



February 3, 2017

Carrie L. Carmody, Ph.D.
Foreperson 2016-2017 Grand Jury
Orange County Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: 2015-2016 Orange County Grand Jury report, "Drones: Know Before You Fly."

Dr. Carmody,

In accordance with California Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, the Buena Park Police Department is responding to your request regarding its progress on certain recommendations in the 2015-2016 Grand Jury Report issued May 26, 2016 entitled: "Drones: Know Before You Fly". Updates to each of our responses are as follows:

Response to Recommendations

- R1. Each City Council 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 (F.2., F.3., F.5., F.6.)

The Buena Park Police Department will work with its City Attorney to establish applicable regulations and provide a report to City Council concerning the use of recreational drones in the city's jurisdiction prior to December 30, 2016.

Status: The Buena Park Police Department has been working with its City Attorney to vet applicable laws pertaining to the use of drones for the establishment of an ordinance. This process is nearly complete and a report to City Council will be forthcoming, anticipated completion, March 14, 2017.



- R2. 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similar to those found in Los Angeles City ordinance #183912, by March 31, 2017, to the extent not preempted or superseded by Federal law or Federal regulations. (F.1., F.2., F.3., F.5., F.6.)

The Buena Park Police Department will work with its City Attorney to establish a local ordinance prior to March 31, 2017.

Status: The City Attorney has indicated that the ordinance is partly finished and hopes to have a draft ordinance for review prior to March 1, 2017.

- R3. 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. (F.4., F.6.)

The Buena Park Police Department will inform community members about laws and ordinances applicable to drone operations through the use of local print media, city websites, social media and/or public forums by March 31, 2017.

Status: Once the Ordinance is enacted, every effort will be made to inform the community regarding drone operations through the use of local print media, city and police department websites, social media, and public forums prior to March 31, 2017.

- R4. Each City should establish and publish on its website a point of contact for drone-related citizen complaints by December 30, 2016. (F.7.)

The Buena Park Police Department will establish and publish on our website a point of contact for drone-related complaints by December 30, 2016.

Status: The Buena Park Police Department will designate its Watch Commander as the point of contact for drone-related complaints. This will be established and published on the City and Department websites by February 15, 2017.

- R5. Each City should post FAA drone ownership and operation educational links on city-related websites, newsletters, and fliers by December 30, 2016. (F.4.)

The Buena Park Police Department will post FAA drone ownership and operation educational links on city- and police-related websites, newsletters, and fliers by December 30, 2016.

Status: In anticipation of an ordinance, the Buena Park Police Department will post FAA drone ownership and operation educational links with applicable local statutes on city- and police-related websites, newsletters, and fliers by March 30, 2017.

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Sincerely,

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COREY S. SIANEZ
Chief of Police

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