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¹Sections 933 and 933.5

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BACKGROUND

Members of the Yolo County Grand Jury met with members of the Davis Police Department as part of the Grand Jury's annual oversight function.

FINDINGS

1. It appears that the Davis Police Department is currently functioning more smoothly and with higher morale in the workforce relative to a few years ago.
2. It appears that a detailed and clear-cut mission statement needs to be developed within the Davis Police Department.
3. The Davis Police Department deserves to be commended for their emphasis on a community service approach.
4. The new I-80 under-crossing bicycle tunnel appears to be highly controversial and raises some serious safety and law-enforcement concerns.
5. Due to the decision to shutdown the current Davis firing range located on Pole Line Road, serious questions and concerns have arisen about the availability of firearms training facilities relative to the actual needs as mandated by law. Lack of proper firearms training may potentially have serious ramifications for law enforcement in the City of Davis.
6. It appears that some of the parking enforcement rules, laws, or practices, as applied to the privately owned lots (e.g., shopping plaza lots), are not practical and hence provide high probabilities of unfairness to motorists.
7. There appears to be a lack of any formal training of sworn officers for racial tolerance.
8. The Davis Police Department has not yet switched to the new 900 MHz frequency as mandated by the Federal Communications Commission (although not in violation at this time).

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 00-01 The Yolo County Grand Jury recommends that the Davis Police Department develop a clear-cut mission statement as soon as possible. (Finding #2).

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