

**RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT**

Report Title: The 911 First Responder Referral Program  
Report Date: 6/9/16  
Agenda Date: 8/25/16  
Response by: Tom Perazzo Title: Board President

**FINDINGS**

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: \_\_\_\_\_
- I (we) disagree *partially* with the findings numbered: \_\_\_\_\_
- I (we) disagree *wholly* with the findings numbered: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ have been implemented.  
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered R1, R2 have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.  
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ 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: 8/25/16 Signed: Thomas W Perazzo

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August 25, 2016

The Honorable Judge Kelly V. Simmons  
Marin County Superior Court  
P.O. Box 4988  
San Rafael, CA 94913-4988

**Re: Marin Civil Grand Jury Report responses: The 911 First Responder Referral Program: More Than a Band-Aid for Seniors**

Dear Judge Simmons,

Attached is the official response of the Southern Marin Fire Protection District to the recommendations of the Grand Jury's report titled, "The 911 First Responder Referral Program: More Than a Band-Aid for Seniors". The Southern Marin Fire Protection District is required to respond to Recommendation #1 and #2. Recommendations #1 and #2 have not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future. Our required response to the report's recommendations were approved by the Southern Marin Fire Protection District Board of Directors at their meeting on August 24, 2016.

The Fire District appreciates the attention that the Grand Jury has given to the important issues and concerns facing Marin's senior citizens. We fully support this program as an important tool in improving the quality of life for our senior citizens, connecting them with resources that can provide for their short-term and long-term assistance needs, and helping them to improve their overall health and vitality while working towards a goal of supporting their independence.

*R1. The Marin County fire chiefs should implement the 911 First Responder Referral Program County-wide.*

The Marin County Fire Chiefs Association is planning for the implementation of this program in all of Marin's fire agencies by January 1, 2017. The Marin County Fire Chiefs Association is comprised of Fire Chiefs representing each of Marin's fire agencies. Marin's fire agencies provide 911 first responder and transport ambulance emergency medical response throughout Marin County. The Marin County Fire Chiefs Association is working in collaboration with the Marin County Department of Health and Human Services and the Marin County Police Chiefs Association to coordinate the implementation of the program across all of Marin's first responder agencies.

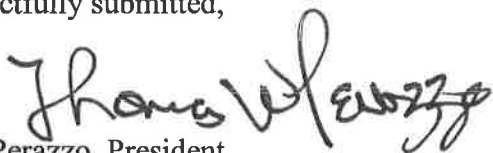
Train the Trainer classes have already begun to train fire service personnel to teach this program in their respective departments. Additional Train the Trainer classes are being scheduled. Training of first responders has already begun in several fire departments and will continue.

The Southern Marin Fire Protection District's Training Officer has attended Train the Trainer classes. Instruction in the program will be delivered to all Southern Marin Fire District personnel over the next several months. The Southern Marin Fire District will support the Marin County Fire Chiefs Association January 1, 2017, implementation of the program.

*R2. Marin County fire chiefs should create a community outreach campaign for the 911 First Responder Referral Program.*

The Marin County Fire Chiefs Association and the Marin County Department of Health and Human Services will be working in collaboration to develop a community outreach and education video public service announcement to introduce the program to Marin's residents.

Respectfully submitted,



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Southern Marin Fire Protection District Board of Directors

Cc: Fire Chief Christian Tubbs  
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