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Fire Chiefs Association

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*2021 President: Chief Mark Heine
Sonoma County Fire District*

August 12, 2021

Honorable Brad DeMeo
Presiding Superior Court Judge
Hall of Justice
600 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Foreperson
Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury
PO Box 5109
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Re: Response to 2020-2021 Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury Report

Dear Judge DeMeo and Grand Jury Foreperson:

On behalf of the Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association ("SCFCA"), thank you for the opportunity to provide these invited responses to the report entitled "Emergency Alerts and Communications: Towards a Culture of Preparedness" 2020-2021 Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury Report (the "report").

SCFCA is comprised of the leadership of all fire and emergency services public agencies throughout Sonoma County (broadly defined as "Fire Agencies" in the report, including County and City agencies, as well as special districts and volunteer fire departments. Some of these organizations are designated to provide required responses to the report, which I understand will be submitted separately by each organization.

The report invited responses from SCFCA for Recommendation 10 and 11, that the Sheriff's Office and County Department of Emergency Management work with Fire Agencies to ensure CALFIRE defensible space standards are met and actions to take during a disaster are defined for the protection of all County communication towers/repeaters and cellular network towers. SCFCA supports and concurs with both these Recommendations. Additionally, SCFCA looks forward to continuing to expand its collaborative substantive conversations with the County of Sonoma and all its departments to improve and sustain fire and emergency services throughout the County.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information at mheine@sonomacountyfd.org or (707) 838-1170.

Sincerely,

Chief Mark Heine
President
Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association