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CITY SECRETARY
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DATE March 22, 2013

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee:
Sheffie Kadane (Vice Chair), Carolyn Davis, Sandy Greyson, Delia Jasso

SUBJECT **Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda**

Monday, March 25, 2013, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Dallas City Hall – Room 6ES, 1500 Marilla St., Dallas, Texas 75201

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| Call to Order | Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair |
| 1. Approval of February 25, 2013 minutes | Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair |
| 2. Dallas Police Crime Report | Chief of Police David O. Brown
Dallas Police Department |
| 3. Domestic Violence Unit
Lethality Assessment Program | Deputy Chief Deputy Chief Sherryl Scott
Dallas Police Department |
| 4. Communication Operations Center Update | Deputy Chief Scott Walton
Dallas Police Department |
| 5. Camping Regulation | Assistant Chief Tom Lawrence
Dallas Police Department |
| 6. Administrative (Police) Reports
Internal Affairs Division Cases
(Informational Memo) | Deputy Chief Christina Smith
Dallas Police Department |

New Case Presentations:

Control #2013-046, Control #2013-057, Control #2013-058
Control #2013-082 and Control #2013-084

Previous Case Presentations:

Control #2012-032, Control #2012-043, Control #2012-196

Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair
Public Safety Committee

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Notice: A quorum of the Dallas City Council may attend this Council committee meeting.

A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1. Contemplated or pending litigation or matters where legal advice is requested of the City Attorney, Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
2. The purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. Section 551.072 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
3. The contract for a prospective gift or donation to the City, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. Section 551.073 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
4. Personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee. Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
5. The deployment or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices. Section 551.076 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
6. Deliberations regarding economic development negotiations. Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

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Public Safety Committee
Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: Monday, February 25, 2013

Convened: 11:05 a.m.

Adjourned: 12:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, **Chair**
Carolyn Davis
Sandy Greyson
Delia Jasso

Executive Staff Present:

A.C. Gonzalez, First Assistant City Manager
Fire-Rescue Chief Louie Bright, III, DFR
Deputy Chief Daniel DeYear, DFR
Chief of Police David Brown, DPD
Assistant Chief Thomas Lawrence, DPD
Deputy Chief Catrina Shead, DPD
Major Scott Bratcher, DPD

Committee Members Absent:

Sheffie Kadane, **Vice Chair** (Official City Business)

Other Council Members Present:

Vonciel Jones Hill

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA:

1. **Call to Order**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Committee Chair Medrano called an open session of the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 11:05 a.m., Monday, February 25, 2013 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for February 11, 2013 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Motion made by: **Sandy Greyson**

Item passed unanimously: X

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: **Delia Jasso**

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Advancing Police Technology Improvements (Cameras, Bait Cars and License Plate Readers)**

Presenter: Chief of Police David O. Brown, Dallas Police Department

The purpose of this presentation is to provide a briefing on the current usage of crime fighting technologies critical components of Community Policing 2.0.

The goal is to expand police crime fighting efforts utilizing technology to improve the department's policing capabilities that are unattainable by human abilities.

Objectives are as follows:

- Reduce crime in targeted areas
- Create partnerships and improve the quality of life
- Increase public confidence and reduce fear of crime

Technology is a significant and critical tool for officers and detectives to fight crime, vastly expanding the policing capacity of the Dallas Police Department.

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Privacy
- Domestic Crime
- Database
- Audit
- 8 Economic Beach Heads
- Implementation Schedule
- 90 day Retention
- Bait Cars
- Criminal History Information

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The Public Safety Committee went into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 11:58 a.m. on Monday, February 25, 2013, pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code to receive advice from and consult with the City Attorney.

Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the Public Safety Committee reconvened at 12:15 p.m. on Monday, February 25, 2013 to open session.

4. **Citizens Fire Academy**

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

The purpose of this presentation is to provide a comprehensive 2012 Traffic Contact Data Annual Report for the City of Dallas and give an overview of statistical citizen contacts made by police.

The Mission of the Citizens' Fire Academy is to provide citizens with an overview of Dallas Fire-Rescue services, increase fire and life safety awareness, and promote the customer service aspect of the department.

