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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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FROM: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

SUBMITTAL DATE: March 23, 1998

SUBJECT: Response to Grand Jury Report: Sheriff's Department

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve, with or without modifications, the attached response to the Grand Jury's recommendations regarding the Sheriff's Department; and
- 2) Direct the Clerk of the Board to immediately forward the Board's finalized response to the Grand Jury, to the Presiding Judge, and to the County Clerk-Recorder (for mandatory filing with the State).

BACKGROUND: On January 12, the Board directed staff to prepare a draft of the Board's response to the Grand Jury's report regarding the Sheriff's Department.

Section 933 of the Penal Code requires that the Board of Supervisors comment on the Grand Jury's recommendations pertaining to matters under the control of the Board, and that a response be provided to the Presiding Judge of Superior Court within 90 days after the report was issued.

Attachment

THOMAS M. DeSANTIS
Deputy County Executive Officer

FINANCIAL DATA:	N/a	
CURRENT YEAR COST	\$	ANNUAL COST \$
NET COUNTY COST	\$	IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET:
		BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: FOR FY:

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

County Executive Officer Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Buster, seconded by Supervisor Tavaglione and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Buster, Tavaglione, Venable, Wilson and Mullen
 Noes: None
 Absent: None
 Date: March 23, 1999
 xc: E.O., Grand Jury, Consolidated Courts, Sheriff, Recorder

Gerald A. Maloney
 Clerk of the Board
 By:

Deputy

Prev. Agn. ref. 3.6, 1/12/99

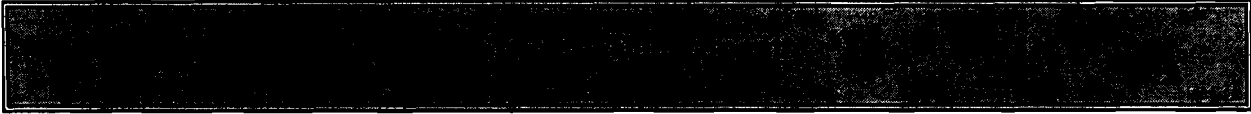
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JUSTICE SYSTEM



RECOMMENDATION:

1. Board of Supervisors:

Direct that a detailed audit and analysis of the SRO program be conducted. This study to include the following:

- ***Elemental duties of the SRO assignment.***
- ***Detailed analysis of dally SRO activity including arrest incidents.***
- ***Criteria for assignment to certain schools.***
- ***Comparison of Riverside County SRO program with adjacent county programs.***
- ***Consider the use of non-sworn officers for SRO assignments.***
- ***Estimate prospective cost savings if the use of non-sworn officers is deemed appropriate.***
- ***Consider the feasibility of adding SRO training to other training programs at the Ben Clark Public Safety Training Center.***

RESPONSE:

Do not concur for the following reasons:

1. Sheriff's Service Officers would not be viewed by students or facility with the same level of deference as a sworn Deputy Sheriff and would, therefore, not have the same potential for a deterrent effect as a sworn Deputy Sheriff.
2. Sheriffs' Services Officers do not have a sworn Deputy Sheriff's powers of arrest and, while the full value and success of a School

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Resource Officer are not wholly contingent upon the number of daily arrests he or she makes, there are times when this authority is essential to taking effective action.

3. Sworn Deputy Sheriffs currently serving as School Resource Officers around the county routinely handle calls for service on and around campuses that would otherwise have to be handled by patrol deputies, thereby impacting patrol service and response times in the affected county areas or contract city areas.
4. A sworn Deputy Sheriff has a greater ability and better success in acquiring and evaluating intelligence as to the activities occurring on and around the campus by virtue of his/her level of patrol experience and training.
5. The School Resource Officer provided by the Sheriff's Department are as a result of contracts with contract cities or school districts, and therefore have no direct fiscal impact on the county.
6. The Sheriff's Department provides the type and level of positions that a contracting entity requests. To date, all Sheriff's Department SRO's have been contracted for specifically as sworn Deputy Sheriffs. Deputies filling SRO positions are selectively chosen based on their experience and their perceived ability to communicate and deal effectively with students and school officials.