December 28, 2016

Foreperson
Carrie L. Carmody, Ph.D.
Criminal Justice Committee
2014-2015 Orange County Grand Jury
Orange County Grand Jury
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Ref: “Drones: Know Before You Fly”

Dear Foreperson Carmody,

The Laguna Beach Police Department is in receipt of the Orange County Grand Jury request for supplemental information related to our original response to “Drones: Know Before You Fly”. Please see the below that addresses the progress the police department has made in fulfilling these commitments.

- R.2 Each city should direct its City Attorney to provide a report to the city’s police department and City Council on existing laws that can be applied to the use of recreational drones in the city’s jurisdiction by December 20, 2016.
  - The City Attorney for the City of Laguna Beach will provide this report to the police department and the council at the January 24, 2017 council meeting. This was not able to occur earlier due to schedule conflicts.

- R.3. Each city should inform its citizens about laws and ordinances that apply to recreational drone operators through printed media, city-related web sites, social media and/or public forums by March 31, 2017.
  - A link was created, http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/police/cominfo/drones.htm, which is located on the Police Department’s website under the Community Information tab. The site details the guidelines to flying unmanned aircraft or drones and highlights safety tips. Additionally, the site pushes drone registration requirements and the “Know Before You Fly” campaign.
We will also be scheduling monthly social media posts on drones that will direct the community to our website in order to receive more robust information. Additionally, if a decision is reached that an ordinance will be written, a trifold flyer will be created, and we will host community workshops to educate Laguna Beach residents on drone laws.

It is our intention to fulfill all commitments related to drones in a timely manner. If you should have any further question please feel free to call us at 949-497-0385.

Respectfully,

Laura Farinella
Police Chief
Laguna Beach Police Department