Objectives are as follows:

- Impart information on core job functions
- Engage students during demonstrations
- Share volunteer opportunities available within the City of Dallas
- Provide CPR certification training
- Provide fire prevention and disaster preparedness education

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- List of stroke centers in the Dallas area

5. **Upcoming Agenda Item Memo**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair

- Authorize a three-year master agreement for Service Pins, Awards and Award Bars

A motion was made by Councilmember Greyson to accept the upcoming council agenda item and recommend it to the full Dallas City Council for approval on the February 27, 2013 agenda. Councilmember Jasso seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

6. **EMS Special Events**

Presenter: Assistant Chief Norman Seals, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

This item was not briefed to the committee. It will return to the April 8, 2013 Public Safety Committee Meeting.

7. **Fire Apparatus Update**

Presenter: Assistant Chief Harold Holland, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

This item was not briefed to the committee. It will return to the April 8, 2013 Public Safety Committee Meeting.

Follow up: The Chair requested a future briefing on Bike Patrol from the Police Department.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair
Public Safety Committee

Shun Session, Coordinator
Public Safety Committee

Memorandum



DATE: March 22, 2013

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: **Crime Report**

Attached is briefing material on the "Crime Report" to be presented to the Members of the Public Safety Committee on Monday, March 25, 2013.



A.C. Gonzalez
First Assistant City Manager

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Dallas Police Crime Report

Public Safety Committee

March 25, 2013



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David O. Brown
Chief Of Police

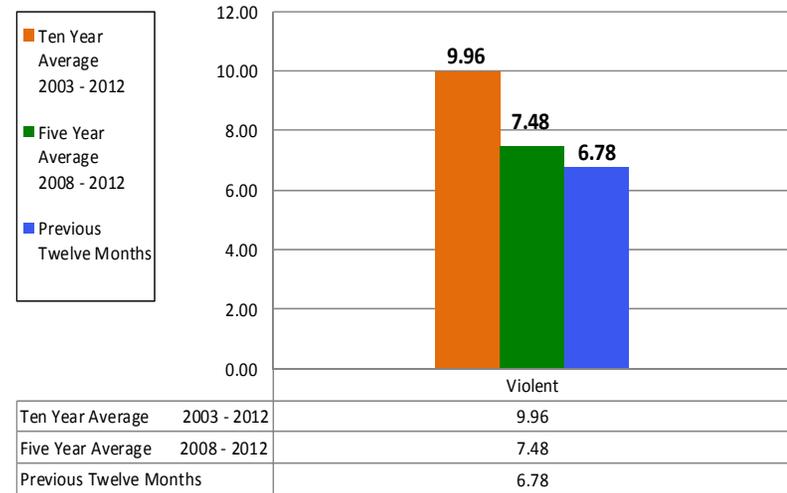
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CRIME BRIEFING

INDEX CRIME YEAR TO DATE 03/20/2013

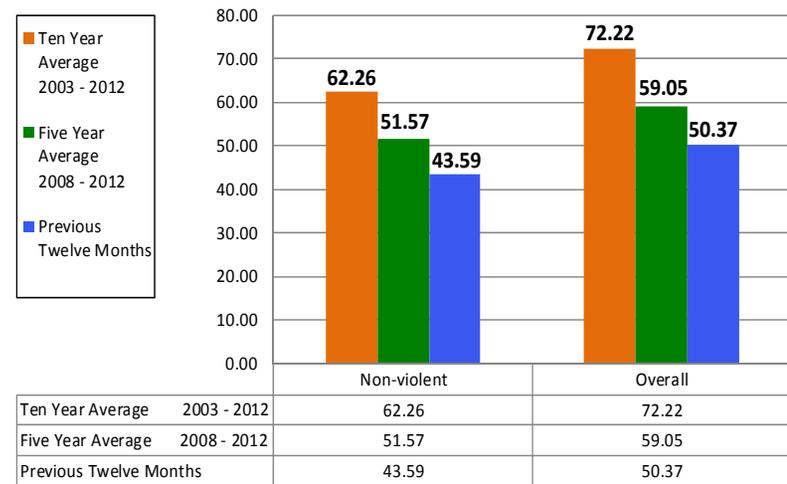
CRIME TYPE	ACTUAL YTD	ACTUAL LYTD	% CHG YTD
Violent Crimes			
Murder	30	19	57.9%
Rape*	91	89	2.2%
Robbery	824	787	4.7%
Business	145	146	-0.7%
Individual	679	641	5.9%
Aggravated Assault	775	729	6.3%
Total Violent Crime	1,720	1,624	5.9%
Non-Violent Crimes			
Burglary	3,073	3,168	-3.0%
Business	822	768	7.0%
Residence	2,251	2,400	-6.2%
Theft	6,463	6,451	0.2%
Auto Theft	1,509	1,342	12.4%
Total Non-Violent	11,045	10,961	0.8%
Total Index Crimes	12,765	12,585	1.4%

