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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 2023-2024 Orange County Grand Jury Report, *Law Enforcement's Response to Mental Health Calls for Service*, the City of Fountain Valley has listed the following required responses to the findings and recommendation:

Findings

F1. Mental health training for law enforcement officers in Orange County exceeds the State's requirements, resulting in law enforcement applying these skills to better evaluate and handle mental health calls for service.

The City of Fountain Valley agrees with the finding.

F2. Law enforcement agencies in Orange County have developed unique ways to deal with mental health calls in their communities based on their particular needs and budgets, enabling law enforcement to better serve their communities.

The City of Fountain Valley agrees with the finding. The City of Fountain Valley funds two (2) Community Resource Officer positions to contact and refer persons with mental health needs to wellness resources.

F3. Law enforcement collaboration with County PERT clinicians and Be Well mobile response units has been an effective tool when responding to mental health calls for service.

The City of Fountain Valley agrees with the finding. A member of the Orange County Health Care Agency rides with our Community Resource Officer once a week to conduct PERT follow-ups.

F4. People with mental illness respond more positively to “soft uniformed” police personnel, which can be effective in de-escalating situations.

The City of Fountain Valley agrees with the finding.

F5. Providing follow-up case management is not only necessary but critical for the wellbeing of people experiencing mental health issues.

The City of Fountain Valley agrees with the finding.

Recommendations

R1: Based on its investigation, the 2023–2024 OCGJ has determined that law enforcement agencies throughout Orange County have developed unique techniques to adequately address mental health calls, thus this report does not contain recommendations.

The City of Fountain Valley agrees with the recommendation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Grand Jury report. We hope our answers add to the general understanding of the mental health 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.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glenn Grandis', written in a cursive style.

Glenn Grandis
Mayor