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The Honorable E. Bradley Nelson
 Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
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Re: City of Fairfield Response to 2014-2015 Grand Jury Report:
 "Fire Protection Communication Consolidation"

Dear Judge Nelson:

On behalf of the City Council of the City of Fairfield and with its prior approval, I hereby submit to you the response of the City Council to the findings and recommendations contained in the above-noted report of the 2014-2015 Solano County Grand Jury as set forth below:

Finding 2

City Fire Departments and Independent Fire Districts in the County have begun to collaborate in acquiring equipment in compliance with Federal mandates.

Recommendation 2

City Fire Departments and Independent Fire Districts implement a "shared consolidation" for the purpose of obtaining equipment, hardware and software.

Response to Finding 2 and Recommendation 2:

The City of Fairfield supports the concept of "shared consolidation" of fire resources provided there is a lead authority appointed, an inclusive work group of representative fire agencies formed and that appropriate and sustainable funding sources/savings are identified and allocated to further this concept.

The City of Fairfield can become compliant with P25. However, we would need to do a citywide software upgrade which we are not in a position to do at this time. Our currently scheduled upgrade will occur in Fiscal Year 17/18.

We are continuing to acquire compatible equipment with the City of Vacaville.

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Finding 3

Fire communications consolidation will improve public safety.

Recommendation 3

Implement fire communications consolidation to enhance public safety.

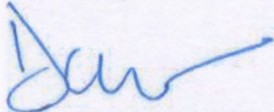
Response to Finding 3 and Recommendation 3:

The City of Fairfield is open to exploring the concept of consolidation of fire communications centers and believes consolidation can improve public safety. Fairfield already shares communication technology with the City of Vacaville and Suisun City, which makes consolidation a possibility.

However, for any discussions to be fruitful, they must be inclusive and recognize Fairfield's fundamental staffing and resource constraints.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this response on behalf of the City of Fairfield.

Sincerely,



DAVID A. WHITE
City Manager

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cc: City Council
Fire Chief
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