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

Re: Orange County Grand Jury Letter and Report of May 13, 2008

Dear Judge Wieben Stock:

I am taking this opportunity to respond to the Grand Jury Report addressing nonstructural safeguards for major seismic events. In that report, the May 13, 2008 Grand Jury visit to the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Regional Fire Operations Training Center (RFOTC) it was noted (page 2) that video monitors suspended from the ceiling in the 911 Emergency Communication Center were not adequately anchored. Since that visit, each of the monitors has been reinstalled and appropriately secured. The RFOTC was constructed during 2002 through 2004, and in addition to robust structural design and construction to withstand catastrophic shaking; the OCFA addressed all nonstructural techniques, appliances and safeguards known at the time.

In accordance with the recommendations identified in the report, specifically recommendation R-3, I am offering this response:

Recommendations as identified in R-3 have not yet been implemented. However, it is our intent that we will develop guidelines and begin implementation on or around June 30, 2009.

Additionally, as was requested in the letter, the OCFA will provide a progress report by March 30, 2009.

Thank-you for the opportunity to respond to your request; if you have any questions, or would like any further information, please feel free to contact me at 714.573.6008.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Pierce". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dave Pierce  
Assistant Chief, Support Services