



Newport Beach Police Department

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Nancy Wieben Stock
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Dear Judge Stock:

My Department has received the Orange County Grand Jury report on "Improving Child Abuse Response." Per the request detailed in the report, I have compiled responses to Finding 6.2 and 6.3, as well as recommendations 7.1 and 7.2.

Responses to Findings:

6.2 *Expansion of the Enhanced Protocol is Planned:* The Newport Beach Police Department has already utilized the Field Response Team from the SSA to serve the immediate placement needs of children. We agree that the Enhanced Field Response Protocol is necessary, and we welcome working in partnership with the SSA to further implement this program.

6.3 *Law Enforcement Agency Procedures and Training on Child Abuse Response:* The Newport Beach Police Department has current established Departmental policy on Child Abuse Reporting and attends regular meetings at CAST. Our Department has already successfully used and benefited from the services of Field Response Teams, and we are eager to continue being a part of the new protocol.

Responses to Recommendations:

7.1 *Law Enforcement Agency Acceptance of SSA Field Response Protocol:* The Newport Beach Police Department believes that participation in this program can only enhance the protection of children in our Community. We welcome the protocol detailed in the report and look forward to further developing our partnership with the SSA.

7.2 *Law Enforcement Training on the Enhanced Protocol:* The Newport Beach Police Department plans on immediately implementing the new plan once it is initiated. This will include working with the SSA to determine the most efficient ways to train all of our personnel in the revised procedures.

Sincerely,

Bob McDonell
CHIEF OF POLICE