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**A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS, FOLLOWING THE CALL
THE FIRST 72 HOURS MATTER**



Findings:

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 Grand Jury Report is partially correct that Law Enforcement may or may not receive Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) beyond the basic academy.

Deputies must complete 24 hours of additional training every two years, as required by the State of California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). A portion of their training is referred to as Tactical Communications, which includes de-escalation techniques for the agitated or in crisis persons. Correctional Deputies must complete 24 hours of training annually, as required by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) on Standards and Training for Corrections (STC). A portion of their training includes personal mental health issues, crisis intervention and de-escalation techniques. Additionally, jail staff receive training from the jail medical provider regarding persons with mental illness, de-escalation, and other areas. This training is provided to new personnel and on an annual basis to all jail personnel.

Persons in a mental health crisis are not brought to the jail – persons charged with a crime are brought to the jail. If the arrestee falls within the perimeters of 5150 WI (Welfare and Institution Code) the person may not be accepted for booking until stabilized. The jail has mental health professionals and/or medical staff available on a 24 hour basis.

Recommendations:

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.

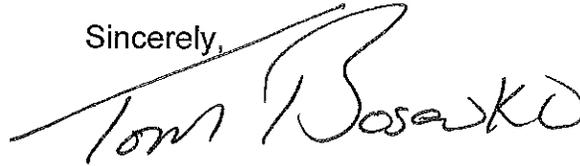
Response: The Sheriff disagrees with the recommendations. Crisis Intervention Training has value for Sheriff's Office staff and the agency. Such training is not mandated by law. It is already difficult to fit in mandated training, in addition to other priority training, into an officer's schedule. Further

requirements would have impacts on budgets due to overtime, scheduling, and delivery of services. Additional training is available to officers through the POST Learning Portal and through other courses they may attend.

POST will require CIT training for Field Training Officers effective October 3, 2016. Field Training Officers are responsible for the training of new officers and others. The Sheriff's Office will have staff attend CIT training as staffing, funding, and other demands allow.

The Sheriff may seek options for such training, perhaps in a modular format to reduce the impact of 40 hour training blocks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Bosenko". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

TOM BOSENKO
Sheriff-Coroner

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