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The Honorable Dale Blea
Supervising Judge of the Grand Jury
Madera County Superior Court
200 S. G Street
Madera, CA 93637

Subject: Response to the 2017-18 Grand Jury Report entitled "Madera County Narcotic Enforcement Team."

Honorable Judge Blea:

Pursuant to the California Penal Code 933.05, the Madera County Board of Supervisors submits this response to the findings and recommendations in the 2017-18 Madera County Grand Jury report entitled "Madera County Narcotic Enforcement Team." See Attachment #1.

The following are the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations and the Board of Supervisors' responses:

Finding 1:

MADNET and its participating agencies have been successful in fulfilling its mission.

Response

Respondent agrees with the finding per California Penal Code 933.05 (a) (1).

Finding 2:

MADNET could increase its effectiveness if fully staffed per the MOU.

Response

Respondent agrees with the finding per California Penal Code 933.05 (a) (1).

Finding 3:

The distribution of confiscated money benefits the participating agencies by partially offsetting costs.

Response

Respondent agrees with the finding per California Penal Code 933.05 (a) (1).

Finding 4:

MADNET needs a fully equipped surveillance vehicle.

Response

Respondent agrees with the finding per California Penal Code 933.05 (a) (1).

Finding 5:

MADNET needs a single vehicular delivery system which can hold multiple individuals for enforcement activities.

Response

Respondent agrees with the finding per California Penal Code 933.05 (a) (1).

Finding 6:

MADNET officer's safety is compromised because undercover vehicles are identified by lawbreakers.

Response

Respondent agrees with the finding per California Penal Code 933.05 (a) (1).

Finding 7:

MADNET has insufficient storage space for evidence.

Response

Respondent agrees with the finding per California Penal Code 933.05 (a) (1).

Recommendation 2:

The MADNET council increase authorized staffing to minimize the borrowing of personnel, effective the next MOU.

Response

The recommendation requires further analysis. Task force member agencies will work towards fully staffing all task force agent positions and is currently reviewing funding opportunities.

Recommendation 3:

MADNET acquire a fully equipped surveillance vehicle within the next year.

Response

The recommendation requires further analysis. Task force operations and staffing are subject to limited funding. MADNET, along with the Sheriff's department, is currently seeking funding opportunities to satisfy operational needs, including the addition of a fully equipped surveillance vehicle. The department has enlisted the assistance of the County Grant Manager to assist in this effort.

Recommendation 4:

MADNET acquire a single vehicular delivery system to hold multiple team members within the next year.

Response

The recommendation requires further analysis. Task force operations and staffing are subject to limited funding. MADNET, along with the Sheriff's department, is currently seeking funding opportunities to satisfy operational needs. The department has enlisted the assistance of the County Grant Manager to assist in this effort.

Recommendation 5:

MADNET acquire additional storage for evidence within the next year.

Response

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. MADNET has begun an audit of what evidence requires continued retention which should result in additional storage space.

The Board acknowledges the Grand Jury's review and time involved in this matter, and appreciates the opportunity to respond to the findings and recommendations.

Sincerely,



Tom Wheeler

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors