

## CITY OF BUENA PARK

## Police Department

Thomas C. Monson, Chief of Police

July 7, 2008

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

Re:

2007-2008 Orange County Grand Jury report, "The Anatomy of Safe and

Sane Fireworks Sales in Orange County"

## Your Honor:

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

## **Response to Findings**

F-9 Safety officials cannot enforce all laws and municipal ordinances regarding the illegal use of legal fireworks due to the large volume of activity on the Fourth of July.

The Buena Park Police Department agrees with this finding.

F-10 The use of illegal fireworks is significantly greater in cities that allow the sale of legal fireworks.

The Buena Park Police Department agrees with this finding.

F-11 The use of legal fireworks can mask the use of illegal fireworks.

The Buena Park Police Department agrees with this finding.

F-12 Safety officials are of the opinion that legal fireworks sales should be banned in the interest of public safety.

The Buena Park Police Department agrees with this finding.

Commitment to Service

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F-13 Safety officials can significantly curb the use of illegal fireworks in these cities within three years if the sale of legal fireworks were banned.

The Buena Park Police Department agrees with this finding.

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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