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San Joaquin Superior Court
222 East Weber Avenue
Stockton, CA 95202

CITY OF STOCKTON RESPONSE GRAND JURY 2012-2013 LAW AND JUSTICE REPORT

In accordance with Sections 933 and 933.05 of the California Penal Code, the City Council of the City of Stockton responds to the Grand Jury Report on the above-referenced case as follows:

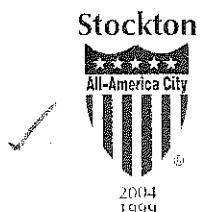
FINDINGS

F 2.1 The absence of GPS devices and computers in the fire vehicles may delay the response times to emergencies.

Response: *The respondent agrees with the finding. While the City of Stockton does not anticipate the use of GPS devices making significant improvement in response times, the City agrees that GPS devices are a valuable tool for use in emergency response vehicles. Corrective action is being taken as described in the response to recommendation 2.2.*

F 2.2 The absence of GPS devices and computers in fire vehicles put firefighters at risk when responding to an emergency outside their assigned area without the necessary data.

Response: *The respondent agrees with the finding. The use of GPS and other technology tools assists all personnel in better carrying out their job functions. This is particularly true for firefighters responding to emergency outside their regularly assigned areas where they are less familiar with the built environment. Corrective action is being taken as described in the response to recommendation 2.2.*



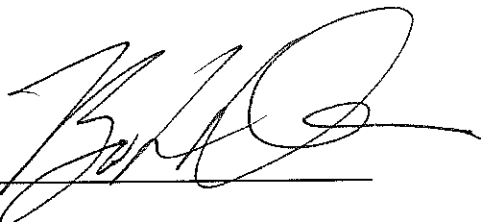
RECOMMENDATIONS

R 2.2 The Stockton City Council, by December 31, 2013, approve the purchase of current mobile technology (e.g., laptop computer, tablets, GPS devices) along with appropriate software for all fire engines in the city's fire department.

Response: *The respondent agrees with the recommendation. The City of Stockton Fire Department has been aware of the need for modernizing the technology for the fire vehicle fleet. In past years, Fire management was not sufficiently focused on maintaining technology or equipment current with modern standards. The City is interested in using technology to measure and manage performance in future years. However, this technology deployment has recently been delayed as a result of competing priorities and limited capital funding in past years. The Fire fleet was outdated to the point that engines were regularly failing and limited reserve engines were available. The Fire Department has been focused on acquiring more engines and through innovative efforts and grant funding has arranged for the purchase of six new engines over the past year.*

The Fire Department is now at a point at which we can address lower priorities like GPS technology. The City of Stockton received grant funding for the purpose of developing and deploying mobile technology for the fire department vehicles. This mobile technology project will satisfy the recommendation of the Grand Jury. Fire staff has been working collaboratively with the City of Tracy Fire Department on the deployment of Mobile Tablet Technology that will lower the costs for deployment and provide for sustainable funding for replacement and maintenance. This project will also include the City of Manteca Fire Department, who contracts with the City of Stockton for dispatch services.

It is estimated that the mobile technology project will be fully deployed and operational by December 31, 2013.



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