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c/o Honorable Dean T. Stout, Presiding Judge
Inyo County Superior Court
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PAMELA M. FOSTER, CLERK

BY *G. Ellis* DEPUTY

Dear Members,

First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your service as members of the Grand Jury. I recently received your Final Report for the Inyo County Sheriff's Office/ County Jail Inspection Report. My responses to your recommendations and commendations are as follows:

F1: The concrete floor in the intake area is heavily stained.

Response: Agree. The staff and inmate work crews will be working on that area to remove stains.

F2: The walk-around deck in the control tower is without a continuous guardrail or warning stripes.

Response: Agree. We will order paint and place warning stripes around the area.

F3: The control panel in the tower is outdated and replacement parts are hard to acquire or locate. A new panel could cost upward of \$500,000.

Response: Agree. Once funding is secured we will go out to bid and replace the equipment.

F4: Staff stated that the facility lacked enough isolation/segregation cells.

Response: Agree. However, there would have to be a facility remodel which would be expensive and intrusive. We will look at state grants through BSCC for funding, and if identified will have the facility evaluated.

F5: Printer table in the booking room area has sharp edges, which pose a hazard to both staff and incoming prisoners.

Response: Agree. We will put in a work order to mitigate the issue.

F6: Response time can have an effect on the evaluation of the mental state of a subject at the time of booking and incarceration.

Response: We have been and are currently working with County Mental Health on this issue. We have seen improvement; however, more is needed and the Sheriff's Office and Health and Human Services are working on solutions.

In closing, I want to again thank you for your service. If you have any questions or need further information please contact me or my staff.

Sincerely,


William R. Lutze, Sheriff