



COUNTY OF SONOMA  
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

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COUNTY DIRECTOR of E. SERVICES

Sonoma County Department of Emergency Services  
Response to the 2003-2003 Grand Jury Report

SPECIAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS

Recommendation R2, Page 37

*Fire district boards should enforce continual up dating and correction of their maps.*

RESPONSE: The recommendation has been implemented.

The Sonoma County Department of Emergency Services has an active mapping program to maintain current information of streets, roads, addresses and landmark locations. Department staff frequently receives road naming and address changes from the Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department. This information is reviewed and sent to Sonoma County GIS for mapping updates.

The Sonoma County Department of Emergency Services is also an active participant of the REDCOM Joint Powers Authority and the Department's response area is included in the GIS mapping database. The Department is GIS mapped and routinely updated in the REDCOM CAD computer via Sonoma County GIS.

The Department is working on providing map books for all staff and volunteer apparatus. Department staff will continue to work with the County of Sonoma GIS and REDCOM towards efforts to create a map book printed from GIS based information. A GIS based map book would contain accurate information about parcel, address, and landmark locations and can be easily updated and distributed.

# Bennett Valley Fire Protection District

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August 18, 2003

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Presiding Judge Mark Tansil  
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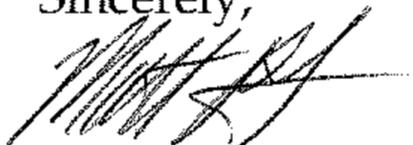
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Response to 2002-2003 Grand Jury Final Report

The Bennett Valley Fire Protection District utilizes a three-part system to ensure that all run maps are current. We receive notices from the County of Sonoma Permit and Resource Management Department advising us of a new or changed address in the district. Engine companies identify incorrect or missing addresses during emergency responses and submit a map book correction form. Also, fire personnel periodically and systematically check addresses in the district on drill nights or as an assigned project and submit map book correction forms for discrepancies.

Corrective information is transferred into the main run book and all other map books are updated. In addition to all of these measures, Bennett Valley Fire District utilizes a computerized mapping program.

Sincerely,



Matt Phillips  
Chairman of the Board

C: Board of Supervisors

October 7, 2003

*cc: [unclear]*

The Honorable Allan Hardcastle  
Presiding Judge  
Sonoma County Courts  
600 Administration Drive  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

*AT*

*10/24/03*

*Re: Response of Bodega Bay Fire Protection District to Sonoma County Grand Jury  
2002-2003 Final Report*

Dear Judge Hardcastle:

This office serves as District Counsel to the Bodega Bay Fire Protection District ("District"). Please accept the following letter as the response by the District to the Recommendations made by the Sonoma County Grand Jury in its 2002-2003 Final Report. This response is submitted in accordance with Penal Code §§ 933 and 933.05. For ease of reference, I reproduced each Recommendation to which a response was required, followed immediately by the District's response.

Recommendation Number 1:

The Bodega Bay Board of Directors is urged to meet with its legal counsel to discuss the Brown Act, especially as it applies to meetings, closed sessions and agendas for all meetings.

Response to Recommendation Number 1:

The recommendation has been implemented. District representatives met with the undersigned on July 8, 2002. In October of 2002, the District formally retained this firm to serve as its general legal counsel, with specific instructions to provide counseling and guidance on Brown Act issues. Our engagement continues to the date of this response.

Recommendation Number 2:

Fire District Boards should enforce continual up-dating and correction of their maps.

