

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: Follow-up Report on Web Transparency of Agency Compensation Practices

Report Date: October 30, 2020

Agenda Date: November 12, 2020

Response by: Catherine Way Title: Central Marin Police Authority Police Council Police Council Chair

FINDINGS

- Finding number F1: We agree with the finding that, **A comprehensive public awareness campaign that reaches all Marin residents would be effective in reducing the risk from unsafely handled and stored guns.**
- Finding number F2: We agree with the finding that, **Marin residents should be reminded that firearms stored unsafely increase the potential for accidental injury or death.**
- Finding number F3: We agree with the finding that, **Firearms that are not stored in a gun safe pose an unacceptable risk of being stolen or used in a crime.**
- Finding number F4: We agree with the finding that, **Marin residents should be reminded that a gun in a home increases the risk of suicide for all members of the household.**
- Finding number F5: We agree with the finding that, **Gun buyback programs reduce the availability of lethal weapons to suicidal individuals, the risk of accidental injury or death, and the possibility that a gun will be stolen.**

- Finding number F6: We agree with the finding that, **Gun violence restraining orders can play an important role in keeping guns away from those who should not have them.**

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendation number R2: **Each town, city, police authority, as well as the sheriff, should, at least annually, beginning in fiscal year 2020-21, send reminders to its residents regarding the need for safe handling and storage of firearms, and this reminder should be posted on official websites and social media platforms,** has been implemented.
- Recommendation number R3: **Each town, city, police authority, as well as the sheriff should, within six months of the date of this report, offer free gun locks and publicize a procedure for residents to turn in unwanted weapons. This message should also be posted on official websites and social media platforms,** has been implemented.
- Recommendation number R4: **The Marin County district attorney should work with other law enforcement agencies to continue to offer gun buyback programs, funded by public donations or grants,** has not been implemented, but will be implemented in the future based on the willingness of the Marin County District Attorney's Office.

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