*Reflects only those that actually occurred since Jan 2013

Dallas Progression of Violent Offenses Per 1,000 Residents



Dallas Progression of Non Violent Offenses and Overall Offenses Per 1,000 Residents



2013 Progression Chart

Year to Date vs Previous Year to Date Percentage of Change

Overall Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Murder	8.3%	29.4%	57.9%									
Rape*	2.9%	-15.9%	2.2%									
Robbery	4.6%	7.8%	4.7%									
Business	1.5%	-3.3%	-0.7%									
Individual	5.3%	10.7%	5.9%									
Agg. Assault	1.6%	3.8%	6.3%									

Total Violent	3.3%	5.0%	5.9%									
Burglary	4.3%	-1.2%	-3.0%									
Business	16.9%	4.9%	7.0%									
Residential	0.2%	-3.3%	-6.2%									
Theft	3.9%	1.3%	0.2%									
Auto Theft	14.3%	6.8%	12.4%									
Total Non-Viol	5.4%	1.3%	0.8%									
Total	5.1%	1.8%	1.4%									

*Reconciled as of March 20, 2013 to reflect only those that actually occurred since Jan 2013

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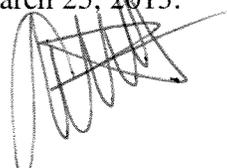


DATE: March 22, 2013

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: **Domestic Violence Unit Lethality Assessment Program**

Attached is briefing material on the "Domestic Violence Unit Lethality Assessment Program" to be presented to the Members of the Public Safety Committee on Monday, March 25, 2013.



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First Assistant City Manager

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Domestic Violence Unit Lethality Assessment Program

Public Safety Committee

March 25, 2013



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David O. Brown
Chief Of Police

Purpose

- Provide update on the history and purpose of the Lethality Assessment Program
 - Update statistics after 6 month
 - Show form changes

Goals

- Reduce Domestic Violence by:
 - Identifying victims who are at the **greatest risk of Serious Bodily Injury or Death,**
 - If necessary, getting them **out of harm's way,** and
 - Encouraging them to go ***into Domestic Violence services.***

History

- Dr. Jacquelyn Campbell of John Hopkins University in Maryland.
- DPD applied and was approved for the grant in April 2012 .
- The Family Place & Genesis Women's Shelter are our partners.

Training

July 2012



Form Change

- The new form will have the DPD logo along with our advocate partners logo.
- Five questions were added to track:
 - Sex of victim
 - Sex of suspect
 - Alcohol or drugs involved
 - Suspect status in custody or at large
 - Victim transported to hospital

The 11 original questions remain intact in order to maintain the integrity of the program.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LETHALITY SCREEN FOR FIRST RESPONDERS



(214) 941-1991

(214) 946-4357 (HELP)

Officer:	Date:	Case #:
Victim:	Offender:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if victim did not answer any of the questions.		
▶ A "Yes" response to any of Questions #1-3 automatically triggers the protocol referral.		
1. Has he/she ever used a weapon against you or threatened you with a weapon?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
2. Has he/she threatened to kill you or your children?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
3. Do you think he/she might try to kill you?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
▶ Negative responses to Questions #1-3, but positive responses to at least four of Questions #4-11, trigger the protocol referral.		
4. Does he/she have a gun or can he/she get one easily?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
5. Has he/she ever tried to choke you?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
6. Is he/she violently or constantly jealous or does he/she control most of your daily activities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
7. Have you left him/her or separated after living together or being married?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
8. Is he/she unemployed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
9. Has he/she ever tried to kill himself/herself?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
10. Do you have a child that he/she knows is not his/hers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
11. Does he/she follow or spy on you or leave threatening messages?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
▶ An officer may trigger the protocol referral, if not already triggered above, as a result of the victim's response to the below question, or whenever the officer believes the victim is in a potentially lethal situation.		
Is there anything else that worries you about your safety? (If "yes") What worries you?		
What is the victim's gender?	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
What is the suspect's gender?	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Was the Victim Transported to a Hospital?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Was the suspect intoxicated/high during this offense?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Is the suspect At Large?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Victim screened in according to the protocol <input type="checkbox"/> Victim screened in based on the belief of officer <input type="checkbox"/> Victim did not screen in		
If victim screened in: After advising her/him of a high danger assessment, did the victim speak with the hotline counselor? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