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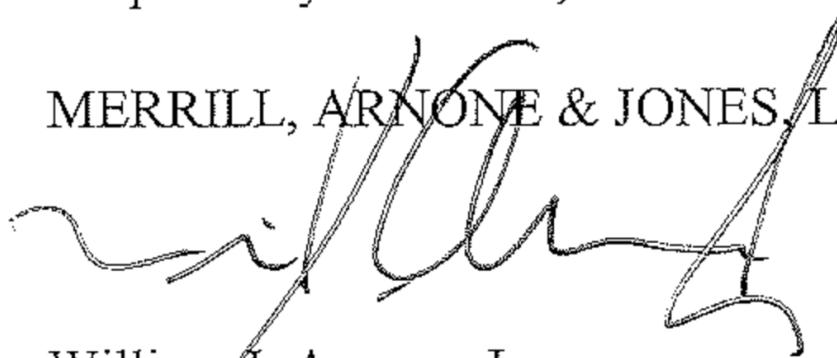
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Response to Recommendation Number 2:

The recommendation has been, and is being, implemented.

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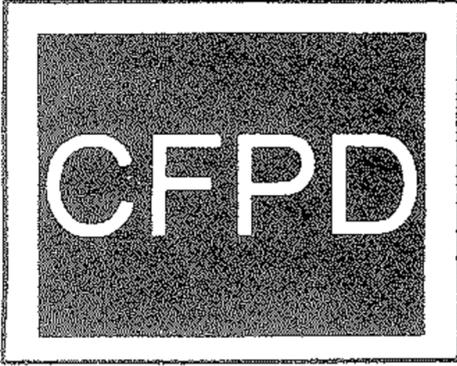
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William J. Arnone, Jr.  
District Counsel to the Bodega Bay Fire Protection  
District

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cc: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors  
Sonoma County Clerk  
Clerk of the Bodega Bay Fire Protection District



**CLOVERDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

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**GRAND JURY**

November 3, 2003

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

Subject: Response to Grand Jury Report 2002-2003 Section R2

Dear Mr. Bayless:

The Cloverdale Fire Protection District contracts with Lynx mapping for all map updates. New street and address changes are received via the City of Cloverdale and the County of Sonoma planning departments. This new data is forwarded to Lynx for quarterly updates to our maps. This program is managed by Battalion Chief, Rick Blackmon of the Cloverdale Fire Protection District. All maps are CAD files and disk originals are kept by the Fire Protection District.

Sincerely,

*Carol Giovanatto/MPB*

Carol Giovanatto  
President of the Board  
Cloverdale Fire Protection District

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# FORESTVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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GRAND JURY

To: Sonoma County Grand Jury  
P.O. Box 5109  
Santa Rosa, CA. 95402

August 13, 2003

Subj.: Response to R-2 of 2002-2003 Grand Jury Report

The Forestville Fire Protection District at its regular meeting on August 12, 2003 has reviewed the above subject Grand Jury Report recommendation.

The board agrees with this recommendation and has and will continue to update maps and addresses for its own books and the REDCOM dispatch center.

Thank You,



Daniel Low Jr.  
Vice Board Chairperson  
Forestville Fire Protection District

# Geyserville Fire Protection District

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August 19, 2003

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Civil Grand Jury  
P. O. Box 5109  
Santa Rosa, CA 95440

GRAND JURY

RE: 2002-2003 GRAND JURY REPORT ON SPECIAL FIRE DISTRICTS

RECOMMENDATION:

R2. Fire district boards should enforce continual up-dating and correction of their maps.

RESPONSE:

The recommendation has been implemented. The following is this district's summary:

The Geyserville Fire Protection District (GFPD) spans an area more than 200 square miles from The Geysers to Las Lomas, and from Healdsburg to Cloverdale, making it the largest fire district Sonoma County. This area includes some of the most remote portions of the County and the GFPD is very aware of the importance to maintain accurate maps.

In 1998 the GFPD completed a comprehensive mapping project that incorporated all earlier versions of map books and addresses into one map using AutoCAD software. The AutoCAD map was divided into smaller maps and used for a "box" style dispatch system with the then Central Dispatch. As new addresses were made, the map was updated. The maps were even used by the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department to locate addresses, while they provided very little input or funding for the process.

