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The Honorable E. Bradley Nelson  
Presiding Judge, Solano County Superior Court  
Hall of Justice  
600 Union Avenue  
Fairfield, CA 94533

RE: Response to 2014-2015 Grand Jury Report  
Entitled "Fire Protection Communication Consolidation"

Dear Judge Nelson,

In accordance with Section 933 of the California Penal Code, the City of Vallejo provides the following responses in respect to Findings 2 and Finding 3 and Recommendation 2 and Recommendation 3 in the 2014-2015 Grand Jury Report entitled "Fire Protection Communication Consolidation."

Grand Jury Finding 2.

City Response: The City agrees with the finding.

Grand Jury Recommendation 2.

City Response: The City Fire Departments and independent Fire Districts have begun to work together to obtain equipment, hardware and software. This is a benefit to the agencies and the effort should be continued and expanded upon.

Grand Jury Finding 3.

City Response: Fire communications may be improved with consolidation. However the eventual outcome of a consolidation will depend on the design, funding and implementation of any new system.

Grand Jury Recommendation 3.

City Response: The idea of improving fire communications is one that all fire agencies should be working toward. Consolidation is one method to accomplish this goal. There are other methods that should also be explored with equal rigor. Some of these methods were noted in the Grand Jury's report. One example is the new technology that allows communications between disparate radio systems. Another is the ability to share information between dispatch centers using a common computer aided dispatch system. The search for methods to improve communications between fire agencies should include the study of consolidation options but the effort should include all options for system improvement.

If you have any questions regarding responses, please feel free to contact Jack McArthur Fire Chief, at (707) 648-4420.

Respectfully,

DANIEL E. KEEN  
City Manager

cc: Terry L. Riddle, Foreman, 2014-2015 Solano County Grand Jury  
Jack McArthur, Fire Chief, City of Vallejo