



August 15, 2016

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

Ref: Drones: Know Before You Fly

Dear Honorable Judge Charles Margines,

The Laguna Beach Police Department is in receipt of the Orange County Grand Jury report titled, "Drones: Know Before You Fly." After thoroughly reviewing the report please see the below regarding both the findings and recommendations.

**Responses to Findings:**

- F.1. – F.7: Agrees

**Responses to Recommendations:**

- R.1. Each City should direct its City Attorney to provide a report to the city's police department and City Council on existing laws that can be applied to the use of recreational drones in the city's jurisdiction by December 30, 2016.

**Response:** Requires Further Analysis: In the Fall of 2016, the Police Department will provide a staff report to the City Council regarding drone issues and get direction from Council at that time.

- R.2. Each City should adopt a recreational drone ownership and operation ordinance, with regulations similar to those found in Los Angeles City ordinance #183912, by March 21, 2017 to the extent not preempted or superseded by Federal law and Federal regulations.

**Response:** Requires Further Analysis: After receiving direction from the City Council based on a staff report regarding drone issues, a local drone ordinance will be considered.

- R.3. Each City should inform its citizens about laws and ordinances that apply to recreational drone operators through print media, city-related web sites, social media sites and/or public forums by March 31, 2017.

**Response:** Requires Further Analysis: Agrees

- R.4. Each City should establish and publish on its website a point of contact for drone-related citizen complaints by December 30, 2016

**Response:** Agrees

- R.5. Each City should post FAA drone ownership and operation educational links on city-related websites, newsletters, and flyers by December 30, 2016.

**Response:** Agrees

- R.9. The County and each City should formally gather data on recreational drone incidents within their jurisdictions and review these data annually and report the results publicly. The first analysis and publication should occur within one year of the publication of this report.

**Response:** Implemented: Currently the City of Laguna Beach captures all drone calls for service and these stats are reviewed annually. The results have not yet been shared with the community in a formal setting.

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

Respectfully,



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