As technical support and expertise with the AutoCAD software diminished, the maps became outdated. In 2000 the GFPD pro-actively embarked on a similar project using more appropriate geographic information system (GIS) software. The GFPD began working with Sonoma County Information Systems Department (ISD) to share data and then to create maps for REDCOM dispatching. This has been done using GIS software and the Geographic Positioning Systems (GPS). This mapping process is currently not completed. Since these maps will also be placed into a countywide database, they will be used by agencies that have not provided any funding. At this point the GFPD wonders if it is the District's *legal obligation* to maintain these maps?

The GFPD strives to maintain accurate maps through updates sent out by the County, field verification, and through discovering errors during emergencies. There are several

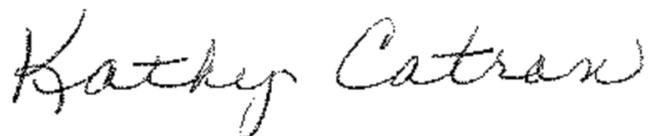
reasons, why “perfect” maps will never exist. Among them are the following:

- There exist too many streets with aliases. For example, Highway 128 in Geyserville is also called Depot Street. Likewise, Geyserville Avenue is also referred to as Old Redwood Highway.
- Sonoma County is engaged in a never-ending process of renaming streets that have more than three residences.
- Addresses seem affected by power and/or residences’ phone companies as new accounts are created that don’t coincide with the County permit process.
- At some time in the past the Sonoma County Sheriff’s Department assigned names to private roads. In some cases the change was unknown to the residences of that road.
- *Thomas Brothers Maps* success at producing maps has also created incorrect names to streets.

The GFPD has been updating and correcting its maps for the safety of all its residents in the District. As a Board the District is curious as to the question above; who is legally responsible for maintaining the maps?

Thank you for your assistance.

Kathy Catron



Clerk of the Board

cc: Board of Supervisors  
c/o Clerk of the Board  
575 Administration Drive, Room 100-A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403



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GRAND JURY

August 13, 2003

The Honorable Mark Tansil  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
Hall of Justice  
600 Administration Drive  
Santa Rosa, California 95403

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RE: Response to 2002-2003 Grand Jury Final Report  
Special Fire Protection Districts, Recommendations, R2

The Board of Directors of the Glen Ellen Fire Protection District has authorized me, as the Chief of Department, to respond to the recommendations presented in the 2002-2003 Grand Jury Final Report as pertain to Special Fire Protection Districts.

The updating of the district maps in the Glen Ellen Fire Department run book is an ongoing job. As soon as we receive a new address, change of address, new street, or driveway name from the Permit and Resource Management Department it is entered into the run book. The physical location is then verified in the field by an engine company. When a field company, on inspection, sees a discrepancy in our run book maps a note is made and all the other maps are updated.

Sincerely,

William J. Murray  
Chief of Department  
GLEN ELLEN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Cc: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

# ***GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT***

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GRAND JURY

Response to 2002-2003 Grand Jury Final Report

The Gold Ridge Fire Protection District utilizes a three-part system to ensure that all run maps are current. We receive notices from the County of Sonoma Permit and Resource Management Department advising us of a new or changed address in the district. Engine companies identify incorrect or missing addresses during emergency responses and submit a map book correction form. Also, Support Team members or fire personnel periodically and systematically check addresses in the district on drill nights or as an assigned project and submit map book correction forms for discrepancies.

Corrective information is transferred into the main run book in the battalion chief's office. Copies are faxed or delivered to all stations and the map books are updated.

Sincerely,

*Al Fiori*

Al Fiori  
Chairman of the Board

C: Board of Supervisors

# Graton Fire Protection District



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GRAND JURY

AT  
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August 28, 2003

Presiding Judge  
Superior Court of California  
County of Sonoma  
600 Administration Drive Room 107J  
Santa Rosa, Ca 95403

Re: Response to Recommendations (R2) from the 2002-2003 Sonoma County Grand Jury  
Final Report

Copies of all parcel maps in our district are continually updated or corrected as needed.

This is done in a timely manner after we receive the information from the Permit and Resource  
Department.

