

VACAVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT HOLDING FACILITY

2006-2007 Solano County Grand Jury

Reason for Inspection

California Penal Code §919 subsection (b) provides: “The grand jury shall inquire into the condition and management of the public prisons within the county.” Pursuant to the statute, the 2006-2007 Grand Jury inspected the Vacaville Police Department and Holding Facility.

Grand Jury Actions

- Toured the police department and holding facility with duty officer
- Discussed the department holding process
- Inspected the holding cells

Background / Summary

The Vacaville Police Department (Department) has a new state-of-the-art facility, with ample space for future growth. The facility has a classroom for training with individual computers built into the desks. There is a large staff exercise room. The facility was clean and neat.

There are eight holding cells for adults, one for juveniles, a Sally Port and gun lockers. Each adult holding cell can accommodate a maximum of four individuals. On the day of our inspection, no individuals were being held. One individual was brought into the Sally Port during our inspection. The Department does not house individuals overnight. Inspections by the Corrections Standards Authority, the Environmental Health Department and Medical/Mental Health inspections were all conducted in 2006.

The Department has approximately 230 employees, of which 104 are sworn police officers. There are 70 volunteers. The Department has numerous crime prevention programs.

Findings and Recommendations

Finding 1 - The Vacaville Police Department has many successful community involvement programs.

Recommendation 1 - Keep up the good work.

Comments

We commend the Vacaville Police Department’s community involvement efforts with their officers and volunteers. It has an interactive program which simulates driving under the influence. This is used at schools and in the community. Volunteers write parking tickets, visit and assist senior citizens, place speed monitors near schools and work with police officers, youth services and the crime prevention staffs. The community and police should continue to collaborate in their efforts to reduce crime in Vacaville.

Affected Agencies

- Vacaville Police Department
- City Manager, Vacaville
- City Council, Vacaville

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