

Grand Jury Report

RESPONSE FORM

Grand Jury Report Title : EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CONSOLIDATION IS IMPERATIVE

Report Dated : June 3, 2010

Response Form Submitted By:

BOS
c/o Executive Office
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Response MUST be submitted, per Penal Code §933.05, no later than:

September 1, 2010

I have reviewed the report and submit my responses to the FINDINGS portion of the report as follows:

- I (we) agree with the Findings numbered:
2,3,4,5,7,8,9
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings numbered below, and have **attached, as required**, a statement specifying any portion of the Finding that are disputed with an explanation of the reasons therefore.

1,6 (See Attached)

I have reviewed the report and submit my responses to the RECOMMENDATIONS portion of the report as follows:

- The following Recommendation(s) have have been implemented and **attached, as required**, is a summary describing the implemented actions:

 - The following Recommendation(s) have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, **attached, as required** is a time frame for implementation:

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The following Recommendation(s) require further analysis, and **attached as required**, is an explanation and the scope and parameters of the planned analysis, and a time frame for the matter to be prepared, discussed and approved by the officer and/or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed: (This time frame shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of publication of the Grand Jury Report)

The following Recommendations will NOT be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are not deemed reasonable, **attached, as required** is an explanation therefore:

1,2,3 (See Attached)

I have completed the above responses, and have attached, as required the following number of pages to this response form:

Number of Pages attached: 3

I understand that responses to Grand Jury Reports are public records. They will be posted on the Grand Jury website: www.co.mendocino.ca.us/grandjury. The clerk of the responding agency is required to maintain a copy of the response.

I understand that I must submit this signed response form and any attachments as follows:

First Step: E-mail (word documents or scanned pdf file format) to:

- The Grand Jury Foreperson at: grandjury@co.mendocino.ca.us
- The Presiding Judge: grandjury@mendocino.courts.ca.gov
- The County's Executive Office: ceo@co.mendocino.ca.us

Second Step: Mail all originals to:

Mendocino County Grand Jury
P.O. Box 939
Ukiah, CA 95482

ATTEST:


Carmel J. Angelo, Clerk of the Board
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors



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Printed Name: CARRE BROWN

Title: Chair, Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

Signed: 

Date: AUG 17 2010

ATTACHMENT:

**REPORT: EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CONSOLIDATION IS
IMPERATIVE**

FINDINGS:

FINDING #1: The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors disagrees wholly or partially with the Findings, and have attached, as required, a statement specifying any portion of the Findings that are disputed with an explanation of the reasons therefore.

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors partially disagrees with this finding, and incorporates, by reference herein, the response from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

FINDINGS #6: The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors disagrees wholly or partially with the Findings, and have attached, as required, a statement specifying any portion of the Findings that are disputed with an explanation of the reasons therefore.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office has already activated a Reverse 911 Emergency Notification System.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

RECOMMENDATION 1: The following recommendation will not be implemented by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors because it is not warranted and/or are not deemed reasonable, attached, as required is an explanation therefore.

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors does not have authority to direct the listed agencies to implement this recommendation. The Board of Supervisors supports this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 2: The following recommendation will not be implemented by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors because it is not warranted and/or are not deemed reasonable, attached, as required is an explanation therefore.

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors does not have authority to direct the listed agencies to implement this recommendation. The Board of Supervisors supports this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 3: The following recommendation will not be implemented by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors because it is not warranted and/or are not deemed reasonable, attached, as required is an explanation therefore.

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors does not have authority to direct the Grand Jury to implement this recommendation.

Findings

1. A grant of \$2.5 million from Homeland Security for communication software has been obtained by MCSO. The MCSO is sharing the software with other County law enforcement agencies.
2. Additional proposals are being reviewed by the LEAA and UPD to determine a plan that would best serve the County in going forward with this project.
3. These issues need to be addressed:
 - sources of funds, i.e. grants/homeland security, Federal and State funds,
 - donation of County property in lieu of matching funds for Federal and/or State funding,
 - location of facility,
 - construction of new facility or renovation of an existing facility,
 - comparison of costs between the existing emergency communication systems and a new consolidated system,
 - governance of the new system, i.e., Joint Powers Authority, (JPA),
 - comparison of present and future costs of each community's participation,
 - involvement of City and/or County personnel and their union/employment contracts.
4. CAL FIRE and CHP are State funded agencies that may choose to be involved in the consolidated system now or in the future.
5. Elected officials of the State and Federal government have shown interest in this project.
6. The proposed consolidation will include reverse 911 capabilities, allowing the communication center to automatically notify areas of the County of impending or existing emergencies.

7. A contract exists between UPD and FBPD for emergency calls and dispatching. Costs are based on the volume of calls.
8. The County's present state-of-the-art microwave tower is not being fully utilized. Leasing space to cell phone companies, or others, would provide revenue for the new consolidated 911 system.
9. The potential use of the Global Positioning System, (GPS), to identify exact location of calls, officers, and emergency vehicles will be an integral part of this consolidation effort.

Recommendations

The Grand Jury recommends that:

1. the FBPD, UPD, WPD, and the MCSO determine the cost of the project and their share of the cost. (Findings 2-3, 5, 7, 9)
2. the FBPD, UPD, WPD, and the MCSO set a timeframe within the previously suggested three-year parameter for implementation of this consolidated emergency system plan. (Finding 2)
3. the GJ continue monitoring the consolidated 911 system project and usage of the microwave tower. (All Findings)