

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM
Town of Tiburon



Report Title: *School Resource Officers Revisited*

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered NA have been implemented.
- Recommendations numbered: NA have not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future.
- Recommendations numbered: NA require further analysis.
- Recommendations numbered: 1,2,3,7,8,10,11 and 12 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

Date: August 21, 2019

Signed: *[Signature]*

Number of pages attached: 3

*Office of the Town Manager
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August 22, 2019*

The Honorable Kelly Simmons
Judge of the Marin County Superior
Court
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**Re: Response to Grand Jury Report
*School Resource Officers Revisited***

Dear Honorable Judge Simmons and Mr. Randolph:

This letter explains in detail the Town of Tiburon's response to the Civil Grand Jury Report dated May 30, 2019 (*School Resource Officers Revisited*). The Report directs the Town to respond to Recommendations R1, R2, R3, R7, R8, R10, R11 and R12.

RESPONSES TO GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS

The Marin County Civil Grand Jury recommends the following:

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: This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable.

The Reed Union School District (RUSD) does not currently have an SRO program. However, the Tiburon Police Department (TPD) works closely with RUSD staff on matters regarding the safety and security of our schools, including maintaining a TPD Sub-Station located on the Bel Aire School campus. Currently, both the Town and RUSD believe the existing level of service is meeting the District's needs. However, if that assessment were to change, the Town would support discussions about the potential for future program expansion as resources become available.

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

Response: This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable.

The safety and security of students attending RUSD schools is one of our highest priorities, and as indicated in the Towns response to Recommendation 1, we work closely with RUSD staff on supporting that focus. At the current time, budgetary constraints would prevent us from committing funds to a new SRO program.

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

Response: This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable.

As indicated in the Towns response to Recommendation 2, there are no plans at the present time to establish a new SRO program as the Town and RUSD feel the current level of service is meeting the District's needs. However, if the District and the Town were to establish a program in the future, staffing assignments will be under the direction of the Tiburon Chief of Police.

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

Response: This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable.

As indicated in the Towns response to Recommendation 2, there are no plans at the present time to establish a new SRO program, as the Town and District feel the current level of service is meeting the Districts needs. However, if the District and town were to establish a program in the future, the Town will ensure any SRO's are properly trained.

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

Response: This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable.

As indicated in the Towns response to Recommendation 2, there are no plans at the present time to establish a new SRO program, as the Town and District feel the current level of service is meeting the Districts needs. However, if the District and Town were to establish a program in the future, the Town will ensure SRO's are properly trained.

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

Response: This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable.

As indicated in the Towns response to Recommendation 2, there are no plans at the present time to establish a new SRO program, as the Town and District feel the current level of service is meeting the District's needs. However, if the District and Town were to establish a new SRO program in the future, the two entities would work together in exploring all possible sources of potential revenue.

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

Response: This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable.

As indicated in the Towns response to Recommendation 2, there are no plans at the present time to establish a new SRO program, as the Town and District feel the current level of service is meeting the District's needs. However, if the District and Town were to establish a program in the future, we would work together in exploring all possible funding sources.

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: This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable.

As indicated in the Towns response to Recommendation 2, there are no plans at the present time to establish a new SRO program, as the Town and District feel the current level of service is meeting the District's needs. However, if the District and Town were to establish a program in the future, the Town will ensure all staff associated with the program have the opportunity to meet with their peers.

Sincerely,


Greg Chanis
Town Manager