

Responses to  
The 2012-2013  
Yuba County Grand Jury  
Final Report

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Jail Inspection

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The Honorable Stephen W. Berrier  
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**RE: Response to 2012/2013 Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations**

Dear Judge Berrier:

This letter, provided pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933, is the Yuba County Sheriff's Department's response to the 2012/2013 Grand Jury Final Report – Findings and Recommendations concerning the investigation into the Yuba County Jail.

We would like to express our thanks to the 2012/2013 Yuba County Grand Jury for their dedication and professional approach to their duties. It was a pleasure meeting with them and discussing our operations. We want to recognize and applaud the fact that the panel made a point of highlighting the good work done by the men and women of the Sheriff's Department, particularly those assigned to the Jail Division. Please accept the following response to the 2012/2013 Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations:

### YUBA COUNTY JAIL

**Recommendation 1:** *The Yuba County Grand Jury recommends that the Sheriff Department Jail Division continue its policy of communications and cooperation with aligned agencies.*

**Response to Recommendation 1:** We take pride in our transparency and willingness to work with others, hence we are pleased to report that this recommendation continues to be implemented.

### Conclusion

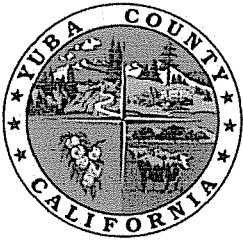
I would like to extend my thanks to the 2012/2013 Yuba County Grand Jury for their service and for the opportunity to respond to the findings and recommendations. I look forward to working with the 2013/2014 Grand Jury. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 749-7779.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Durfor  
Sheriff-Coroner

cc: Yuba County Board of Supervisors

Responses to  
Juvenile Hall Inspection



YUBA - SUTTER JUVENILE HALL  
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MEMORANDUM



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**RE: Response to 2012-2013 Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations**

Dear Judge Berrier;

This letter, provided pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933, is the Yuba County Probation Department's response to 2012/2013 Grand Jury Final Report – Findings and Recommendations concerning the annual investigation into the operation of the Bi-County Juvenile Hall.

Please accept the following response to the 2012/2013 Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations:

**Finding 1**

*The staff of Yuba-Sutter Juvenile Hall consists of dedicated professionals who provide excellent services with limited resources.*

We agree with this finding.

**Finding 2**

*The Yuba-Sutter Juvenile Hall offers supportive programs for confined youths.*

We agree with this finding.

Facility staff members make every effort to help the youth improve themselves and make better decisions in life.

**Finding 3**

*The Yuba-Sutter Juvenile Hall is well cared for yet the facilities gradually deteriorating due to inadequate funding for maintenance.*

We agree with this finding.

The condition of the facility is reasonable given the year of construction; however, signs of deferred maintenance are becoming more apparent and will require attention in the near future.

**Finding 4**

*The video surveillance systems are in poor condition and in need of an upgrade.*

We agree with this finding.

An ongoing effort to research funding sources is in place. An upgrade to the video surveillance system in the juvenile facilities will be undertaken when funding is obtained.

**Finding 5**

*Staffing in the Juvenile complex is only minimally adequate.*

We agree with this finding.

Current staffing levels make it increasingly difficult to provide program and rehabilitative services.

**Recommendation 1**

*Additional funding be made available for security systems upgrades.*

Cost requirements for the project continue to be examined. Once final costs are determined, should alternate funding sources continue to be absent, Chief Arnold will present a request to the Board of Supervisors seeking any available funding for the expense.

**Recommendation 2**

*Additional funds be made available for facilities maintenance.*

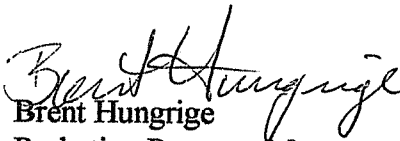
While funding is a determining factor in prioritizing maintenance issues, the totality of repairs and replacement costs of equipment that support the infrastructural operations of the maximum security detention facility are substantial. The possibility of obtaining state funding to support new construction is currently being reviewed.

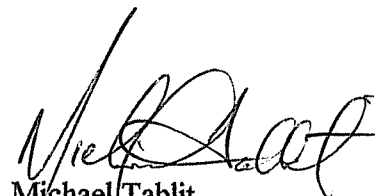
**Recommendation 3**

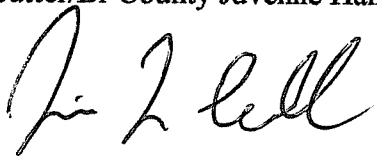
*Additional funds be made available for additional staffing.*

Increasing the staff allocation would benefit the quality of programming offered to the residents of the facilities. Additionally, it would alleviate current logistical problems that are encountered during various aspects of daily operations. In light of the current economic climate, funding for additional staffing is unlikely. Once the county coffers regain fiscal sustainability, increasing staffing allocations will be of the highest priority.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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