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June 6, 2020

Message From San Mateo County Sheriff Carlos Bolanos Regarding Sheriff's Office Response to San Mateo Police Department Request for Assistance

I acknowledge and respect the concerns expressed by individuals regarding the response by Sheriff's Office Personnel to a request for assistance by the San Mateo Police Department.

The San Mateo Police Department formally requested a Mobile Field Force on standby for the preplanned protest scheduled for June 3rd in the City of San Mateo. The Mobile Field Force consisted of personnel from the Sheriff's Office and other County Law Enforcement Agencies. All Officers were requested to have riot/crowd control equipment. This is a standard and appropriate practice designed to protect the community and law enforcement personnel.

The multi-jurisdictional field force was assembled and staged out of sight at the San Mateo Event Center.

In response to events that were developing, the San Mateo Police Department requested the assistance of the Mobile Field Force at Hillsdale Mall and in front of the Police Department.

The portion of the Mobile Field Force that responded to the San Mateo Police Department was comprised of Sheriff's Office employees. The portion that responded to Hillsdale Mall was a multi-jurisdictional team.

There was no force or enforcement action taken by the responding law enforcement personnel.

As with any major event involving our personnel, we will review our actions and examine if there are any improvements that we can make.

I appreciate the concerns raised by community members as it assists us in reviewing and improving our public safety practices.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carlos G. Bolanos".

Carlos G. Bolanos
Sheriff