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December 5, 2023

Honorable Michael D. Coughlan, Presiding Judge
San Joaquin County Superior Court
180 E. Weber Avenue, Suite 1306J
Stockton, CA 95202

CITY OF STOCKTON RESPONSE TO SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY GRAND JURY 2022-2023 CASE NO. 0322 SCHOOL SAFETY IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY: DEVELOPING A CULTURE OF SAFETY

The City of Stockton received the 2022-23 Grand Jury Report in June of 2023, regarding findings and recommendations related to School Safety in San Joaquin County. In general, the City agrees with the findings and is providing the below responses to the findings and recommendations.

In accordance with Sections 933 and 933.05 of the California Penal Code, the Stockton Police Department, with the approval of the City Council, offers the following responses to the Grand Jury Report on the above-referenced case. As referenced under Response Requirements, the Stockton City Council is responding to the Findings and Recommendations F2.4 and R 2.4.

Findings and Recommendations:

F2.4: Many districts Comprehensive School Safety Plans (CSSPs) show a lack of meaningful collaboration between districts and local law enforcement agencies, causing confusion and chaos during an emergency.

R2.4: By December 15, 2023, each law enforcement agency in San Joaquin County meaningfully collaborates and approves the updated CSSP for school sites within that agency's jurisdiction.

RESPONSE:

While reviewing the 2022-2023 Civil Grand Jury report on school safety, recommendations have been made for greater collaboration between the Stockton Police Department (SPD) and various school districts and sites regarding the development and review of Comprehensive School Safety Plans (CSSP) and training. The SPD offers the following resources, training, and recommendations to help accomplish our shared

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mission of school safety to all school districts and sites within the incorporated city limits, under the purview of the SPD. It is the duty of the school districts or school sites to contact local law enforcement agencies to begin the collaboration and review of CSSP's.

Through collaboration with the San Joaquin County Office of Education, the following resources and recommendations were shared with School Superintendents and Safety Officers in the City of Stockton during the week of November 13, 2023. A sample copy of this communication is attached for reference.

- Resources: Partnering in the review of all law enforcement specific sections in the Comprehensive School Safety Plans (CSSP's). CSSP's can be sent to Lieutenant Ryan Taiariol at ryan.taiariol@stocktonca.gov for review.
- Training: With the San Joaquin County Office of Education facilitating, the SPD will conduct 2-hour Emergency Preparedness Trainings focusing on option-based training (Run, Hide, Fight), identifying Incident Command System roles and empowering staff to make decisions.
- Recommendation: Knox Boxes provide immediate access for first responders to facilities. The Stockton Police Department has reviewed and determined that most Knox boxes at area schools are in locations not accessible to police officers without the assistance of a ladder. The SPD recommends all Knox boxes be placed between 4 – 6 feet off the ground and within 20 feet of the main entrance. Additionally, the recommended contents of the Knox box should include a master key/electronic key card and a map of the facility to immediately aid first responders in during critical incidents.

The SPD and Stockton Unified School District Police Department have been in communication and confirmed that the Stockton Police Department are responsible for CSSP review and collaboration for schools in their enforcement district.

School safety has always been and will continue to be a top priority for the Stockton Police Department.

Respectfully,



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CHIEF OF POLICE

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School Superintendents and Safety Officers

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY SCHOOL SAFETY TRAINING

While reviewing the 2022-2023 Civil Grand Jury report on school safety, recommendations have been made for greater collaboration between the school district and the police department in the development of Comprehensive School Safety Plans and training. The Stockton Police Department is offering the following resources, training, and recommendations to help accomplish our shared mission of school safety.

- **Resources:** Partnering in the review of all law enforcement specific sections in the Comprehensive School Safety Plans (CSSP's). CSSP's can be sent to Lieutenant Ryan Taiariol at ryan.taiariol@stocktonca.gov for review.
- **Training:** With the San Joaquin County Office of Education facilitating, the SPD will conduct 2-hour Emergency Preparedness Trainings focusing on option-based training (Run, Hide, Fight), identifying Incident Command System roles and empowering staff to make decisions.
- **Recommendation:** Knox Boxes provide immediate access for first responders to facilities. The Stockton Police Department has reviewed and determined that most Knox boxes at area schools are in locations not accessible to police officers without the assistance of a ladder. The SPD recommends all Knox boxes be placed between 4 – 6 feet off the ground and within 20 feet of the main entrance. Additionally, the recommended contents of the Knox box should include a master key/electronic key card and a map of the facility to immediately aid first responders in during critical incidents.



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