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Honorable J. David Markham
Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California, County of Lake
255 N. Forbes Street, 4th Floor
Lakeport, CA 95453

SUBJECT: Response to 2022-2023 Grand Jury Final Report Entitled: "America is Bleeding: School Shootings"

Dear Judge Markham:

Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933.05(a), (b), and (c), the following are my responses as Chief of Police of the Clearlake Police Department to the findings and recommendations in the above-entitled Grand Jury Report:

FINDINGS

F-1 Agree

School shootings are still relatively rare, but have been increasing since 2017.

F-2 Agree

The guns used in school shootings usually come from the student's or a relative's home.

F-3 Agree

School violence is not uncommon at athletic events.

F-4 Agree

SROs benefit from specialized training focusing on non-violent communication, with youths' social and emotional development.

F-5 Agree

Single entrances and metal detectors at campus entrances are helpful in screening for weapons.



F-6 Agree

School officials' outreach to parents/guardians to sensitize them to worrisome changes in students' behavior can help identify at-risk students needing intervention.

RECOMMENDATIONS

R-2 Has been implemented.

That School District officials and law enforcement officers include athletic events in their active shooter response plans.

The Clearlake Police Department currently includes athletic events in our active shooter response planning and training.

R-3 Has been implemented.

That School District officials hire SROs and provide them with specialized training to better understand adolescent development and non-violent communication.

The Clearlake Police Department entered into a MOU with the Konocti Unified School District on July 20, 2023. Under the terms of the MOU, the Clearlake Police Department will provide one full-time SRO to the District for the 2023/24 school year. Additionally, the District may request additional Clearlake police officers to work school events, such as football games and school dances. The SRO selected for this position attended a certified SRO course the week prior to the 2023/24 school year starting.

I would like to thank the Grand Jury for their efforts in completing this report and their recommendations. We especially appreciate the members who took the time to meet with our staff and learn more about the challenges and opportunities related to this subject.

Best Regards,



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Chief of Police