



CITY OF FAIRFIELD

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Incorporated December 12, 1903

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September 7, 2005

The Honorable Peter B. Foor
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Solano Superior Court
600 Union Avenue
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Re: Response to the 2004-2005 Solano County Grand Jury Report entitled "An Analysis Of Law Enforcement Use Of Tasers In Solano County – How Much Force Is Enough" dated June 21, 2005

Dear Judge Foor:

The 2004-2005 Solano County Grand Jury Report of June 21, 2005 identified the City of Fairfield and the Chief of Police as affected agencies of certain Findings and Recommendations. The Grand Jury has asked for a written response to these Findings and Recommendations pursuant to Penal Code Section 933.05. Following is our response.

Finding # 1 – Based on the police taser reports submitted to the Grand Jury and witnesses' testimony, it appears that Solano Law Enforcement policies in general focus more on using the taser rather than under what circumstances tasers are to be used.

While we are not privy to the taser reports and witness interviews obtained by the Solano County Grand Jury, we disagree wholly with this finding as it pertains specifically to the Fairfield Police Department, as its policies do address when a Taser is to be used.

Recommendation # 1 – Even though police agencies like Vallejo, Fairfield and Dixon have better written policies and procedures, all Law Enforcement agencies in Solano County should reevaluate their EMDT procedures and consider the IACP nine-step deployment strategy.

This recommendation has been implemented. The IACP report, "Electro-Muscular Disruption Technology: A Nine-Step Strategy for Effective Deployment" is a step-by-step guide to assist law enforcement agencies in