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Orange County Grand Jury
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Subject: Response to the Orange County Grand Jury Report, “E-Bikes Friend or Foe”

Members of the Orange County Grand Jury:

Per the request of the Grand Jury and in accordance with California Penal Code § 933 and 933.05, I have prepared the following response to the above-mentioned Grand Jury Report.

Finding 1. *The majority of Orange County’s 34 cities do have ordinances or policies in place, which make it difficult to address the safe operation and regulation of E-bikes leading to confusion.*

Response: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Finding 2. *Due to increasing incidence of E-Bike injuries and deaths, there is a need for consistent and accurate tracking by law enforcement and first responders, which does not exist now.*

Response: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Finding 3. *Training and education on E-bike use and safety varies from city to city causing confusion amongst bike riders.*

Response: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Recommendation 1. *Each Orange County city should have specific policies that define the rules of the road for use of E-bikes in their communities by December 1, 2024.*

Response: The recommendation has not been implemented but will be implemented in the future.

The Orange Police department will collaborate with the City Attorney’s office to review existing E-bike regulations and policies and subsequently propose updates. Clear guidelines and policies

will be developed regarding E-bike classifications, safety standards, designated routes, parking regulations, and enforcement procedures.

Recommendation 2. Each Orange County city should have a mechanism in place to report accidents, injuries and deaths involving E-Bikes by December 1, 2024.

Response: The recommendation has been implemented.

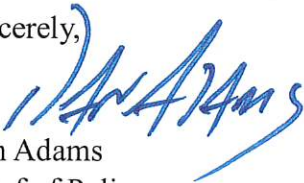
The Orange Police Department currently reports accidents, injuries, and deaths through the state-controlled system maintained by the California Highway Patrol (CHP), utilizing CHP Form 555. The Orange Police Department utilizes a third-party vendor, Crossroads, to facilitate the submission of CHP Form 555.

Recommendation 3. Each Orange County city should research and develop outreach and education programs regarding the safe operation of E-bikes for their residents by December 1, 2024.

Response: The recommendation has not been implemented but will be implemented in the future.

The Orange Police Department is currently working with Orange Unified School District to implement E-bike training prior to the start of school. Additionally, the Orange Police Department is identifying the need for E-bike training in our bi-annual Citizens' Academy. Furthermore, the Orange Police Department has created information about E-bike safety through existing social media accounts.

Sincerely,



Dan Adams
Chief of Police

CC: Honorable Maria D. Hernandez
Dan Slater, Mayor
Tom Kisela, City Manager