Note: The questions above and the criteria for determining the level of risk a person faces is based on the best available research on factors associated with lethal violence by a current or former intimate partner. However, each situation may present unique factors that influence risk for lethal violence that are not captured by this screen. Although most victims who screen "positive" or "high danger" would not be expected to be killed, these victims face much higher risk than that of other victims of intimate partner violence.

Synopsis on Use

- Patrol Officer fills out the form and placed into the Domestic Violence Packet.
- Data is entered and tracked by the the Domestic Violence Unit and shared with advocate partners.
- Form is forwarded with the packet to the District Attorney for use during prosecution.
- Form customized for DPD use.
- Adaptable, can be modified in the future as need arises.

Lethality Assessment Results Update

- ***Lethality Assessment Dallas Police Department October 1, 2012 to March 8, 2013***

YES RESPONSES	2012	2013
Has he/she ever used weapon against you?	27%	26%
Has he/she ever threatened to kill you?	36%	35%
Do you think he/she might kill you or your children?	42%	41%
Does he/she have a gun or can he/she get one?	32%	31%
Has he /she ever choked you?	56%	55%
Is he/she violently or constantly jealous or does he control most of your daily activities?	67%	66%
Have you left him/her or separated after living together or being married?	53%	52%
Is he/she employed?	43%	43%
Has he/she ever tried to kill himself/herself?	13%	14%
Do you have a child that he/she knows is not his/hers?	28%	27%
Does he/she follow or spy on you or leave threatening messages?	38%	36%
Did victim speak with hotline counselor?	46%	42%
Victim "screened in" according to the protocol	73%	70%
Victim "screened in" based on the officer's observations	3%	3%
Victim did not screen in	20%	21%
No answer to screening questions	4%	6%
Number of Surveys in this Report	1,879	3,044

- *** Significant factors that remain high during the screening during intimate partner violence ***

Anticipated Results From Program

- Increase in victims taking advantage of Domestic Violence resources
- Frequency of Domestic Violence injuries reduced
- Lives Saved

Summary

The Domestic Violence Unit implemented the Lethality Assessment Program in October 2012. We will continue to use it as a permanent tool and as an aid in the prevention of Domestic Violence. This will help preserve lives in the future by identifying those that may be at a higher risk of death.



QUESTIONS?

Memorandum



DATE: March 22, 2013

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: **Communication Operations Center Update**

Attached is briefing material on the "Communication Operations Center Update" to be presented to the Members of the Public Safety Committee on Monday, March 25, 2013.

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First Assistant City Manager

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Communication Operations Center Update

Public Safety Committee

March 25, 2013



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David O. Brown
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Chief Of Police

Purpose

- To provide an update on improvements in the Dallas 911 Call Center in the following areas
 - Staffing
 - Service Delivery
 - Management

Goals

- Answer 90% of all calls within 10 seconds
- Increase accuracy and timeliness of information given to Public Safety Dispatchers

Past 911 Call Center Issues

- Several 2012 events indicated a need for significant improvements in the 911 Call Center
- Staffing issues
 - Hiring and training time lag
 - High attrition rate
 - 64 Call Takers and 7 trainees while authorized for 92
 - Staffing model out of alignment with call load
 - Overtime fatigue
 - Times when a supervisor was unavailable
- Unexpected spikes in call load (apartment fires, highway accidents, etc.)
 - Callers hang up after several rings and no answer
 - Callers repeated hang up
 - 911 Staff tied up returning 911 hang up calls

