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Hon. Steve White, Presiding Judge Sacramento County Superior Court 720 9th Street, Dept. 47 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Judge White:

The Sacramento County Grand Jury Report for 2010/2011 addressed the Safely Surrendered Baby Program, in which this department participates by providing a safe surrender site at each fire station. The report contained findings and recommendations for the program and a requirement for all participating agencies to respond to the findings and recommendations. The relevant responses to those findings and recommendations for this department are provided below:

Finding 2.0 None of the agencies in Sacramento County that are designated as safe surrender sites provide that information on their websites.

<u>Sacramento Fire Department Response:</u> The Department agrees that its website does not contain information regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Program.

Recommendation 2.1 Sacramento County, Sacramento area fire departments and hospitals should prominently display information about the locations of their "safe surrender sites" on their web sites or provide referral information on their websites if they are not "safe surrender" program participants.

Sacramento Fire Department Response: California Health and Safety Code Section 1255.7 requires "safe surrender" sites to post a sign at their location displaying the statewide logo identifying them as a safe surrender site. The department is in compliance with this requirement. There is no requirement that additional information be maintained or provided otherwise to the public. However, the department intends to implement the recommendation. This will be accomplished during the department's website remodel, which is tentatively scheduled to be completed by January 31, 2012.

Sincerely,

RAY S. JONES, Fire Chief