



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

August 7, 2019

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager & Christopher Morin, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Approve response to Marin Civil Grand Jury Report: *School Resource Officers Revisited*

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the response to the Marin Civil Grand Jury Report *School Resource Officers Revisited, Dated May 23, 2019.*

DISCUSSION

The Grand Jury issued the attached report, *School Resource Officers Revisited*, on May 23, 2019 and requested that the Town of Fairfax respond to recommendations: R1, R2, R3, R7, R8, R10, R11, R12. The responses are attached for the Council's approval. The Town Council is required to respond in writing to Findings and Recommendations contained in Marin County Civil Grand Jury reports pursuant to Penal Code § 933.05.

Specifically, recommendations R1, R2, R3, R7, R8, R10, R11, R12 will not be implemented as they are not reasonable or warranted. Our responses are as follows:

- R1: Establishing or maintaining SRO's (the Town currently has none) would be a collaborative decision between the Ross Valley School District (RVSD) and Town. At this time, RVSD has not expressed an interest to discuss the need with the Town for an SRO in the middle school. There is no high school in Town.
- R2: Making SRO's a "high budgetary priority" would be entirely dependent on the RVSD and the Town mutually agreeing this is high priority and each entity allocating resources to fund such a position.
- R3: Assigning an SRO to a four-year term is not feasible in Fairfax due to such a small department with high turnover. Our most senior Patrol Officers generally only have 5 years of experience before leaving for other departments.
- R7 & R8: These recommendations are not applicable because we do not have any SRO's and would not fund additional training for non-existent positions
- R10, R11, & R12: If RVSD and the Town agreed on the need for SRO's, we would explore funding sources, cost sharing arrangements, and regular meeting times/places.

FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report: *School Resource Officers Revisited*
- B. Response to Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report from the Town of Fairfax