

**MONO COUNTY**  
**SHERIFF**  
*A Commitment to Community Safety and Service*

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**Ingrid Braun**  
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September 10, 2019

Honorable Judge Mark Magit  
Presiding Judge, Mono County Superior Court  
100 Thompson Way  
Post Office Box 1037  
Mammoth Lakes, California 93546

Re: Response to the Mono County 2018-2019 Grand Jury Final Report

Dear Judge Magit:

The Mono County Sheriff's Office is in receipt of the Mono County 2018-2019 Grand Jury Final Report. As required by California Penal Code Section 933(c), I am responding to the portions of the report that relate to the Mono County Sheriff's Office.

Recommendation 1: The Mono County Board of Supervisors and Department of Public Works should make every effort to progress the final planning and construction phases of the New Jail building to avoid cost overruns, provide the best possible long-term facility and be able to incorporate the health clinic for locals. Timeline: End of 2019.

The Sheriff's Office agrees with the recommendation. We continue to partner with Public Works in planning for the construction of the New Jail.

Recommendation 2: The Mono County Board of Supervisors should fund all open jail staff positions. Timeline: The next Fiscal Budget.

The Sheriff's Office agrees with the recommendation. Sheriff Braun requested the funding of all positions during the budget process, and the 2019-2020 Mono County Budget funded 18 out of 20 positions in the Jail, leaving two Public Safety Officer positions unfunded. The Sheriff's Office is currently in the hiring process for three funded positions: one current vacancy and two anticipated vacancies.

Recommendation 3: Sheriff Department Jail Staff should continue their current practices. Timeline: Ongoing.

The Sheriff's Office agrees with the recommendation and will continue to allow all employees an hour each day for exercise with supervisor approval.

Recommendation 4: Sheriff Department Jail Staff should continue their current practices and procedures. Timeline: Ongoing.

The Sheriff's Office agrees with the recommendation and will continue to treat inmates appropriately, ensuring the safety and welfare of both employees and inmates.

Recommendation 5: The Sheriff's department is recommended to provide additional camera coverage for any potential blind spots within the current jail facility. Timeline: Within the next six months.

The Sheriff's Office agrees with the recommendation. We are assessing the positioning of our current cameras to ensure that all aspects of Jail operations are covered. It should be noted that some aspects that are not covered by cameras are in the constant line of sight of the control center. We will also work with Public Works staff in the planning of the New Jail to install cameras to cover all aspects of Jail operations.

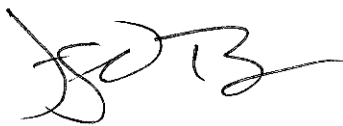
Recommendation 6: Continue discussions of a possible Joint Powers Authority to manage a new 911 system shared by Mono County and Inyo County and their appropriate emergency agencies (Police, Fire, Etc.) to provide improved and consistent services to the community. Timeline: Ongoing.

The Sheriff's Office agrees with the recommendation and is actively engaging with partner agencies in Mono and Inyo Counties on the potential for a regional dispatch center. On August 13, 2019, the Mono County Board of Supervisors approved an expenditure of up to \$25,000 toward a Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan for a regional dispatch center. The Town of Mammoth Lakes also approved a \$25,000 expenditure, and requests are pending with the Bishop City Council and Inyo County Board of Supervisors.

Recommendation 7: The Mono County Board of Supervisors is recommended to make an annual visit/tour of the Mono County Jail. Timeline: Annual.

The Sheriff's Office agrees with the recommendation and welcomes a visit by the Mono County Board of Supervisors.

Respectfully submitted,



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c: Mono County Board of Supervisors  
Steve Barwick, County Administrative Officer  
Stacey Simon, County Counsel