Board of Directors  
Graton Fire Protection District

Sue Davis  
Director

# KENWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Chief  
Robert J. Uboldi

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AUG 18 2003  
GRAND JURY

August 5, 2003

The Sonoma County Grand Jury  
P.O. Box 5109  
Santa Rosa, Ca. 95402

Re: Required Responses to Grand Jury Recommendations

The Kenwood Fire Protection District uses a fire run-book system. We normally update our maps twice a year or more often when necessary. We provide updated copies to neighboring departments, fire dispatch and ambulance providers.

Sincerely,



Bob Uboldi  
Fire Chief/Clerk of the Board



GRAND JURY

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# Monte Rio Fire Protection District

#1685

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November 1, 2003

ATTN: Jacob Bayless, Foreperson  
Sonoma County Grand Jury  
P. O. Box 5109  
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

RE: Response to 2002-2003 Sonoma County Grand Jury  
Final Report Findings

Dear Foreperson Bayless:

As per your letter dated October 28, 2003, the Monte Rio Fire Protection District (MRFPD) is responding to your request as to the findings from your referenced Grand Jury Report. Although our agency was not specifically named within this report, we were included under the section of "Special Fire Protection Districts" on page 35; "Recommendations; R2. Fire district boards should enforce continual updating and correction of their maps".

The MRFPD has been fully cooperating with the County and the new dispatch center (REDCOM) to continually update our District maps; however, our county maps are apparently being held by LAFCO and it may be that any needed changes must also be submitted through their process in order to be consistent. You can be assured we will continue to do our best with keeping our maps up to date. Our inhouse run books are updated as often as new street notices are received from the County.

The MRFPD would also like to respond to "Findings, F7" (page 36) of the Final Report; dealing with the "merger of fire districts and use of joint powers agreements". The MRFPD has been talking with the Russian River Fire District regarding possible merger.

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November 1, 2003  
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As for the use of Joint Powers Agreements, Zone 5 Districts have been operating under such agreements over the past several years. We believe in trying to standardize our operations as much as possible in order to share personnel between agencies without a need for more training; also, we have been jointly purchasing items such as foam and other specialized products with other local agencies.

We assure you, the MRFPD will continue to ~~everything~~ possible to comply with requirements set forth within the 2002-2003 Grand Jury Final Report. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (707) 865-2408.

Sincerely,



Paul Casini  
Chair of the Board of Directors

PAC/rb

**OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
PO BOX 244  
OCCIDENTAL, CA 95465**

August 28, 2003 #1634

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**GRAND JURY**

The Honorable Allan Hardcastle  
Sonoma County Superior Court  
Hall of Justice  
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Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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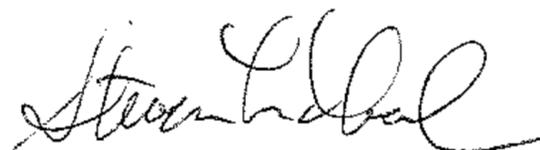
RE: Fire Districts/Grand Jury Report: 2002-2003

In response to the Grand Jury Report of 2002-2003, commenting on Recommendation 2 as noted in the Grand Jury Report, Occidental Community Services District has, in the past couple of months, updated all maps and met with dispatch to update their records.

It is the intention of our District to maintain and update our District maps on an ongoing and regular basis, keeping Dispatch informed of all map changes and amendments to better serve our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Steve McNeal  
President, Board of Directors

Roseland Fire Protection District  
830 Burbank Ave.  
Santa Rosa, Ca. 95407

#1672

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October 31, 2003

The Sonoma County Grand Jury  
P.O. Box 5109  
Santa Rosa, Ca. 95402

GRAND JURY

Dear Sonoma County Grand Jury,

I apologize for this response getting to you after the October 7<sup>th</sup> dead line. I did not read the 2002/2003 Grand Jury report, so thank you for bring it to my attention.

