



Riverside County Sheriff's Office

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June 3, 2024

Dear Riverside County Civil Grand Jury

The following is the response to the Riverside County Civil Grand Jury 2023-2024 Report: SITE-B Sheriff's Inmate Training and Education Bureau (SITE-B) A win-win for Riverside County.

FINDINGS

Finding 2

There is currently no tracking of the success rates after inmates complete the SITE-B training programs. Once the inmate is released the Sheriff's Office has no jurisdiction. Therefore, there is a lack of verifiable and quantifiable data to measure the success rates regarding SITE-B training programs.

Response to Finding 2

Respondent, RSO, agrees with Finding 2. The Sheriff's Inmate Training and Education Bureau (SITE-B) has been exploring partnerships and meeting with community colleges in Riverside County for job placement linkages and potential tracking opportunities. SITE-B will continue to seek linkages with the Riverside County Employment Development Department for job placement and tracking for employment to assist with determining success. SITE-B partnered with the Riverside County Probation Department and the Riverside Executive Office to determine success rates through employment for the fiscal year 22/23, however, the Riverside County Probation Department was unable to gather sufficient data to validate success.

Finding 3

There is no information available for the public or potential employers to access SITE-B information.

Response to Finding 3

The Respondent, RSO, wholly disagrees with Finding 3. The following information can be found on the Riverside County Sheriff's Office website and is available to everyone, both the public and potential employers:

Riverside County Sheriff's Office website/Corrections Operations/SITE-B/List of Programs
RSO Podcast Episode 18 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGNbz5com_98bg

On the internet, the grand opening of the Culinary Arts Program is featured on KESQ

- [College of the Desert, RIVCO Sheriff's Department cook up partnership on inmate culinary program - KESQ](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

The Sheriff's Office is to work with the RIVCO's Public Information Officer to develop a plan for utilizing all available media platforms to inform the public and potential employers of the programs offered at SITE-B. The plan is to be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval. (Implementation date 1/1/2025).

Response to Recommendation 1

The recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented prior to the recommended implementation date of January 1, 2025, by means of the below described plan:

The Riverside County Sheriff's Media Information Bureau is responsible for authoring creative and innovative marketing materials, recruitment advertising, public relations campaigns, and other community outreach programs. This bureau also supports community requests, news media, social media, and historical documentation.

The Riverside County Public Information Officers are responsible for public relations campaigns and community outreach programs for all other county offices within Riverside County. They also support community requests, news media, social media, and information from the County Board of Supervisors.

The Riverside County Sheriff's Media Team and the Riverside County Public Information Officers will collaborate to highlight the great work of the deputies within the Riverside County Sheriff's Corrections Division and the educational rehabilitation programs offered to those serving time in custody. This joint effort will showcase the programs that are offered within the Riverside Sheriff's Corrections Division SITE-B.

Recommendation 2

The Sheriff's Office should coordinate the creation of a data collection system regarding SITE-B program participation, certification rates, program costs, and subsequent new convictions among SITE-B graduates. (Implementation Date: 2/1/25)

Response to Recommendation 2

The recommendation for SITE-B to collect and report data on program participation, certification rates, program costs, and program costs is in place. This data is recorded by SITE-B and is reported to the chief over Corrections and to the Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee, which is overseen by the Riverside County Probation Department.

The recommendation for SITE-B to research new convictions among SITE-B graduates has not yet been implemented but will be implemented by the recommended implementation date of February 1, 2025.

Sincerely,

Chad Bianco, Sheriff

Donald Sharp, Undersheriff
Riverside County Sheriff's Office

**2023-2024 Grand Jury Report
Site-B-Sheriff's Inmate Training & Education Bureau
(Site B) A Win-Win for Riverside County
May 15, 2024
Riverside County Board of Supervisors**

GRAND JURY FINDINGS:

Grand Jury Finding #2:

F2: There is currently no tracking of the success rates after inmates complete the SITE- B training programs. Once the inmate is released the Sheriff's Office has no jurisdiction. Therefore, there is a lack of verifiable and quantifiable data to measure the success rates regarding SITE-B training programs.

Response to Grand Jury Finding #2:

Respondent disagrees partially with the finding.

The Riverside County Sheriff's Office response dated June 3, 2024, states that tracking terminates once the inmate is released as the Sheriff no longer has jurisdiction; However, the Riverside County Probation Department assists in tracking employment data for prior Site-B participants released on active supervision. It is important to note that there is no formal mechanism to observe or track former inmates once released from supervision either directly into the community or after being released from supervision by the Probation Department. There are challenges with self-reporting, differing definitions of success and privacy concerns.

