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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: Monday, February 1, 2010 **Convened:** 12:03 p.m. **Adjourned:** 1:14 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, **Chair**
Delia Jasso, **Vice-Chair**
Jerry R. Allen
Tennell Atkins
Sheffie Kadane
Ron Natinsky
David Neumann

City Executive Staff Present:

Ryan Evans, First Assistant City Manager
Fire-Rescue Chief Eddie Burns, Sr., DFR
Deputy Chief Daniel Salazar, DFR
Deputy Chief Joe Pierce, DFR
Lieutenant Melanie Forbes-Scott, DFR
Jody Puckett, Director, DWU
Jackie Middlebrooks, CAO, DPD
Shun Session, CMO

Committee Members Absent:

Linda Koop (Official City Business)
Ann Margolin

Other Council Members Present:

AGENDA:

1. **Call to Order**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Mayor Pro Tem Caraway called an Open Session of the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 12:03 p.m., Monday, February 1, 2010 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for January 19, 2010 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair

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

Motion made by: **Sheffie Kadane**
Item passed unanimously: X
Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: **Tennell Atkins**
Item passed on a divided vote:
Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program**

Presenter: Lieutenant Melanie Forbes-Scott, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Action Taken/ Committee Recommendation(s): Lieutenant Scott gave an overview to the Juvenile Firesetter Interventions Program. J.F.I.P. is an intervention program targeting children who have been caught committing the crime of intentionally setting fires and children who have demonstrated firesetting behavior. The goal of J.F.I.P. is to address and deter firesetting behavior through the following: (1) assessment (2) treatment and (3) education. Topics of discussion were as follows: (1) training (2) types of firesetters (3) public service announcements (4) recidivism and (5) networks & resources.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) court system (2) objective measurements (3) trend rate (4) cable channel outreach to other ISD's (5) recidivism rate (6) fines (7) graffiti code (8) code for firesetting and (9) networking with community prosecutor's court.

4. **Citizens' Fire Academy 2010 Update**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Daniel Salazar, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Deputy Chief Salazar gave an update to the Citizens' Fire Academy. The mission of the academy is to provide citizens an overview of the services that Dallas Fire-Rescue provides, increase fire and life safety awareness, and promotion of the customer service aspect of the department. The objective of the academy is to seek to provide participants with knowledge of the core job functions with classroom instruction and live demonstrations. Participants are informed of volunteer opportunities such as smoke alarm installations, providing fire safety education, and distribution of disaster education materials. Training topics include Hazmat operations, emergency dispatch operations, fire tactics and strategies, SCBA/equipment familiarization, prevention and education.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) citizen participation (2) CERT team and (3) smoke detector program.

Follow up: Vice-Chair Jasso requested that staff include council district information on the Citizens' Fire Academy volunteer application and forward the list to the full council.

5. **Training Division Overview**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Daniel Salazar, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): The committee was provided an overview to the Training Division. The mission of the training division is to provide fire suppression, EMS, career development, and leadership skills to the department's workforce for the purpose of providing the best customer service to the citizens and visitors of Dallas during emergency and non-emergency response. The Dallas Fire-Rescue Training Division is tasked with training and development of the department's new recruit and incumbent workforce. Evolving technology in the fire service and changing professional standards mandate refresher and certification training. Workforce turnover requires constant training to supply a steady stream of new recruits to keep pace with attrition.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) cross training (2) Berkshire continuum (3) turnover status (4) number of training classes per year (5) mandatory retirement age for firefighters (6) retention rate and (7) community outreach for trainees.

6. **Upcoming City Council Agenda Items for February 2010**

- a. EPA Water Contamination Warning System Phase II Grant Acceptance and Implementation

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) CH2M Hill and (2) contamination issue.

7. **Administrative (Fire) Reports**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Joe Pierce, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) description of a 7 alarm fire and (2) level of command staff on scene during 7 alarm fire.

8. **Public Comments**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) there were no public comments.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair
Public Safety Committee

Shun Session, Coordinator
Public Safety Committee