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## **Public Safety Committee Meeting Record**

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**Meeting Date:** Monday, January 9, 2012    **Convened:** 11:01 a.m.    **Adjourned:** 12:41 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Sheffie Kadane, **Vice-Chair**  
Carolyn Davis  
Sandy Greyson  
Delia Jasso

**City Executive Staff Present:**

A.C. Gonzalez, First Assistant City Manager  
First Assistant Chief Charles Cato, DPD  
Deputy Chief Randall Blankenbaker, DPD  
Deputy Chief Patricia Paulhill, DPD  
Lt. David Pughes, DPD  
Jackie Middlebrooks, CAO, DPD

**Committee Members Absent:**

Pauline Medrano, **Chair (Official City Business)**

**Other Council Members Present:**

**AGENDA:**

1. **Call to Order**

**Presenter:** Vice-Chair Kadane

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

Vice-Chair Kadane called an open session of the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 11:01 a.m., Monday, January 9, 2012 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for December 12, 2011 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

**Presenter:** Vice-Chair Kadane

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Motion made to approve the minutes.

Motion made by: Delia Jasso

Item passed unanimously:   X  

Item failed unanimously:       

Motion seconded by: Sandy Greyson

Item passed on a divided vote:       

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Crime Report**

**Presenter:** First Assistant Chief Charles Cato, Dallas Police Department

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

First Assistant Chief Cato provided the committee with a progress report of the Police Department in crime.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: There were no recommendations for this item.

4. **2011 Crime Summary**

**Presenter:** Deputy Chief Randall Blankenbaker, Dallas Police Department

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

The purpose of the briefing is to provide a comprehensive 2011 annual crime report for the City of Dallas and give an overview of historical trending patterns. In conducting these types of analysis, this will assist the Department in identifying continuing steps in order to reach the following goals:

- Experience an unprecedented 9 years of overall crime reduction
- Make Dallas one of the 5 safest large cities by reducing the overall crime rate

2011 Crime Statistics are as follows:

- Unprecedented 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of total crime reduction, YTD -4.14%
- 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of violent crime reduction, YTD -8.76%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest murder rate in modern era
- Lowest per capita murder rate in 54 years (1957)
- Lowest number of actual murders in 44 years (1967)
- Total crime down 38.9% since 2003

Contributing Factors to Crime Reduction are as follows:

- Innovative Crime Reduction Strategies
  - Staffing increases and strategies allocation of resources
  - Compstat
  - Hot Spot Policing
  - Operation Disruption
  - Summer Crime Initiatives
  - Fusion Center
  - Improved Technology
    - Bait Cars (UUMV and BMV)
    - Surveillance Cameras
  - Leveraging community and corporate resources
- Continued support by the Council to add address staffing needs and place a priority on public safety
- Leverage citizen participation in:
  - Volunteer programs
  - Crime Watch Groups
- Partnerships with non-profit organizations and foundations

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) crime reduction (2) change in definition of rape (3) rape cases (4) Bait car technology (5) burglary crimes (6) pamphlets on residential burglaries (7) hot spot policing (8) summer crime initiatives (9) Bait vehicle in entertainment district and (10) progress report on camera technology.

5. **Dallas Police Homicide Report**

**Presenter:** Lt. David Hughes, Dallas Police Department

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

The purpose of the briefing is to provide a comprehensive 2011 annual homicide report for the City of Dallas and give an overview of historical trending patterns. The Dallas Police Department is striving to reduce Homicides in 2012. This reduction can be achieved through the following: (1) Intelligence based policing and deployment of personnel (2) Increased participation of investigators patrolling in high crime areas and (3) Rapid resolution of homicide offenses and arrest of offenders.

Annual Homicide Review is as follows:

- 2011 Homicide Review
  - The Dallas Police Department reported 133 Homicides for 2011
  - This is a 10% reduction from the 148 Homicides reported in 2010

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) investigators (2) clearance rate (3) economical factor (4) handguns (5) race of suspect (6) information on first offender's/adult program (7) type of premises (8) CTPED and (9) suicide cases.

6. **Upcoming City Council Agenda Items**

**Presenter:** Vice-Chair Kadane

- FY2011 Homeland Security Grants Award Acceptance
- Acceptance of City of Dallas National Integrated Ballistics Informational Network Program
- Dallas Police Department Lease Renewal 3611 Swiss Avenue
- Project Safe Neighborhoods Anti-Gang Initiative Grant

**A motion was made by Ms. Greyson to accept the upcoming council agenda items and recommend them to the full Dallas City Council for approval on the January 25, 2012 agenda. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

7. **DFR EMS Billing Contract**

**Presenter:** A.C. Gonzalez, First Assistant City Manager

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

The purpose of the briefing is to provide an update on recent EMS billing contract developments and recommend a strategy for moving forward.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) competitive bid (2) RFP (3) expenses and (4) recommend item to Finance and Audit Committee.

8. **Administrative (Police) Reports (Informational Memo)**

**Presenter:** Deputy Chief Patricia Paulhill, Dallas Police Department

New Case Presentation: Control # 2011-453, #2011-456 and #2011-475

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** There were no recommendations for this item.

**APPROVED BY:**

**ATTEST:**

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Sheffie Kadane, Vice-Chair  
Public Safety Committee

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Public Safety Committee