The Roseland Fire Protection does and will continue to enforce continual up-dating and correction of their maps. Roseland Fire Protection District is in a "Contract" with the City of Santa Rosa and the City also enforces continual up-dating and correction of their and Roseland's maps. (Roseland Fire Protection has no employees and is staffed by the City)

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Debra Wallace, Clerk of the Board

# Rancho Adobe Fire Protection District

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## RESPONSE TO THE 2002-2003 GRAND JURY REPORT

### SPECIAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS

#### **Recommendation R2, Page 37**

*Fire district boards should enforce continual up-dating and correction of their maps.*

**RESPONSE:** The recommendation has been implemented.

The Rancho Adobe Fire Protection District has an active mapping program to maintain current information of District streets, roads, addresses and landmark locations. District staff frequently receives road naming and address changes from the Sonoma County Permit Management & Resource Dept. and updates the master District map book, carried in all District fire engines and command vehicles.

The Rancho Adobe Fire District is also an active participant of the Redcom Joint Powers Authority and the District's response area is included in the GIS mapping database. The District is GIS mapped and routinely updated in the Redcom CAD computer via Sonoma County GIS.

In December of 2002, the District purchased an "ARC Pad" program that allows specific locations to be GIS mapped and added to the master GIS database. The program allows much more precise mapping of addresses, landmarks and geographic locations above what the Sonoma County GIS program provides.

The current District map book is an evolution of hand-drawn maps that are also updated by hand. District staff will continue to work with the County of Sonoma GIS and Redcom towards efforts to create a map book printed from GIS based information. A GIS based map book would contain accurate information about parcel, address, landmark locations and can be easily updated and distributed.

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The District will continue its proactive program of mapping and updating its emergency response area.

**Recommendation R3 - Page 37**

*The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and the Rancho Adobe Board should meet with Sonoma State University representatives to negotiate an agreement to compensate the District for its services.*

**RESPONSE:** The recommendation has been implemented to the extent legally permissible.

The Rancho Adobe Fire Protection District has been actively involved in discussions with the Sonoma State University administration since the construction of the University, but more specifically over the past year regarding emergency response, special events, new construction projects and Fire District finances.

While the staff of the Sonoma State University is sympathetic and supportive of efforts to generate revenue, the Sonoma State University property is considered state property and is legally exempt from local ordinances and special taxes. University staff is concerned about the campus' impact on District operations.

On going meetings have taken place between District and Sonoma State staffs to explore areas of partnership and potential revenue sources that would benefit the District and support fire protection services to the University.

The University has recently assisted District staff with the preparation of a grant request (\$200,000+) for upgrading firefighter breathing apparatus.

District staff is optimistic that there will be opportunities to collaborate with University staff to obtain necessary equipment and resources that will enhance service both to the University and the entire District.

This response was approved by the Board of Directors of the Rancho Adobe Fire Protection District at their regular meeting of August 20, 2003.



# RINCON VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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*Fire Chief*

JOHN LANTZ  
*Assistant Chief*

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GRAND JURY

August 11, 2003

Judge Mark Tansil – Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
The Sonoma County Grand Jury  
P. O. Box 5109  
Santa Rosa, CA 95402-5109

Re: Response to the 2002-2003 Grand Jury Final Report

Judge Tansil:

The Rincon Valley Fire Protection District would like to respond to the findings and recommendations of the 2002-2003 Grand Jury Final Report relevant to all special fire protection districts.

First, we would like to offer our appreciation to the Grand Jury for recognizing the efforts that have been made to increase efficiency and reduce costs. The past consolidation of the Rincon Valley and Bellevue fire districts has proven to be quite successful.

Our specific response to the Recommendations under Section R2, “Special Fire Protection Districts,” and specifically the language that states “Fire district boards should enforce continual updating and correction of their maps,” we respond with the following information.

The Rincon Valley Fire Protection District does maintain and update its maps as new information becomes available. In addition, the District has collected over 1,000 addresses electronically that have been provided to the new CAD mapping system maintained by the Sonoma County Law Enforcement Consortium. The District has strongly supported the efforts of the County of Sonoma to improve the addressing and road naming processes that would encourage a more rational system for emergency response.