Past 911 Call Center Issues

- Technology issues with cell phones
 - Calls dropped at cell tower but unknown to caller
 - No phone number attached to incoming call
 - Does not show exact location
- Equipment limitations
 - Recorded message not available on all 911 lines
 - Lengthy time before recorded message answered

Immediate Improvements to 911

- 6XE and 6XEA signals created
 - Priority 1 call with emergency lights and siren
 - Response time goal is under 8 minutes
- Additional supervisors assigned to the 911 Call Center
 - Seven police sergeants placed on special assignment since September
- New management team assigned to provide a fresh perspective

Immediate Improvements to 911

- Additional personnel assigned to 911 Call Center as call taker vacancies were filled and trained
 - In September, officers began training to take 911 calls
 - An additional 25 officers were placed on special assignment since October 3, 2012
 - Most officers have been returned to their primary assignment
- Swing shift established for peak call load times
 - Work hour adjustments were made to supplement the swing shift on Friday and Saturday nights
 - Resulted in over 20 call takers during peak call load time

Continuing Improvements to the 911 Call Center

- Hiring and Training
- Service Delivery
- Management

Hiring and Training

- Hiring process streamlined and enhanced
 - Created a specialized recruiting team
 - Kept the Civil Service list open as vacancies are filled
 - Began twice a day applicant performance testing (Criti-call)
 - Purchased additional equipment so 30 applicants could be tested
 - Dedicated personnel to conduct background investigations
 - Police Personnel assist Civil Service in reviewing applications for minimum qualifications
 - Established a tracking system to alert PD of applicant progress
- Hosted a three day 911 Call Taker Job Fair in October
 - Provided opportunity to complete application, civil service test, and polygraph exam
 - Over 420 applicants took part

Hiring and Training

- Salaries were adjusted to better reflect area comparisons
- Overnight shift differential increased for civilian staff
- 45 911 Call Takers hired since September 1, 2012
- 911 Call Taker training now includes more observation integrated with classroom training
- Hiring consultant to inform how best to enhance performance

Service Delivery

- All 911 lines now can play recorded message asking callers not to hang up if they are waiting for call to be answered
 - In July, 48% of the 911 line had this capability (completed 11/6/12)
- Established a two ring standard for a caller to get either a 911 Call Taker or recorded message
- Improved headsets quality
 - Based on employee evaluations, two different types of headsets were ordered and have been received

Management

- Inter-Department Committee established to identify and implement improvements
 - Includes CIS, Civil Service, Dallas Fire and Rescue, Human Resources, DPD Personnel, DPD Communications, and Dallas 311
- Quality Control Team formed
 - Random performance reviews of 100 individual 911 calls each week
 - Reviews are in addition to the ones performed by 911 Call Center managers and supervisors
- Additional supervisors assigned to the 911 Call Center
 - Four sergeants were permanently assigned to the 911 Call Center on October 3, 2012, in addition to the 7 assigned in September
 - Current staffing allows for 6 supervisors to be assigned to each of the 3 shifts and 3 supervisors to work a power shift of 8pm to 4am

Management

- Strengthening management reports
 - Purchased new software to create more robust computer generated reports
 - Training for the new software has begun
- New management team assigned
 - Placed one of the new Major positions over the Communications Section
 - Four tenured Lieutenants were also assigned (One over 911)
- Equipment Consultant hired by CIS
 - Analyze the 911 Center's infrastructure and public safety system applications
 - Identify short-term, mid-term and long-term needs of 911 Center

Improved Performance

Month	Calls Received	Average Time to Answer (in seconds)	Service Level Performance (as a %)*
Aug-2012	173,524	11	75.04
Sept- 2012	166,673	15	70.32
Oct- 2012	166,089	13	71.25
Nov-2012	152,630	4	91.09
Dec- 2012	161,501	3	92.99
Jan- 2013	153,013	3	93.08
Feb - 2013	138,707	2	95.87

* Service Level Goal is to answer 90% of calls within 10 seconds

Summary

- The 911 Call Center has made numerous changes related to hiring , training, management, and equipment. These changes have resulted in a significant increase in the percentage of calls answered within 10 seconds:
 - From 75.0% in August 2012
 - To 95.8% in February 2013
- Although significant improvements have been made in the 911 Call Center, the Police Department is committed to offering even higher levels of service to those that work, live and play in the City of Dallas.



