



CITY OF BUENA PARK

Police Department
Corey S. Sianez, Chief of Police

June 12, 2012

Honorable Thomas J. Borris
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Judge Borris,

I have received a copy of the 2011-2012 Orange County Grand Jury Report, "Elder Abuse: The Perfect Storm". I have reviewed the findings and recommendations made by the Grand Jury and I offer the following for consideration:

Regarding finding F3 (*Reviewing procedures in law enforcement agencies, law enforcement academies under Orange County government jurisdiction and the District Attorney's office could improve recognition of elder abuse.*) – The Buena Park Police Department has evaluated its current method of providing training to officers concerning the crime of elder abuse. In addition to training received during a police academy, Buena Park Police Officers receive in-service training concerning crimes related to elder abuse.

Regarding recommendation R5 (*By December 31, 2012 the Sheriff's Department and city police departments should evaluate and update their programs on responding to elder abuse cases.*) – The Buena Park Police Department has in the past incorporated elder abuse training with biannual domestic violence training. This training includes the recognition and prosecution of elder abuse cases, and familiarity with elder abuse resources. In an effort to ensure our officers receive the best possible training in the area of elder abuse, and to ensure the safety and well-being of our elder community, the Buena Park Police Department will continue to provide biannual training in elder abuse recognition and resources to its officers.

Sincerely,

COREY S. SIANEZ
Chief of Police

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