Please contact Chief Doug Williams at (707) 539-1801 if additional information is desired.

Respectfully,

Carl J. Lawson, Chairman  
Board of Directors



**RUSSIAN RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
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August 13, 2003

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GRAND JURY

ATTN: J. R. Simpson, Foreperson  
The Sonoma County Grand Jury  
P. O. Box 5109  
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

RE: Response to 2002-2003 Sonoma County Grand Jury Final Report findings

Dear Foreperson Simpson:

As per your letter dated July 3, 2003, the Russian River Fire Protection District is responding to your requirement that our agency respond within sixty (60) days as to the findings from your referenced Grand Jury Report. Although our agency was not specifically named within this report, we were included under the section of "Special Fire Protection Districts" on page 35 of that report; and more specifically under "Recommendations; R2. Fire district boards should enforce continual up-dating and correction of their maps."

The Russian River Fire Protection District (RRFPD) has been fully cooperating with the County and the new dispatch center (REDCOM) to continually update our District maps; especially when deficiencies arise from responding to emergencies. However, our county maps are apparently being held by LAFCO and it may be that any needed changes must also be submitted through their process in order to be consistent. No matter what, you can be assured we will continue to do our best with keeping our maps up-to-date. Our in-house run books are updated annually, or as often as new street notices are received from the County.

The Russian River Fire Protection District would also like to respond to "Findings, F7" on page 36 of the Final Report. This section deals with the "merger of fire districts and use of joint powers agreements". The findings did not share the fact that the Russian River Fire Protection District (formerly; Guerneville Fire P.D.) consolidated with Oddfellows Recreation Park Fire Brigade and the Rio Nido Fire Protection District that currently operates out of one main fire station located in Guerneville. As well, RRFPD has been meeting with our neighboring districts (Forestville, Monte Rio, Bodega Bay Fire Departments) over the last several years in an attempt to consolidate with each of them. So far, our attempts have not been successful. However, recently the Monte Rio Fire Protection District has been receptive to the idea and is willing to go before the voters of their district (in March 2004) to try and pass a Special Tax Measure much like the one

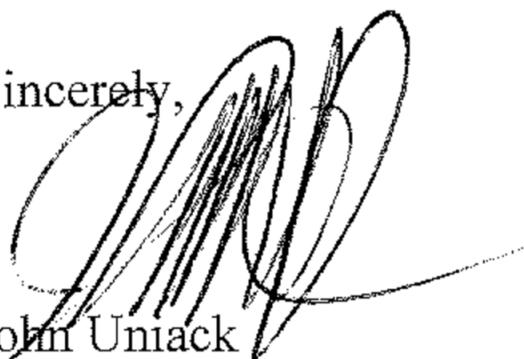
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already in place at RRFPD. This would go a long way toward helping these two districts consolidate. Additionally, we currently share a Fire Chief.

As for the use of Joint Powers Agreements, Zone 5 Districts have been operating under such agreements over the past several years with Training Drills (Ya-ka-ama, MADD exercises, etc.) We have also signed agreements with the Cities of Santa Rosa and Petaluma in order to use their Training Tower facilities. We believe in trying to standardize our operations as much as possible in order to share personnel between agencies without a need for more training. As well, we have been jointly purchasing items such as foam and other specialized products with other local agencies.

Again I can reassure you, the Russian River Fire Protection District will continue to do everything possible to comply with the requirements set forth within the 2002-2003 Grand Jury Final Report. Should you have any questions, or need more information, please give me a call at (707) 869-9089.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Uniack', written over a large, stylized, circular scribble.

