

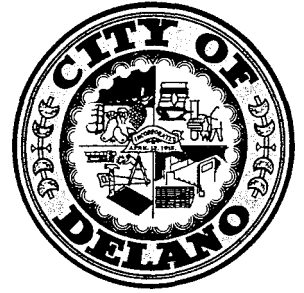


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Mark DeRosia  
Chief of Police

November 26, 2007

Honorable Jerold L. Turner  
Presiding Judge  
Kern County Superior Court  
1415 Truxtun Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Dear Judge Turner,

The Delano Police Department is in receipt of the Kern County Grand Jury, Cities and Joint Powers Committee, report dated November 8, 2007, which addresses the results of the Committee's visit to our animal control shelter on October 16, 2007.

It was a pleasure having the opportunity to meet with the Committee members and have them tour our animal control facility. We are proud of our accomplishments, and work daily to provide quality service to our citizens in the area of animal control.

In the Committee report, three specific recommendations were addressed that required response from this Department. Each recommendation and Department response is listed below:

**RECOMMENDATION #1:**

The Delano Police Department should take immediate steps to complete the Policy and Procedures Manual to encompass the appropriate provisions of the Hayden Bill.

**RESPONSE:**

On October 26, 2007, the Chief of Police completed and approved the new Policy and Procedures Manual for the Delano Animal Control Unit. This comprehensive manual has been disseminated to the Animal Control staff, and each staff member has received training on the manual. A copy of the manual is attached to this response.

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**RECOMMENDATION #2:**

The concrete floors within the kennels of the Shelter should be sealed to help to ensure cleanliness, if the construction of a new Shelter is not approved in the new City budget.

**RESPONSE:**

In an effort to reduce disease and illness of the animals within our care, the staff of the Delano Police Department Animal Shelter has purchased the required sealant to begin immediate sealing of not only the concrete floors, but all walls as well. This operation will be completed by November 30, 2007.

**RECOMMENDATION #3:**

Every effort should be made to obtain sufficient funds from the City to provide some landscaping on the barren grounds around the Shelter, to assist in cooling the area, if the construction of a new Shelter is not approved in the new City budget.

**RESPONSE:**

The Animal Control staff is now fully staffed and have begun the process of attempting to grow grass in the areas. Due to the high alkaline content, it is uncertain if the grass will grow. However, staff have also begun plans to increase the physical appearance of the surrounding shelter areas with the use of gravel, bushes, and other landscaping measures.

Should the Committee have any questions regarding our written response to the Committee's report, please do not hesitate to contact Chief Mark DeRosia at 661-721-3377, ext 261.

Sincerely yours,



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City Manager



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