled "School Resource Officers Revisited", a copy of which is attached hereto.
2. Directs the City Clerk to forward the City's Grand Jury Report response to the Presiding Judge of the Marin County Superior Court and to the Foreperson of the Marin County Civil Grand Jury.

I, Lindsay Lara, Clerk of the City of San Rafael, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the San Rafael City Council held on August 5, 2019 by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Councilmembers: Bushey, Colin, Gamblin & Mayor Phillips

NOES: Councilmembers: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers: McCullough



LINDSAY LARA, City Clerk