John Uniack  
Chair of the Board of Directors

Cc: August 2003 Bd. Pkg.  
Monte Rio Fire Protection District

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**SCHELL-VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

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**Board of Directors**

**Fred Unsworth**

**Joe Petersen**

**Bob McLean**

**Fire Chief**

**Mitch Mulas**

**August 20, 2003**

Judge Mark Tansil,  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Sonoma County Hall of Justice  
600 Administration Drive  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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Re: Sonoma County Grand Jury Final Report  
Special Fire Protection Districts  
Required Response to Recommendations R2

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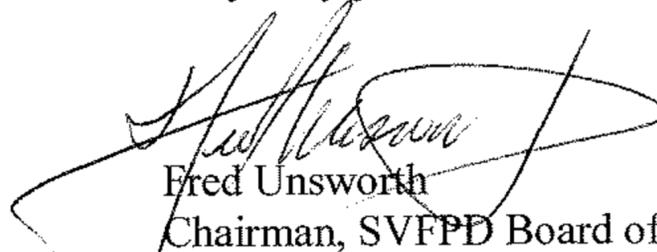
Dear Judge Tansil:

Recommendation R2 recommends that Fire District Boards enforce continual updating and correction of their maps at the new county-wide computer aided dispatch system.

A representative of the Schell-Vista Fire Protection District met with RedCom personnel prior to their start of operations, delivering a copy of our current map book for their use. This was the same map book in use by their predecessor agency.

The County of Sonoma, Permit and Resource Management Department, issues address corrections and additions on an ongoing and current basis, sending notices and copies of parcel maps to Local Fire Agencies such as Schell-Vista, and to American Medical Response/RedCom (sample copy attached.). It is our understanding that the Fire Station maps, as well as those of other agencies such as RedCom, are updated at the individual locations by personnel on that site, based on the information notices supplied by PRMD.

Very truly yours,

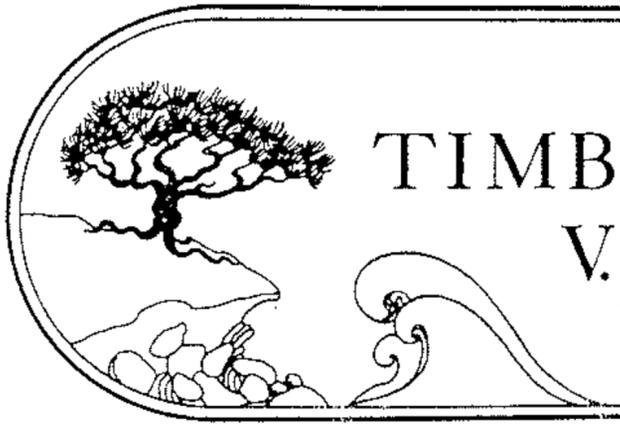


**Fred Unsworth**  
Chairman, SVFPD Board of Directors

cc: Board of Supervisors, c/o Clerk of the Board







TIMBER COVE  
V. F. D.

Sonoma County Grand Jury  
P.O. Box 5109  
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

August 27, 2003

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GRAND JURY

The Timber Cove Fire Protection District has reviewed the section on Special Fire Districts in the 2002-2003 Grand Jury Report

We agree with recommendation R2 that Fire Districts should be diligent in assuring the accuracy of the district maps being used by the computer aided dispatch system used by REDCOM.

However, we would like to point out that our fire district, along with other fire districts, only learned within the past several months that the CAD system being used by REDCOM is a *GIS* system rather than the *Address*-driven system which was used for years by Central Dispatch.

(In our opinion, this may be the reason there are so many incorrect dispatches related to addresses.)

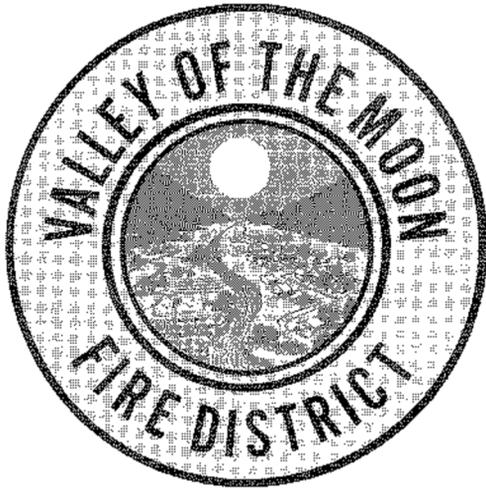
Now that we have finally been brought up to speed on the system requirements, we are in the process of sending REDCOM GPS locations for all boundaries of our district. Ultimately, we will have GPS locations for all addresses in the district, but that will take some time.

