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The Honorable Maria Hernandez
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Dear Judge Hernandez:

In accordance with California Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, pertaining to the 2022-2023 Orange County Grand Jury report, *SCHOOL SHOOTINGS: How Prepared Are Orange County Public Schools?*, the City of Fountain Valley has listed the following required responses to the findings and recommendations:

Findings

F1: Law enforcement, first responders, and other stakeholders have demonstrated a strong interest in working cooperatively with Orange County public schools to mitigate the risk of an active shooter incident; establishment of MOUs between law enforcement and school districts would strengthen this cooperation.

The City of Fountain Valley agrees with the finding.

F8: School Resource Officers (SROs) are a valuable asset for school safety, yet many cities/districts do not allocate sufficient funds to hire needed officers.

The City of Fountain Valley agrees with the finding.

Recommendations

R1: Each Orange County school district should arrange for local law enforcement to do an annual safety inspection of each school. The written safety checklist should include an audit of the integrity of site boundaries and a review of safety plans and policies. This annual safety audit should commence with the 2023-24 school year by October 1, 2023, and annually thereafter.

The City of Fountain Valley agrees with the recommendation.

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R3: Each Orange County school district, in conjunction with law enforcement, should develop and implement tabletop exercises to be conducted in district schools by December 31, 2023, and annually thereafter.

The City of Fountain Valley agrees with the recommendation.

R4: Each Orange County school district should work with local law enforcement to plan and conduct a district-wide active shooter drill by July 1, 2024, and at least every other year thereafter.

The City of Fountain Valley agrees with the recommendation.

R12: Each Orange County School District should assess the need for SROs or additional SROs, reaching out to appropriate community partners to facilitate funding by July 1, 2024.

The City of Fountain Valley agrees with the recommendation. The City of Fountain Valley currently funds for one SRO position. The City of Fountain Valley is committed to working with school district partners to allocate funds for additional SRO positions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Grand Jury report. We hope our answers add to the general understanding of the school shooting issues in Orange County. Should you have any questions about this letter, please contact Maggie Le, City Manager, at (714) 593-4410, or at maggie.le@fountainvalley.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Constantine".

Kim Constantine
Mayor