



CITY OF BUENA PARK

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

July 31, 2012

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

Dear Judge Borris:

In compliance with the Penal Code Section 933.05, enclosed are the required responses from the City of Buena Park in reference to the 2011-2012 Orange County Grand Jury report, "Emergency Medical Response in Orange County."

Please feel free to contact me should there be any questions regarding these responses.

Respectfully,

James A. Dow
Mayor



Cc: Orange County Grand Jury



Grand Jury Report Responses

FINDINGS

- F1. The respondent agrees with the finding.
- F2. The respondent disagrees partially with the finding. Some fire departments have made changes in terms of their operating model to accommodate the predominant medical aid calls by implementing paramedic units. Generally speaking, most fire departments operate under the old fire department response model.
- F3. The respondent agrees with the finding.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- R1. This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not reasonable. The City of Buena Park has a signed agreement with the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) and any changes in their emergency response model will need to be spearheaded by OCFA. However, the City of Buena Park would welcome a more efficient and cost effective model should the current one be modified.
- R2. This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not reasonable. Again, the City of Buena Park's agreement with OCFA would preclude the City from implementing these changes arbitrarily. However, should the City be unable to live up to financial obligations set forth in our fire service contract, the City may be forced at some point in the future to consider privatized emergency medical response service.