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ROBERT G. LUNA, SHERIFF

February 9, 2024

Mr. Chad Scott Committee Chair Palmdale Station Community Advisory Committee Palmdale, California 93550

Dear Mr. Scott:

PALMDALE STATION RESPONSE TO CAC RECOMMENDATIONS

The Palmdale Station Community Advisory Committee (CAC) published its annual report. The annual report documented the community engagement efforts of Palmdale Station between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023. To help improve the overall relationship between the Sheriff's Department and the community, on page 29 of the CAC's Annual Report, the CAC made the following recommendations to the captain of Palmdale Station.

- 1. CAC members recommended the captain collaborate with the Department's Personnel Bureau, Supervisory District 5, and the city of Palmdale to focus on hiring and retaining sworn personnel in Palmdale Station's patrol jurisdiction, particularly the outlying areas that have historically experience delayed response times to calls for service.
- 2. CAC members recommended the captain seek additional funding to staff additional Mental Evaluations Teams in the Antelope Valley.
- 3. CAC members recommended the captain explore the implementation of technology aimed at collecting and analyzing trend data to inform policy decisions, as well as improve the quality of service provided, including, but not limited to risk management, crime management, and employee performance.
- 4. CAC members recommended the captain continue to focus on meeting the conditions set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

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Palmdale Station is collaborating with the city of Palmdale on enticements aimed at recruiting and retaining sworn personnel to live and work in the Palmdale Station jurisdiction. The Department's Personnel Bureau is actively recruiting and hiring from the Antelope Valley. The Department also recently reopened the North County Training Academy to train newly hired sworn personnel from areas of northern Los Angeles County, including the Antelope Valley. Lastly, Palmdale Station is working with the local school district and other community-based organizations to identify pathway courses into law enforcement and increase participation in the Department's Explorer program.

Palmdale Station is working with the city of Palmdale and the Department's Community Partnerships Bureau to identify funding sources and study the feasibility of adding Mental Evaluation Teams to the Antelope Valley.

Palmdale Station has partnered with the Department's Office of Constitutional Policing to develop and utilize dashboard programs aimed at collecting and analyzing timely trend data to inform management decisions related to risk management, crime management, and employee performance.

Lastly, under the leadership of Sheriff Robert Luna, the Department has created an Office of Constitutional Policing, which is focused on assisting Palmdale Station in meeting the conditions set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

Should you need any further information, please contact me at (661) 272-2506.

Sincerely,

ROBERT G. LUNA, SHERIFF

Joshua A. Bardon, Captain

Palmdale Station