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The Honorable Wendy Getty  
Hall of Justice  
Department 306  
600 Union Avenue  
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RE: Solano County DOIT's Response to Finding and Recommendations 2021-2022 Grand Jury Report  
Entitled: **EFFECTIVE EMERGENCY RESPONSE NEEDS CITY AND COUNTY SUPPORT**

Honorable Judge Getty:

Under Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, on behalf of the Solano County Department of Information Technology, I am responding to the following recommendation contained in the 2021-2022 Grand Jury Report that pertain to matters under the control of the Department of Information Technology.

**FINDING 2** – The lack of a consolidated digital communication system in Solano County hampers effective firefighting efforts.

Response to Finding 2:

The Solano County Department of Information Technology (DoIT) agrees with this finding.

**RECOMMENDATION 2** – The Board of Supervisors broaden efforts to fund and promote the establishment of a modern digital county-wide emergency communications system.

Response to Recommendation 2:

The recommendation has been partially implemented by DoIT and DoIT supports the Board of Supervisors' efforts to improve interoperable communications in Solano County. DoIT recently purchased 130 portable and mobile radio devices capable of full interoperability between VHF and the 700/800 Mhz P25 trunking system which will enable the fire districts to communicate better with police and fire departments in neighboring mutual aid jurisdictions. This purchase was funded by a grant secured by State Senator Bill Dodd in budget trailer SB129. Furthermore, the IT support staff has allocation has doubled in the last calendar year to 4 FTEs with support from the CAO and BOS. DoIT is also working on a conceptual plan for further improvements on the digital communication system to improve coverage and full interoperability.

DoIT is currently proposing to develop and present a countywide public safety radio communications plan to the Board of Supervisors in calendar year 2022 which will include options to complete the already partially deployed countywide digital P25 compatible radio communication system. Scheduling for this event is under review with the CAOs office and internal county stakeholders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Flanagan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Timothy P. Flanagan, Chief Information Officer  
Solano County Department of Information Technology