Grand Jury Finding #3:

F3: There is no information available for the public or potential employers to access SITE-B information.

Response to Grand Jury Finding #3:

Respondent disagrees partially with the finding.

While the public or potential employers may not have access to confidential information regarding in-custody Site-B participants, information regarding Site-B programs are available as described by the Riverside County Sheriff's Office response dated June 3, 2024.

GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Grand Jury Recommendation #1:

RI: The Sheriff's Office is to work with the RIVCO's Public Information Officer to develop a plan for utilizing all available media platforms to inform the public and potential employers of the programs offered at SITE-B. The plan is to be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Based on Findings: F1, F3

Financial Impact: Minimal

Implementation Date: January 1, 2025

Response to Grand Jury #1:

Recommendation has not been implemented, but will be implemented. The implementation time frame is noted in the response.

The Executive Office Communications team regularly collaborates with all county departments on communications campaigns, with identified message strategies and tactics. Many of these collaborative communications plans aim to inform the community on matters pertaining to public safety, health, safety net services, public works projects and recreation initiatives that impact or support residents' quality of life. In addition, the Executive Office supports individual departments on matters of significant impact or importance to the community and other stakeholders.

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department has a Media Information Bureau that develops and disseminates campaigns and messages on behalf of their department. The Sheriff's Media Information Bureau and Executive Office Communications team are consistent and cooperative partners on public safety communications campaigns involving multiple departments, successfully completing award-winning campaigns together.

The Executive Office Communications team will identify opportunities to collaborate with the Media Information Bureau to elevate the educational rehabilitation and training opportunities available to inmates in-custody with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. Upon completion, the final campaign assets will be shared with identified traditional media partners, posted on appropriate county social media platforms, as well as provided to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.

The implementation date is December 31, 2024.

Grand Jury Recommendation #2:

R2: The Sheriff's Office should coordinate the creation of a data collection system regarding SITE-B program participation, certification rates, program costs, and subsequent new convictions among SITE-B graduates.

Based on Findings: FI, F2, F3
Financial Impact: Minimal
Implementation Date: February 1, 2025

Response to Grand Jury #2:

Recommendation has not been implemented, but will be implemented. The implementation time frame is noted in the response.

In the Riverside County Sheriff's response dated June 3, 2023, the Sheriff provides a date of February 1, 2025, for research on new convictions by Site-B graduates to be implemented. Please refer to the Sheriff's department for further detail.

The response as it relates to graduates of Site B who have not reoffended requires further analysis. As previously stated, there are challenges of collecting data post-release unless there is recidivism. These challenges include relying on self-reporting, differing definitions of success and privacy concerns. The Board of Supervisors and the Executive Office will continue to work with key departments to collect and utilize available data for necessary program and policy development.

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.102
(ID # 25573)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, July 30, 2024

FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Approval of the Response to the 2023-2024 Site B-Sheriff's Inmate Training & Education Bureau (Site-B) A Win-Win for Riverside County and Directive for the Response to be Sent to the Grand Jury, Presiding Judge, and County Clerk-Recorder.; All Districts. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve, with or without modification, the attached response to the 2023-2024 Grand Jury Report: Site B-Sheriff's Inmate Training & Education Bureau (Site-B) A Win-Win for Riverside County; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to immediately forward the Board's finalized responses to the Grand Jury, the Presiding Judge, and the County Clerk-Recorder.

ACTION:Policy

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Juan C. Perez, Chief Operating Officer

7/25/2024

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: July 30, 2024
xc: E.O., Grand Jury, Presiding Judge, Clerk-Recorder

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: Deputy

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NET COUNTY COST	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	23/24- 24/25

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Penal Code Section 933(c) requires Board of Supervisors comment on the Grand Jury's recommendations pertaining to matters under the Board's control. In addition, responses must be provided to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court within 90 days of receipt of the report.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ATTACHMENT A.** 2023-2024 Grand Jury Report: Site B-Sheriff's Inmate Training & Education Bureau (Site-B) A Win-Win for Riverside County
- ATTACHMENT B.** Grand Jury Response: Site B-Sheriff's Inmate Training & Education Bureau (Site-B) A Win-Win for Riverside County
- ATTACHMENT C.** Riverside County Sheriff's Office Grand Jury Response: Site B-Sheriff's Inmate Training & Education Bureau (Site-B) A Win-Win for Riverside County (June 3, 2024)




Tina Grande 7/24/2024 George Trindle, CHIEF ASST COUNTY COUNSEL 7/23/2024