



# CITY OF MANTECA

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July 17, 2013

The Honorable David P. Warner  
Presiding Judge  
San Joaquin County Superior Court  
P.O. Box 201022  
Stockton, CA 95201

Re: Response to 2012-13 Grand Jury Law and Justice Report  
– “Public Safety Ride Alongs”

Dear Judge Warner:

The City of Manteca is in receipt of the above-noted 2012-13 Grand Jury Law and Justice Report – Public Safety Ride Alongs. On July 16, 2013, the Manteca City Council voted to authorize me to send the City’s response to the above-referenced Grand Jury report, consistent with Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05.

Findings:

F2.1. The absence of GPS devices and computers in the fire vehicles may delay the response times to emergencies.

*Response: Fire Engines and Command vehicles within the City of Manteca have had laptop computers with GPS capability since 2009. The laptops include GPS capability and data to assist with emergency response within the City of Manteca, as well as surrounding communities the Manteca Fire Department is likely to respond to in assisting at emergencies. In addition, the Manteca Fire Department is collaboratively working with the cities of Tracy and Stockton on further improving technology by the deployment of Mobile Tablet Technology that will lower the costs for deployment, and provide for sustainable funding for replacement and maintenance. The City of Manteca contracts with the City of Stockton for dispatch service and is included in an MMRS grant to fund the new Mobile Tablet Technology project.*

F2.2. The absence of GPS devices and computers in fire vehicles put firefighters at risk when responding to an emergency outside their assigned area and without the necessary data.

*Response: The City of Manteca disagrees with this finding. As noted above, all City of Manteca Fire Engines and Command vehicles are equipped with GPS devices and*

computers. Therefore, firefighters are not at risk when responding to an emergency outside their assigned area.

Recommendations:

R2.1. The Manteca City Council, by December 31, 2013, approve the purchase of current mobile technology (e.g., laptop computers, tablets, GPS devices) along with appropriate software for all fire engines in the city's fire department.

*Response: The department has budgeted for new software this fiscal year to enhance our current laptop communications with Dispatch. This budget request was approved by the City Council on July 16, 2013. This new software can also be used effectively with the new Mobile Table Technology.*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Willie W. Weatherford", written over a horizontal line.

WILLIE W. WEATHERFORD  
Mayor

c: Manteca City Council  
City Manager  
City Attorney