Yours truly

Jack Frost, President  
Board of Directors

Robert Dickson  
Director

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Judge Mark Tansil - Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
The Sonoma County Grand Jury  
P.O. Box 5109  
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GRAND JURY

Re: Response to the 2002-2003 Grand Jury Final Report

Dear Judge Tansil and Sonoma County Grand Jury Members:

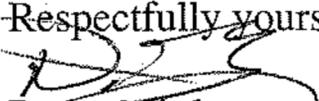
On behalf of the Board of Director's, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Grand Jury and applaud them for recognizing our efforts to increase efficiency, reduce costs and benefit the citizens through development and participation in the Joint Powers Agreement between Valley of the Moon Fire District and the City of Sonoma. The key element of this successful arrangement is the support of our community; Fire District Board and City Council; administrative personnel; paid and volunteer firefighters. It has truly been and is a collaborative effort.

With regard to the Recommendations under R2, page 37, in that section which addresses "Special Fire Protection Districts", specifically "Fire district boards should enforce continual updating and correction of their maps", we respond with the following information.

This District's mapping program underwent a complete revision approximately one and one half years ago. This required extensive personnel hours to identify and record correct addresses throughout the District's 28.5 mile boundary. We utilized the mapping skills of Lynx Technologies of Capitola, California to produce our current maps. These maps were incorporated into run books and are carried on each emergency response apparatus. Copies were also provided to neighboring fire protection agencies and the County of Sonoma was provided a complete copy of our mapping data so it can be referenced in the GPS/CAD mapping system. The District has also purchased the necessary equipment and provided training to personnel to make as needed changes to the maps in house.

Should you desire additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Chief John Keane at 707-996-1002.

Respectfully yours,

  
Dawn Mittleman, President  
Board of Directors

Response: Implementation of the recommendation should be decided by the Public Defender based on his department priorities. The Department of Health Services, Mental Health Division, currently provides services to the eligible target population who suffer from serious and persistent mental illness, including those who may be clients of the Public Defender's office. The Sonoma County Superior Court contracts with the Department of Health Services, Mental Health Division, for mental health consultations.

cc: Mark Tansil, 2002-03 Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
Members, Board of Supervisors  
Denise Gordon, Court Executive Officer  
Mike Chrystal, County Administrator  
Eeve Lewis, County Clerk

October 7, 2003

The Honorable Allan Hardcastle  
Presiding Judge  
Sonoma County Courts  
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Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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GRAND JURY

Re: Response of Windsor Fire Protection District to Sonoma County Grand Jury  
2002-2003 Final Report

Dear Judge Hardcastle:

(AT)

10/24/03

This office serves as District Counsel to the Windsor Fire Protection District ("District"). Please accept the following letter as the response by the District to the Recommendation made by the Sonoma County Grand Jury in its 2002-2003 Final Report. This response is submitted in accordance with Penal Code §§ 933 and 933.05. For ease of reference, I reproduced the Recommendation to which a response was required, followed immediately by the District's response.

Recommendation Number 2:

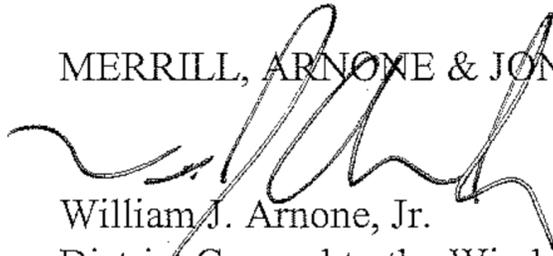
Fire District Boards should enforce continual up-dating and correction of their maps.

Response to Recommendation Number 2:

The recommendation has been, and is being, implemented.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors  
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