



CITY OF BUENA PARK

Police Department

Thomas C. Monson, Chief of Police

July 3, 2006

Honorable Nancy Wieben Stock, Presiding Judge
Orange County Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: 2005-2006 Orange County Grand Jury report, "Improving Child Abuse Response"

Your Honor:

In accordance with California *Penal Code* Sections 933 and 933.05, the Buena Park Police Department responds to each of the findings and recommendations as follows:

Response to Findings

- 6.2 Expansion of the enhanced protocol is planned: Once social worker capacity is increased, SSA will propose to expand the use of protocol to OCSD, as well as the following cities: Brea, Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Cypress, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Irvine, Laguna Beach, La Habra, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Newport Beach, Orange, Placentia, Seal Beach and Westminster.

The Buena Park Police Department looks forward to the potential expansion of the protocol to include the Buena Park Police Department.

- 6.3 Law Enforcement agency procedures and training on child abuse response: OCSD and other law enforcement agencies that have not been approached by SSA on the enhanced protocol, have not included protocol in their procedures nor trained its officers of its use.

The Buena Park Police Department is in agreement to the need to update our Department procedures to reflect the protocol and to ensure the appropriate training of our officers.

Commitment to Service

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Response to Recommendations

- 7.1 Law enforcement agency acceptance of SSA Field Response Protocol: All Orange County law enforcement agencies should consider agreeing to the SSA enhanced protocol as social worker capacity is increased to support law enforcement needs. (See Findings 6.1 and 6.2)

The Buena Park Police Department intends to consider the agreement to the SSA enhanced protocol as social worker capacity is increased to support law enforcement needs.

- 7.2 Law enforcement training on the enhanced protocol: After a law enforcement agency agrees to the protocol, it should become part of the agency's procedure and line officers should be trained on the revised procedure. (See Finding 6.3)

Upon agreement to the protocol, the Buena Park Police Department's procedures will include the provisions of the protocol and line officers will receive appropriate training regarding same.

Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Tom Monson
Chief of Police

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