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## **Public Safety Committee Meeting Record**

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**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, January 19, 2010

**Convened:** 12:34 p.m.    **Adjourned:** 2:00 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

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

**City Executive Staff Present:**

Ryan Evans, First Assistant City Manager  
Fire-Rescue Chief Eddie Burns, Sr., DFR  
Captain John D. Ostroski, DFR  
Assistant Chief Ron Waldrop, DPD  
Assistant Chief Floyd Simpson, DPD  
Assistant Chief Charles Cato, DPD  
Deputy Chief Nancy Kirkpatrick, DPD  
Jackie Middlebrooks, CAO, DPD  
Shun Session, CMO

**Committee Members Absent:**

**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 12:34 p.m., Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for December 8, 2009 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: Jerry Allen

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. **Texas Task Force 2 Urban Search and Rescue**

**Presenter:** Captain John Ostroski, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

**Action Taken/ Committee Recommendation(s):** Captain Ostroski gave an overview to the Texas Task Force 2 Urban Search and Rescue. Topics of discussion were as follows: (1) program development (2) funding (3) state grant \$1.4M (4) proposed spending plan (5) training partnership (6) benefit to region/state and (7) state deployments.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) revenues (2) number of days for reimbursement (3) FEMA (4) college station task force and (5) permanent infrastructure cost for the City.

**A motion was made by Ms. Margolin to accept the \$1.4M in funds from the State of Texas for Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) enhancements and recommends it to the full Dallas City Council for approval on the January 27, 2010 agenda. Mr. Neumann seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

4. **2009 Dallas Police Department Preliminary Murder Summary**

**Presenter:** Assistant Chief Ron Waldrop, Dallas Police Department

**Action Taken/ Committee Recommendation(s):** Assistant Chief Waldrop gave an overview to the 2009 Dallas Police Department Preliminary Murder Summary. Topics of discussion were as follows: (1) 166 murders in 2009 – 2.4% reduction from 2008 (2) lowest number of murders in the last 42 years – since 133 in 1967 (3) 0.129 murders per 1000 population is the lowest in 51 years (4) two consecutive years of murder rates per 1000 that are similar to 1950's era murder rates (5) number of murders in 2009 was 33% lower than 2004 (6) murder rate per 1000 in 2009 was 36% lower than 2004 (7) number of murders in 2009 was 67% lower than the peak year of 1991 and (8) murder rate per 1000 in 2009 was 73% lower than the peak year of 1991.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) detailed location of murders (2) increased patrol (3) cameras (4) additional enhancements (5) graffiti taskforce (6) comparison with other cities and (7) 2008 data requirements.

5. **High Visibility Policing Strategies**

**Presenter:** Assistant Chief Floyd Simpson, Dallas Police Department

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Assistant Chief Simpson gave an overview to the High Visibility Policing Strategies. The Dallas Police Department Strategic Statement is as follows, "The Dallas Police Department is committed to ongoing *"high visibility patrol strategies"* to increase citizen awareness of police presence." Topics of discussion were as follows: (1) goals and objectives (2) current high visibility strategies and (3) high visibility strategies (personnel).

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) target areas (2) violent crime (3) number of sky towers (4) mobile units (5) cost of cameras (6) crime watch partnership (7) relationship with D.I.S.D. (8) tag areas (9) increased response (10) hot spots (11) reserve officers (12) jurisdiction (13) crime beats (14) foot patrol (15) plans for apartment complex (16) number of pole cameras (17) ratio of camera coverage (18) number of cameras in downtown (19) decoy vehicle (20) traffic enforcement and (21) beat policing.

6. **Dallas Police Department Task Force Involvement and Results**

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

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** This item was not briefed to the committee.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: No recommendation was given for this item.

7. **Upcoming City Council Agenda Items for January 2010**

- a. Authorization of Professional Services Agreement Extension with Dallas County District Attorney Office
- b. Project Safe Neighborhoods Anti-Gang Initiative Grant
- c. Record Management System for Police and Fire Rescue

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** This item was not briefed to the committee.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: No recommendation was given for this item.

**Follow up:** Ms. Jasso, Vice-Chair requested a future presentation on the Dallas Police Department Helicopter Unit.

8. **Administrative (Police) Reports (Shooting Summary)**

**New case presentations:** #09-423, #09-447, #09-457 and #09-459

**Presenter:** Deputy Chief Nancy Kirkpatrick, Dallas Police Department

**Action Taken/ Committee Recommendation(s):** This item was not briefed to the committee.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: No recommendation was given for this item.

9. **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:**

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Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair  
Public Safety Committee

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Shun Session, Coordinator  
Public Safety Committee