



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

Tyson J. Pogue, Sheriff-Coroner

August 22, 2023

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

Subject: Response to Grand Jury Report #2223-03, "Madera County Public Safety Incident Command System Madera County Grand Jury Final Report"

Honorable Judge Jurkovich:

In accordance with California Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, this correspondence serves as the response of the Madera County Sheriff to the Madera County Grand Jury (MCGJ) report #2223-03. I've carefully reviewed the report and concur with the findings and recommendations.

I would like to take this moment to express my sincere gratitude for the comprehensive examination and analysis you have conducted with regard to Madera County's emergency preparedness. Your findings and recommendations affirm the collaborative effort, adherence to standards, and commitment to continuous training that we strive for.

Findings:

F1: The recognition of the collaboration between the Madera County Sheriff's Office and its emergency preparedness partners is sincerely appreciated. We invest significant time in building relationships, planning strategically, and gaining insights into each other's capabilities well before any event occurs. This concerted effort ensures that we are not only prepared but also efficient and effective when the time comes to act.

F2, F3, & F4: The National Incident Management System (NIMS) guidelines serve as the framework for our emergency preparedness. Utilizing common terminology and standardized procedures is central to our successful collaboration. This is reinforced by standardized training across all agencies on the Incident Command System (ICS). I am pleased to see these crucial aspects highlighted in your report.

Recommendations:

R1-R4: I wholeheartedly agree with your recommendations for continuing our engagement with outside agencies, adhering to NIMS guidelines, maintaining cooperative collaboration using standardized procedures, and conducting regular training. Rest assured, these will remain priorities for the Madera County Sheriff's Office as we take our role as the County's Office of Emergency Services seriously.

In conclusion, your report reinforces our shared vision for public safety. I would personally like to thank the members of the Grand Jury for their time, attention, and dedication to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tyson J. Pogue". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "P".

Tyson J. Pogue, Sheriff-Coroner