

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

Report Title: Gangs in Marin

Report Date: May 14, 2008

Response by City Council, City of Larkspur

By: Jean A Borsuder  
Larkspur City Manager

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: 9, 10
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: 0

(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefor.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered 2, 3 have been implemented.  
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered 0 have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.  
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered 1 require further analysis.  
(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)
- Recommendations numbered 0 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.  
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 7-17-08 Signed: Jean A Borsuder

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## CITY OF LARKSPUR

July 17, 2008

Roberta Robinson, Foreperson  
Marin County Grand Jury  
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 275  
San Rafael, CA 94903

The Honorable Verna Adams  
Marin County Superior Court  
P. O. Box 4988  
San Rafael, CA 94913-4988

RE: Gangs of Marin

Dear Foreperson Robinson and the Honorable Judge Adams:

The Larkspur City Council appreciates the work of the Grand Jury members on this report regarding information about gangs in Marin County. The Council reviewed the report and the recommended responses from City/Authority staff at its regularly scheduled July 16, 2008 City Council meeting. Regarding Gangs of Marin, the Council directed that staff respond as follows.

As required by Sections 933 (c), 933.05 (a) and 933.05 (b) of the California Penal Code, this letter acknowledges receipt of and responds to the 2008 Marin County Grand Jury Report, Gangs of Marin. The Larkspur City Council has been requested to respond to two findings and three recommendations. The responses requested are listed below.

### FINDINGS

**F9. Law enforcement in Marin takes the control of gangs seriously: training and assigning gang specialists, including school officers; emphasizing both law enforcement and community service; implementing effective strategies and tactics; sharing information regularly across jurisdictions through monthly meetings of an informal task force; and joining together in temporary concentrations of effort.**

Response: The Larkspur City Council agrees with this finding.

**F10. Providing information about gangs is one of the ways of deterring them. Police agencies frequently provide speakers to schools, religious organizations and other community groups to inform them of the nature of gang activity in Marin and what can be done about it.**

Response: The Larkspur City Council agrees with this finding.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

**R1. Cooperative planning and action among Marin's law enforcement agencies concerning control of street gangs, including the informal gang task force, continue to receive strong economic and community support and not be curtailed by the county's anticipated 2008-09 budget reductions.**

Response: The Larkspur City Council has determined that this recommendation requires further analysis. While we agree that the informal gang task force should continue, the County must set priorities regarding what must be funded as part of their 2008-09 budget deliberations. The County has already announced it faces fiscal challenges, and it is not within Larkspur's authority to direct the County's fiscal process. That said, Larkspur City Council has authorized its share of costs in 2008-09 through the Twin Cities Police Authority to continue to participate with the gang task force.

**R2. Irrespective of fiscal constraints and budget cutbacks, current staffing levels of municipal, probation, school and sheriff's officers with gang specialization or responsibility be maintained or increased in 2008-09 to continue the enhancement of public safety in Marin.**

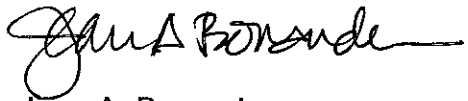
Response: The Larkspur City Council notes that this recommendation has been implemented, and will continue to be implemented through the resources devoted to the Twin Cities Police Authority.

**R3. Educational presentations continue to be made by all law enforcement agencies to schools, religious organizations and other community groups to inform the Marin public about gangs and accordingly deter Marin gang activities**

Response: The Larkspur City Council notes that this recommendation has been implemented, and will continue to be implemented through the resources devoted to the Twin Cities Police Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these issues.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jean A. Bonander", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jean A. Bonander  
City Manager  
On behalf of the Larkspur City Council

C: Larkspur City Council  
City Clerk

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