



Monterey County Board of Supervisors

Response to the

2018 - 2019 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury

" Rape Kit Processing in Monterey County "

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RESPONSE TO: Findings F5

FINDINGS

F5) Training for advanced skills in the forensics of sexual assault investigations is not prioritized in the budgeting process.

Response F5:
Disagrees

The Monterey County Board of Supervisors disagrees with this finding. County departments are responsible for prioritizing programs during the budgeting process, as such, the Board of Supervisors looks to the Sheriff's Office to prioritize needs for their operations. As a normal practice, the Sheriff's Office prioritizes funding for training during the annual budget process and sends sexual assault investigators to specialized training as required by State law.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

R5) By January 15, 2020, every Monterey County LEA should develop a funding source, such as grants, for additional expertise training and recertification within the Sexual Assault and Forensic Division.

Response R5:

Partially Agrees

The Monterey County Board of Supervisors partially agrees with this finding. There is an existing funding source for expert and specialized training. The California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) reimburses the Sheriff’s Office for specialized training in sexual assault investigation. However, the County will continue to look for additional grant or other funding opportunities that become available for this purpose.