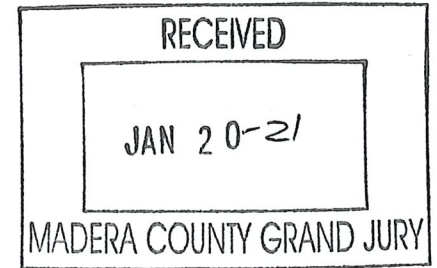




MADERA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Chief of Police



January 12, 2021

Michael Jurkovich
Supervising Judge of the Grand Jury
Madera Superior Court 300 South G Street
Madera, CA 93637

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Madera County Grand Jury
PO Box 534
Madera, CA 93637
Attn: Foreperson; Nina Zarucchi

RE: City of Madera Police Department: Unveiling Truths of Law Enforcement

Report Date: December 21, 2020

Dear Honorable Judge Jurkovich and Members of the Grand Jury:

Enclosed please find Madera Police Department's response to the Madera County Grand Jury findings and recommendations.

FINDINGS

F1. The MCGJ finds that the Madera Police Department works on multiple levels to build and strengthen positive relationships with community members.

F2. The MCGJ finds there are 15 funded positions that currently are unfilled at the Madera Police Department.

F3. The MCGJ finds that Madera County is not effectively handling the individuals Madera Police Department identifies as having a mental health crisis (5150).

Madera Police Department Response to the Madera Grand Jury Findings:

F1. The respondent agrees with the MCGJ findings.

F2. The respondent agrees with the MCGJ findings.

F3. The respondent agrees with the MCGJ findings.



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RECOMMENDATIONS

R1. MCGJ recommends that the Madera Police Department continue to foster the relationships within the community through the efforts already in place and be open to the suggestions brought by community groups and individuals.

R.2 MCGJ recommends that during Fiscal Year 21/22 currently open positions at the Madera Police Department be filled.

R.3 The MCGJ recommends that the Madera Police Department immediately work with the Madera County Board of Supervisors to provide adequate mental health services.

Madera Police Department Response to the Madera Grand Jury Recommendations:

R.1 The MGJ recommendation has been implemented. The Madera Police Department will continue to build and strengthen positive relationships with community members. The Madera Police Department will continue to foster openness with the community that we serve.

R.2 The MGJ recommendation has been implemented. The Madera Police Department has and will continue to fill current unfilled positions. The Madera Police Department has filled nine (9) of the above-mentioned vacancies and we are moving forward with filling the remaining six (6) vacancies.

R.3 The MCJ recommendation has been implemented. On 01-08-2021 County Law Enforcement and Mental Health Officials conducted a meeting relating to providing improved mental health services and training. All entities are also perusing a combined grant. All entities are engaged in reoccurring meeting with the goal of improved Mental health services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dino Lawson", written over a horizontal line.

Dino Lawson
Chief of Police