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The Honorable Maria D. Hernandez Presiding Judge Orange County Superior Court 700 Civic Center Drive West Santa Ana, CA 92701

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

Honorable Judge Maria D. Hernandez:

Per the request of the Grand Jury for a supplemental code-compliant response, dated October 9, 2024, and in accordance with California Penal Code § 933 and 933.05, I have prepared the following response to the above-mentioned Grand Jury request.

**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 by June 30, 2025.

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 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 been implemented in the school district and will be implemented to residents before June 30, 2025.

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The Orange Police Department partnered with Orange Unified School District to implement E-bike training prior to the start of the 2024 school year. The training occurred on August 7, 2024, September 4, 2024. Additionally, the Orange Police Department will conduct E-bike training during our bi-annual Citizens' Academy April 5, 2025, to May 21, 2025. Furthermore, the Orange Police Department has created information about E-bike safety through existing social media accounts.

Sincerely,

Dan Adams

Chief of Police

CC: Orange County Grand Jury

Dan Slater, Mayor

Tom Kisela, City Manager