



CITY OF MORRO BAY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

850 Morro Bay Boulevard
Morro Bay, CA 93442



July 15, 2019

Presiding Judge Ginger Garrett
Superior Court of California
1035 Palm St. Room 355
San Luis Obispo, CA. 93408-1000

Dear Judge Garrett,

I have received and reviewed the 2018-2019 San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury report titled "Inspection Report for San Luis Obispo County Law Enforcement and Detention Facilities" and have prepared the following response to the recommendation.

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Response to Recommendation R6:

R6-Crime Lab should provide the same training to city law enforcement agencies for handling DNA evidence as they do for Sheriff Deputies.

This recommendation will require further review. The Morro Bay Police Department currently utilizes the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff Department personnel and Crime Lab resources for all major crime scene investigations. Morro Bay PD would welcome any additional training from the SLO County Sheriff Crime Lab related to the preservation and collection of DNA evidence. Morro Bay PD will work with the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff to determine the best course of action to develop and obtain this additional training for all front-line patrol and investigations personnel.

This recommendation will require development of a training course outline, increased training costs and review of our department policies/procedures to insure the required training meets California Peace Officer Standards and Training requirements. I will work with the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff Department and the Criminal Justice Administrators Association on accomplishing this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Jody Cox
Chief of Police
Morro Bay Police Department