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The Honorable Foreperson, Melinda A. Cabral  
and the Honorable Members of the 2004-2005 Grand Jury  
P.O. Box 5109  
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Dear Madam Foreperson,

Please accept this letter as my required response to Finding #2 and Finding #3 in the 2004-2005 Grand Jury's Final Report entitled Housing Assistance for Sworn Officers.

Finding #2 states, "Sonoma County invests money and time into the training of officers. The goal is to retain these trained officers long term and have all law enforcement sworn officers live within the county boundaries, not only for safety reasons but to be an integral part of the community."

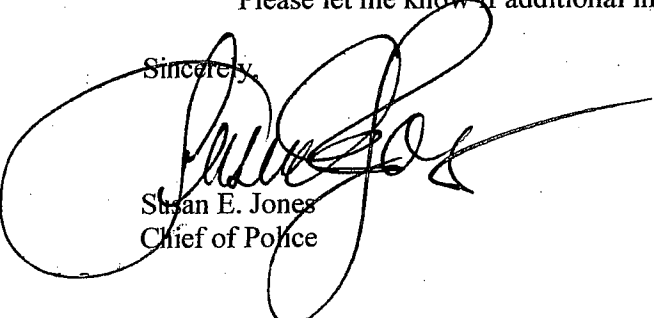
I concur with this finding. Thankfully, all of the Healdsburg Police Department's eighteen sworn officers live within Sonoma County. Nine of our sworn officers live within the City limits, three live in Santa Rosa, four live in Windsor, one lives in Cloverdale and one lives in Petaluma. It is interesting to note that two of the officers who reside in Healdsburg are our recent hires and they were able to take advantage of our affordable housing program and silent loan program.

Finding #3 states, "In some law enforcement agencies, more than 10% of the sworn officers live outside of Sonoma County due to the high cost of housing."

As noted in my response to Finding #2, none of the eighteen sworn officers at the Healdsburg Police Department live outside Sonoma County.

Please let me know if additional information is desired.

Sincerely,

  
Susan E. Jones  
Chief of Police