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Response to Grand Jury Report "Citizen Complaints and Internal Investigations"

The Grand Jury requested a response to Recommendation 3 by the Sheriff's Office.

Recommendation 3- The Sheriff's Office should upgrade its vehicles with digital recording devices in order to enhance safety for all personnel, reduce download time and storage space required, and improve the ability to retrieve information, thereby providing better service overall.

Response- The Sheriff's Office recognized that their in-car mobile video cameras were outdated, failing and behind modern advanced technology. There had been no prior identified replacement plan or funding source for the replacement of these cameras. The Sheriff's Office concluded it needed to have a comprehensive replacement plan for these units. The Sheriff's Office has three substations where patrol units are assigned: Coast Station (Los Osos), South Station (Oceano) and North Station (Templeton). All patrol units are assigned out of these stations. The Sheriff's Office established a plan to replace cameras one station at a time and continue this practice every four years. This will prevent this equipment from becoming obsolete, unreliable and reduce the financial impact of replacing all cameras at once.

The Sheriff's Office intends to use unexpected additional Proposition 172 money in FY11/12 to replace in-car video cameras in the first station. The FY12/13 budget was submitted in February of this year and includes the replacement of in-car cameras in the second station. The third station in-car video cameras will be included in the FY 12/13 budget.