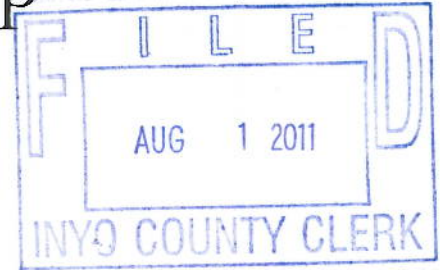




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July 25, 2011

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The Bishop City Council and staff would like to thank the 2010-2011 Inyo County Grand Jury members for their review and comments on the Bishop Police Department Holding Facility.

California Penal Code § 933 et. seq. requires that public agencies respond to the findings and recommendations set forth by the Grand Jury of the County. Enclosed is the City's response in the required format as set forth in the California Penal Code.

CITY COUNCIL

Laura Smith, Mayor

BISHOP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chris Carter, Chief of Police

**CITY OF BISHOP RESPONSES
TO THE
2010-2011 INYO COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT**

Annual Inspection of Incarceration Sites
Report on the Conditions and Management of the Bishop Police Department Holding Facility

BISHOP POLICE DEPARTMENT HOLDING FACILITY

FINDINGS:

- 1. The facilities are clean, organized, and well maintained.**

Response:

The City of Bishop agrees with the finding.

- 2. The front office staff should have more protection from the possibility of violent visitors.**

Response:

The City of Bishop agrees with the finding.

- 3. The entire building is too small.**

Response:

The City of Bishop agrees with the finding.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. The management and staff should be commended for the excellent utilization of the building they have inherited.**

Response:

The recommendation has been implemented. Staff members have been commended for their efforts.

- 2. Some type of barriers should be erected to protect civilian staff from the possibility of violent visitors.**

Response:

The recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future. The Police Department is exploring the possibility of acquiring protective barriers from local sources as well as other options for increasing security for this area.

- 3. The City of Bishop should make it a priority to provide a larger facility for the Police Department.**

Response:

The recommendation will be implemented. The City will continue to make it a priority to search for options which balance the need for a larger police facility while remaining fiscally responsible to the people we serve. At the conclusion of the 2009-2010 Grand Jury Report, the City revisited the potential location at 350 Lagoon Street (Verizon Building) and was told the building was no longer available for sale.



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TO: Chris Carter, Police Chief
Fred Gomez, Police Lieutenant
Sergeants, Police Officers, Communications Operators
Office Personnel
Facility Maintenance Staff

FROM: James M. Southworth, City Administrator

DATE: July 20, 2011

SUBJECT: 2010-2011 INYO COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT

Since 2000 the majority of the Inyo County Grand Jury Reports have contained findings and recommendations on the Police Department facility. All of the comments relate to the facility space issues. Many of the Grand Jury reports compliment management and staff for continuing to maintain the facility in a clean and organized manner.

The 2011 Grand Jury Report is no exception. Again Police Department personnel have been recognized by the jurors for utilizing and maintaining a building that is significantly too small for the organization and our operational needs.

We extend our thanks and commend all of you for your efforts to maintain this aging facility. The City of Bishop will continue to make it a priority to search for options which balance the need for a larger, more modern police facility while remaining fiscally responsible to the people we serve. Thank you again.