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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
Civil Grand Jury
Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center
210 West Temple Street, Room 11-506
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Members of the Grand Jury:

**RESPONSE TO THE FINAL REPORT OF THE 2006-2007
LOS ANGELES COUNTY GRAND JURY**

Attached is the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (Department) response to the 2006-2007 Grand Jury Report's recommendations (Attachment A). The Grand Jury area of interest specific to the Department includes the Jails Committee section of the report.

Should you have questions regarding our response, please contact Commander Thomas Laing, of my office, at (323) 526-5000.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

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RESPONSE TO THE GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

**SUBJECT: 2006-2007 GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JAIL
OPERATIONS**

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury recommends that Men's Central Jail increase treatment of cell areas to remove infestation of vermin.

RESPONSE

Men's Central Jail currently has a contract with a pest control company to come into the facility Monday thru Friday, for a total of 23 hours every week. Upon investigation, it was determined that the pest control company was not complying with the contract. The exterminator was only working at the facility 8 hours a week, as opposed to the 23 hours the contract states. The Department is in contact with the pest control company to ensure an aggressive eradication. In addition, policy is being revised to ensure that leftover food is reduced.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

The Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury recommends that the escalators at Men's Central Jail be removed or repaired with a safe walkway that meets commercial building codes and ADA (Americans with Disability Act) requirements.

RESPONSE

The replacement of the escalators located on the Old Side of Men's Central Jail was completed approximately eight months ago. These escalators are fully operational. The escalators located on the New Side of Men's Central Jail have been completed and will be inspected by the end of August.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

The Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury recommends that electronic medical records, within the Los Angeles County jail system, be accessible when an inmate transfers to another facility.

RESPONSE

Starting in 2000, Medical Services Bureau began utilizing a system-wide Electronic Medical Record (Power Chart). The Power Chart allows medical staff to review every inmate's medical record, each time he/she is transferred and housed within the Los Angeles County jail system.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

The Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury recommends that the Telemedicine system be completed and activated in order to decrease the number of inmates transferred out of the Los Angeles County jail system.

RESPONSE

The Telemedicine system is being systematically brought on line at the Twin Towers Correctional Facility, Tower One, and the Century Regional Detention Facility. It is being expanded to include: Men's Central Jail, portions of the Pitchess Detention Center, and the new LAC/USC Medical Center. The project should be completed by early 2008.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5

The Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury recommends that a system to document medical transfers from the Los Angeles County jail to LAC/USC Medical Center be implemented. Analysis of this data should facilitate a decrease of inmates transferred.

RESPONSE

When an inmate is transferred via paramedics to LAC/USC Medical Center, the information is relayed to the 24 hour nursing office at the Twin Towers Correctional Facility. The inmates' information is then documented in the unit's "red pass-on" book. Radio car and ambulance transfers can also be reported in the same manner. The "red pass-on" book data, in conjunction with the Telemedicine, should decrease the number of inmates being transferred to LAC/USC Medical Center.