



July 19, 2016

The Honorable Gregory Gaul
Presiding Judge, Shasta County Superior Court
1500 Court Street
Redding, CA 96001

Dear Judge Gaul:

On behalf of the City of Anderson, we wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the work of the 2015-2016 Shasta County Grand Jury. As required by California Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, the City of Anderson offers the following response to the report titled, "A Mental health Crisis, Following the Call, The First 72 Hours Matter".

Finding F5:

Law enforcement officers may or may not have received Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) beyond that received during their academy training. Continuing updated CIT education in the recognition of mental illness and de-escalation techniques could help prevent transporting patients to hospital emergency rooms or county jail;

Response:

The City of Anderson agrees with this finding. The Anderson Police Department (APD), collaborates with other local law enforcement agencies, including the Redding Police Department (RPD), and the Shasta County Sheriff Office (SCSO), to participate in critical incident trainings. These trainings often have a mental health component to the curriculum. Anderson Police Department personnel also receive continuing education and training in crisis intervention throughout their career through the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), in the form of on-line courses and formal classroom training. Additionally they receive briefing/case law update trainings.

Recommendation R5:

The Grand Jury recommends that by December 31, 2016, the City of Redding City Council, City of Anderson City Council, and the Shasta County Sheriff's Office each adopt a departmental policy that requires Crisis Intervention Training, at a minimum of every two years, for all law enforcement officers, beginning;

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Response:

The City of Anderson supports this recommendation. The Chief of Police at the Anderson Police Department, who sets policy for the Police Department, has already implemented a resolution to this effect and is in the process of developing a policy for crisis intervention training in coordination with the Redding Police Department, as lead agency, and the Shasta County Sheriff's Office to establish standardized crisis intervention training County-wide.

The City of Anderson appreciates this opportunity to respond to relevant portions of the 2015-2016 Shasta County Grand Jury Final Report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susie Baugh". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Susie Baugh

Mayor, City of Anderson