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Honorable D. Scott Daniels
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Solano Superior Court
600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533

Honorable Judge Daniels,

Staff has reviewed the Solano County Grand Jury's report issued on June 30, 2011, entitled "Public Safety Volunteer Programs Fire Emergency Services". Please accept this letter as the City of Rio Vista's response to the 2010-2011 Grand Jury Report, in the manner described in California Penal Code Sec. 933.05. Following is the response relative to Public Safety Volunteer Programs Fire Emergency Services.

Finding #1 – Not all Solano County cities are taking full advantage of fire safety volunteers, which could potentially decrease the cost to taxpayers for fire protection services.

Response to Finding #1 – The City agrees with Finding #1.

Recommendation #1 – All Solano County cities should maximize the use of fire safety volunteers for their fire departments.

Response to Recommendation #1 – The City of Rio Vista is continually seeking volunteer firefighters, and actively makes presentations to the Fire Academies on our Volunteer/Reserve Program in an effort to solicit new members. We are also exploring redesigning our programs so that they are more efficient and more attractive to prospective applicants. We are hopeful that with the utilization of the "Live Burn Structure" and media support, we will generate more interest within our local community to become volunteer firefighters. Now that the new fiscal year is beginning we will begin filling the vacancies in our Volunteer/Reserve Program.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (707) 374-6451.

Sincerely,

Jan Vick, Mayor

On Behalf of the Rio Vista City Council