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First and Third Tuesday  
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CITY OF SUISUN CITY

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701 Civic Center Blvd.  
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Honorable Peter B. Foor  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
Solano County Superior Court  
600 Union Avenue  
Fairfield, CA 94533

Dear Judge Foor,

On behalf of the Mayor, City Council, Chief of Police and the City, please accept our response to the Grand Jury's report of March 1, 2005 regarding taser policies and practices.

**Grand Jury 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."

**Grand Jury 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."

**Suisun City Response #1:**

*The respondent can only address the finding as it relates to Suisun City, and disagrees with the finding. The circumstances under which officers use force, including the taser, is addressed in our training and general orders. The taser device is one option an officer has in deploying force. The circumstances of when force should be used, as well as the level of force, should be treated in its totality and not specific to this single option.*

*Recommendation: The respondent agrees with the recommendation and is conducting an evaluation of several critical policies, including use of force.*

**Grand Jury Finding #2**

"In reviewing the taser reports submitted, there were some use of the devices that appeared to violate the individual department's written policies and procedures."

**Grand Jury Recommendation #2:**

"Agencies should write clear and concise policies and procedures to address the use of EMDT, including methods for measuring success and reporting incidents."

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