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Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury Releases Report on Oakdale Police Department Training

The Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury (Grand Jury) recently conducted an investigation into the City of Oakdale's training of Oakdale Police Department (OPD) peace officers. The Oakdale Police Department cooperated fully with the Grand Jury inquiry and investigation.

In its report, the Grand Jury found that some officers were out of compliance with mandated Domestic Violence training during the latter half of 2021. The review also found that on January 1, 2023, some officers were out of compliance with Continuing Professional Training and Perishable Skills Training.

The City of Oakdale appreciates the diligence of the Grand Jury's efforts and thanks the Grand Jury for its recommendations. Chief of Police Jerry Ramar will provide a response to the Grand Jury report at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting later this summer. The Oakdale City Council will review the response.

The OPD Management Team and Training Unit agree that officers enrolled in ongoing training are better equipped with prevailing practices and skills, enabling them to respond to the job's challenges and perform their duties proficiently. OPD is committed to adhering to POST training requirements and State mandated training to ensure the safety and well-being of our community and our officers, and we work continuously to improve our policies and procedures to better serve the needs of our community.

Currently, all OPD peace officers working in patrol are up to date with training requirements. It's important to note that officers on workers' compensation or light duty status are not able to attend training.

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