



November 12, 2015

Honorable Glenda Sanders
Presiding Judge
Orange County Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Ref: The Mental Illness Revolving Door: A Problem for Police, Hospitals, and the Health Care Agency

Dear Honorable Judge Glenda Sanders:

The Laguna Beach Police Department is in receipt of the Orange County Grand Jury report entitled, "The Mental Illness Revolving Door: A Problem for Police, Hospitals, and the Health Care Agency." After thoroughly reviewing the report please see the below regarding both the findings and recommendations.

Responses to Findings:

- F.1. Partially Agrees: Taking into account current changes in academy curriculum and departmental training in this area, the Laguna Beach Police Department does not completely agree that all deputies and police officers receive insufficient training on how to handle the mentally ill in the field.
- F.2. Disagrees: Laguna Beach Police Department does not agree that officers do not receive enough training regarding Laura's Law. Our department provides training through Lexipol and our Community Outreach Officer to all sworn personnel.
- F.3. – F14. Agrees

Responses to Recommendations:

- R.1. Partially Implemented: Current academy curriculum is being expanded in this area, and the Laguna Beach Police Department has provided 8 hour mandatory training of POST certified "Effectively Interacting with the Mentally Ill" course.

- R.2. Implemented: Laguna Beach Police Officers have received training regarding Laura's Law in both briefing and through Lexipol, which is our policy and law educational system.
- R.6. Implemented: Laguna Beach Police Department has recently signed an agreement with Orange County Health Care Agency to have a clinician work with our Community Outreach Officer two days per week.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Respectfully,



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