

May 27, 2024

San Diego County Grand Jury
550 WC St STE 860
San Diego, CA 92101-3513

Subject: Carlsbad Police Department Response to Grand Jury Report: Retired Senior Volunteer Programs (RSVP) at San Diego Law Enforcement Agencies

Dear Grand Jury,

In compliance with California Penal Code Section 933.05, please accept the attached Grand Jury Report Form as Carlsbad Police Department's response to the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations as published in their May 2024 report entitled, "Retired Senior Volunteer Programs (RSVP) at San Diego Law Enforcement Agencies".

In summary, the Carlsbad Police Department agrees with Findings 1-5 as stated in the "Retired Senior Volunteer Programs (RSVP) at San Diego Law Enforcement Agencies" Report. The Carlsbad Police Department has implemented recommendation 02. The department has not yet been implemented recommendations 01 and 03 but plans to implement them by July 31, 2024.

Please contact me at eric.kovanda@carlsbadca.gov or 442-339-2146 if you have follow-up questions or would like to discuss the department's response to the May 2024 Grand Jury Report on Retired Senior Volunteer Programs (RSVP) at San Diego Law Enforcement Agencies.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Kovanda".

Lieutenant Eric Kovanda
Carlsbad Police Department
Professional Standards and Services Bureau



RESPONSE TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

Report Title: Grand Jury Report- Retired Senior Volunteer Programs (RSVP) at San Diego Law Enforcement Agencies

Response Provided by: Carlsbad Police Department

What is a Compliant Response?

Penal Code § 933.05 is very specific in what is required in a response. First, a respondent must address the findings listed in the report. There are only two responses allowed by the penal code. However, additional information is required if the respondent disagrees with a finding. If a report only lists findings and there are no recommendations, a response agreeing or disagreeing with each finding is not necessary.

FINDINGS

For purposes of subdivision (b) of Penal Code § 933.05, the respondent shall report one of the following two actions regarding each finding.

The respondent agrees with the finding.

The respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the finding; in which case the *response shall specify the portion of the finding that is disputed and shall include an explanation of the reason(s) therefore.*

- I (we) **agree** with the finding(s) numbered: **F1, F2, F3, F4, F5**

RECOMMENDATIONS

For purposes of subdivision (b) of Penal Code § 933.05, the respondent shall report one of the following four actions regarding each recommendation.

The recommendation <u>has been implemented</u> with a summary regarding the implemented action.
The recommendation <u>has not yet been implemented</u> , but will be implemented in the future, <i>with a timeframe for the implementation.</i>
The recommendation <u>requires further analysis</u> , <i>with an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury's report</i>
The recommendation <u>will not be implemented</u> because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, <i>with an explanation</i> , therefore.

- Recommendations numbered -R2- **has been** implemented.

R2 – Even before COVID Carlsbad Police Volunteers reached out to other Law Enforcement agencies to discuss recruiting practices, in addition to other best practices including training and operations. We will continue to reach out and collaborate on these items.

- Recommendations numbered - R1 and R3 - **have not yet been** implemented but will be implemented in the future, with a targeted completion date of **31 July 2024**

R1 – Carlsbad Police will reach out to SDSO and collaborate on a joint academy. Since SDSO already does a quarterly academy, they are the logical first point of contact for collaboration. Collaborating on items such as timing, location, similar training requirements versus different processes. We will do this by 31 July 2024.

R3 – The City of Carlsbad funds their volunteer programs well, though money is always limited and there are plenty of needs for those funds. Carlsbad Police will pursue obtaining funding from a variety of sources besides the police department budget such as federal, community, and corporate grants. We will identify a key individual/team to lead this effort NLT 31 July 2024.

Signature: _____



Date: _____

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