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## **Public Safety Committee Meeting Record**

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**Meeting Date:** Monday, January 23, 2012    **Convened:** 11:07 a.m.    **Adjourned:** 12:36 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

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

**City Executive Staff Present:**

Police Chief David Brown, DPD  
Interim Fire-Rescue Chief Louie Bright, III, DFR  
Assistant Chief Debra Carlin, DFR  
Deputy Chief Joe Pierce, DFR  
Captain George Florence, DFR  
Lt. Sam Friar, DFR  
Jackie Middlebrooks, CAO, DPD

**Committee Members Absent:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA:**

1. **Call to Order**

**Presenter:** Committee Chair Medrano

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

Committee Chair Medrano called an open session of the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 11:07 a.m., Monday, January 23, 2012 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for January 9, 2012 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

**Presenter:** Committee Chair Medrano

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

**Motion made to approve the minutes as submitted.**

Motion made by: **Sheffie Kadane**

Item passed unanimously:   X  

Item failed unanimously:       

Motion seconded by: **Carolyn Davis**

Item passed on a divided vote:       

Item failed on a divided vote:

### 3. Dallas Fire-Rescue Dual Career Paths

**Presenter:** Captain George Florence, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

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

The purpose of the briefing is to describe the two careers paths within Dallas Fire-Rescue which are as follows: (1) Fire & Rescue Officer and (2) Fire Prevention Officer. Captain Florence provided the committee with an overview of the two career paths:

- **Fire & Rescue Officers** are trained to respond to medical emergencies, fires, vehicle collisions, Haz-mat incidents, and to mitigate life safety hazards.

#### Minimum Qualifications:

- Minimum 18 years old
- 45 Semester hours of college/ or 4 years active duty military service, with a honorable discharge
- No more than 3 moving traffic violations within 24 of months applying
- No pending civil or criminal cases during the application process
- Must be legally eligible to work in the United States

#### Training Requirements:

- 28 Week Fire Academy consisting of the following: (1) 468 hours for TCFP curriculum & skills and (2) 500 hours DFR curriculum & skills
  - 5 Weeks Emergency Medical Technician
  - 5 Months Paramedic School
  - 6 Months probationary period
- **Fire Prevention Officers** perform technical inspections of all public buildings, schools, high-rise buildings, monitor crowd capacity at public events, conduct educational programs at schools, nursing homes, and public events.

#### Minimum Qualifications:

- Minimum 19 years old
- 60 Semester hours of college/ or 5 years active duty military service, with a honorable discharge
- No more than 3 moving traffic violations within 24 of months applying
- No pending civil or criminal cases during the application process
- Must be legally eligible to work in the United States

#### Training Requirements:

- 196 hours for TCFP curriculum & skills
- 160 hours City of Dallas Fire Code
- 160 hours On-the-Job Training
- 6 Months probationary period

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) Future presentation on the pro's/con's of combining career paths (ex. budgetary impact single vs. dual & efficiencies) (2) Difference in college hours for Fire & Rescue Officer vs. Fire Prevention Officer (3) Demographic results (4) How does Dallas compare with number of female firefighters w/Index cities (5) What steps or measures has the department taken to reach the single career path and (6) Recommend cross training.

4. **Dallas Fire-Rescue Wildland Strike Team Deployment**

**Presenter:** Lt. Sam Friar, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

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

The purpose of the briefing is to explain the involvement of the Dallas Fire-Rescue Wildland Firefighting Team in support of uncontrolled wildfires around the State between September 1<sup>st</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup> 2011. The objectives of the Wildland Strike Team are as follows:

- Deploy quickly
- Integrate into a unified command structure consisting of national, state, and numerous local agencies
- Provide Wildland Firefighting support through the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) to communities throughout the state

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) Total number of acres covered (2) Weather related fires and (3) 78 person Wildland Firefighting Team.

5. **Dallas Fire-Rescue Fire Investigation & Explosive Ordnance Disposal**

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

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

The purpose of the briefing is to provide an overview of the Fire Investigation and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Division. The goals of the Division are as follows: (1) Improve citizens level of safety by reducing the incidence of arson fires in the City of Dallas through enforcement, awareness and intervention and (2) Lower the crime rate.

The primary duties of Fire Investigators are:

- Determine the origin and causes of fires
- Collect evidence
- File criminal charges when appropriate
- Arrest and process suspects
- Testify in criminal proceedings

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) Vehicle arson (2) 2006-2011 Arson Incidents & Arrests and (3) What is in place to share information for Public Awareness.

6. **Upcoming City Council Agenda Items for January 25, 2012**

**Presenter:** Committee Chair Medrano

- Authorize **(1)** an acceptance of a sub-grant from the University of Washington (Seattle) – Office of Sponsored Programs as funded by United States Department of Health and Human Services' Center for Disease Control for the Health Promotion Research Center Project for the period of September 30, 2011 to September 29, 2012; and **(2)** execution of the subcontract agreement (No. 727925) - Not to exceed \$109,500 - Financing: University of Washington (Seattle)/CDC
- Authorize a standard Memorandum of Agreement between the City and various Texas Emergency Medical Service training programs to provide students seeking State Emergency Medical Technician certification with the required pre-hospital clinical hours of training – Estimated Annual Revenue - \$50,000

- Authorize an increase in payment to the Texas Commission on Fire Protection for annual certifications and testing of uniformed Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) Department personnel as required by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection - Not to exceed \$376,000 from \$188,000 to \$564,000 - Financing: Current Funds (subject to annual appropriations)
- Authorize **(1)** acceptance of an agreement for resignation and mutual release with Intermedix from the existing Emergency Medical Service (EMS) billing and collection contract, and **(2)** a two-year collection contract, with three one-year extension options, for the billing, collection and reporting of emergency ambulance fees with the option to include hardware maintenance – Digitech Computer, Inc. through an Interlocal Purchasing Agreement with The City of Plano, Texas - Estimated Net Annual Revenue: \$19,010,000

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Motion to move forward to full council with the Public Safety Committee’s recommendation for approval.

Motion made by: Delia Jasso  
Item passed unanimously:  X   
Item failed unanimously:       

Motion seconded by: Carolyn Davis  
Item passed on a divided vote:         
Item failed on a divided vote:       

7. **Administrative (Fire) Reports (Informational Memo)**

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

Deputy Chief Pierce provided the committee with an overview to the Administrative (Fire) Reports. During this period, there were no “3-Alarm or greater” fires. There was a “1-Alarm” vehicle fire with a fatality. There were two “2-Alarm” fires and there were two “1-Alarm” with injury fires.

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

**APPROVED BY:**

**ATTEST:**

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Pauline Medrano, Chair  
Public Safety Committee

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Public Safety Committee