March 9, 2017

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.1. 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 30, 2016.
  o The City Attorney and the Police Chief presented a draft drone ordinance to the city council on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. This presentation also included the laws, complaints and current issues related to drones that impact the City of Laguna Beach.

- R.4. Each City should establish and publish on its website a point of contact for drone-related citizen complaints by December 30, 2016.

- R.5. Each City should post FAA drone ownership and operation educational links on city-related websites, newsletters, and flyers by December 30, 2016.
  o 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 have also pushed out social media posts on drones that will direct to our website in order to receive more robust information. After the March 7 council meeting, and if a decision has been reached that a drone ordinance will be implemented, a trifold flyer will be created, and a community workshop will be held to educate residents on Laguna Beach’s 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