

Police
Department

City of Arts & Innovation

July 2, 2013

Riverside County Grand Jury
Attn: Don Rapp, Foreperson
P.O. Box 829
Riverside, California 92502

Dear Mr. Rapp:

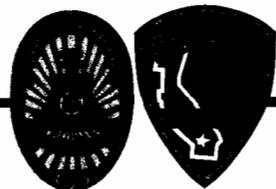
Thank you very much for sharing the findings and recommendations of the 2012-2013 Riverside County Grand Jury report relative to the Riverside Police Department (RPD). Below please find the RPD's response to each of the report's findings:

Recommendation No. 1: That the RPD update its policy to require recording of ALL traffic, pedestrian and bicycle stops as well as when performing search warrants and performing parole/probation searches. This would be a change from the current requirement that personnel make reasonable efforts to do so.

Department's Response: The fluid and emergent nature of field police work dictate that very few procedures will ever be mandated without making allowances for reasonable exceptions. I am satisfied that the current policy is workable and results in recording field incidents as appropriate.

Recommendation No. 2: That the Department develop a foot pursuit policy using Lexipol LLC Policy 458 as a guideline.

Department's Response: RPD management is currently conducting a Department-wide review of all policies and procedures. That review includes an examination of recommended policies developed by Lexipol. Specifically in the area of foot pursuits, no determination has been made on which policy will be adopted. Lexipol Policy 458 is among the solutions that will be closely examined. Others, such as the model foot pursuit policy recommended by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, will be examined as well.



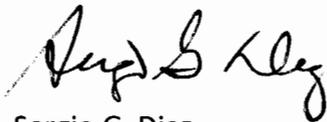
Recommendation No. 3: That Department Policy, 4.40, regarding the use of mobile data terminal/mobile data computer be immediately re-written to include "public safety". (I believe that recommendation is based on public criticism that the RPD policy referenced "officer safety" but not the safety of the public.)

Department's Response: On April 4, 2013, I issued General Order No. 2013-001, Mobile Digital Computer Use Policy. A copy of that order is attached for your information. The order included substantive changes from the previously issued policy. It is also different in verbal style from the prior policy. The current policy does not include references to either officer or public safety.

I wish to thank the members of the 2012-2013 Riverside County Grand Jury for your diligence in the pursuit of your duties and your well thought out recommendations. The Riverside Police Department has worked to fulfill each of the Grand Jury's proper requests in a respectful, timely and thorough manner. I hope that our responses have met with your approval.

As always, we remain at your disposal to help the Grand Jury complete its tasks in any way that we can.

With Warmest Regards,



Sergio G. Diaz
Chief of Police

Attachments