



Riverside County Sheriff's Office

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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.