

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

Report Title: Gangs in Marin

Report Date: May 14, 2008

Response by Robert T. Doyle, Sheriff

By: _____

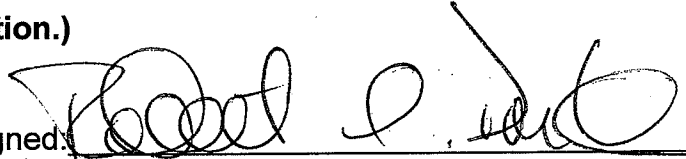
FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6, F7, F9, F10, F11 and F12.
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: F8
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefor.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R1 and R3 have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered R2 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 _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 5/19/08

Signed: 

Number of pages attached 0



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May 15th, 2008

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Reference: Response by Sheriff Robert T. Doyle to the 2007-2008 Civil Grand Jury Report Entitled "Gangs of Marin"

Findings:

I agree with the findings numbered F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6, F7, F9, F10, F11, and F12.

I disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered F8.

The only area of disagreement with Finding F8 is that the Civil Grand Jury indicated in its report that the Sheriff's Office suffered a 5% reduction to its FY 2008-2009 annual operating budget. While a 5% reduction was initially proposed by the County Administrator's Office, CAO Hymel and I reached agreement to propose to the Board of Supervisors a reduction to our FY 2008-2009 budget of less than 3%. It should, however, be noted that requests for additional reductions are still quite possible.

Recommendations:

Recommendations numbered R1 and R3 have been implemented.

There are no recommendations that have not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future.

Recommendations numbered R2 require further analysis.

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Recommendation R2

Recommendation R2 requires that irrespective of potential future budget cutbacks, current staffing levels for the Sheriff's School Resource Officers be maintained or increased during FY 2008-2009. While I strongly support the concept of early intervention afforded to us by maintaining an enhanced presence in the elementary and secondary schools where introduction to the gang lifestyle all too often begins, I must balance my desire to shelter the School Resource Officer Program from potential reductions against the need to provide other critical public safety services to the residents of Marin County. Until such time as the Board of Supervisors adopts the final FY 2008-2009 County Budget, making assurances that this vital gang prevention program will not suffer some form of reduction is not possible.

Yours truly,


ROBERT T. DOYLE
SHERIFF