Questions?

Memorandum



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TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: **Camping Regulation**

Attached is briefing material on the "Camping Regulation" to be presented to the Members of the Public Safety Committee on Monday, March 25, 2013.

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Camping Regulation

Public Safety Committee

March 25, 2013



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David O. Brown
Chief Of Police

Purpose

- Explain the need for a proactive effort to address potential issues arising from public gatherings and events on designated public property owned/controlled by the city

Goals

- Enhance public safety associated with camping on public property with improved law enforcement tools

History

- Currently, there is limited regulation of camping on city owned/controlled property
 - Section 32-1 of City Code prohibits overnight camping on park property without a special permit
- Has led to confusion in the case of....

Spontaneous Encampments



Lessons Learned

- Lessons learned from past events:
 - Enforcement tools to manage camping are limited
 - Health hazards (unsanitary conditions) are created
 - Fire hazards (fuel based lanterns and heating in tents) are created
 - City Staff response is frequently required (Sanitation, Police, Fire, Health Inspector, Code, Parks, CAO)
 - An atmosphere for increased crime can be created
 - Damage to public property can occur
 - Interference with use and enjoyment of property by the public is diminished

Highlights of Proposed Ordinance

- Camping Ordinance
 - Restricts the erection and maintenance of temporary shelters on “designated public property”
 - City Hall and City Hall plaza
 - Park property
 - City owned/controlled vacant and unimproved lots
 - Convention Center
 - Central library
 - Defines “temporary shelter” as a tent or other portable or impermanent structure in or under which a person can be sheltered from the elements

Highlights - Continued

- Provides a defense where express city authorization/permit is obtained
- Requires oral/written warning before enforcement
 - Person will be given one hour to remove the temporary shelter and any other personal property
 - City will remove and handle remaining property using existing police department and city policies

Next Steps

- Public Safety Committee recommendation
- Council consideration of ordinance change
 - March 27, 2013
- Enforcement as required



QUESTIONS?

Memorandum



DATE: March 22, 2013

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Administrative (Police) Reports
I. A. D. Cases to be Presented to the Public Safety Committee on March 25, 2013

NEW CASE PRESENTATION:

Control #2013-046

Council District: 9
Involved Officers: (5) White Males
Suspect: (1) White Male

On February 8, 2013, at approximately 10:45 p.m., Officers #1, #2 and #3, assigned to the Central Patrol Crime Reduction Team, wearing full uniforms and driving marked police vehicles, received information regarding a murder suspect that wished to turn himself in to law enforcement. They further learned that he would be in the parking lot of the Big Lots at the intersection of Abrams Road and Skillman Street. When Officers #1, #2, and #3 marked out with the dispatcher to the location, Officers #4 and #5, who are also assigned to the Central Crime Reduction Team, notified the dispatcher that they would be covering the officers. When the officers arrived at the location, they observed the suspect's vehicle. The officers pulled into the parking lot near the area where the vehicle was parked. At that point the suspect began screaming loudly and pointed a shotgun out of the passenger window in the direction of the officers. Officers #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5 began giving loud verbal commands for the suspect to drop the weapon; however, the suspect ignored the officers' commands. Fearing for their lives, Officers #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5 fired rounds from their duty weapons. As the officers were unsure of the condition of the suspect, the Tactical Unit was called to the location. The Tactical Unit arrived at the scene, handled the situation as a barricaded person and determined that the suspect was deceased. No officers were injured during this incident.

STATUS: Under Investigation

Control #2013-057

Council District: City of Grapevine
Involved Officers: (2) White Males
Suspect: (1) Hispanic Male

On February 11, 2013, two detectives from the Miami-Dade Police Department were transporting the suspect from Miami, Florida to Nevada when the detectives stopped at a Walmart in Grapevine, Texas. While one of the detectives was inside the Walmart, the suspect stabbed the other detective to aide in his escape. The suspect then fled the location on foot. During the search for the suspect, several agencies including Dallas officers, who

are assigned to the U. S. Marshals Taskforce, assisted in the search. On February 16, 2013, at approximately 10:24 p.m., Grapevine Police Officers responded to a burglary of a residence at 2121 Forest Hill Road, Grapevine, Texas. Upon answering the call officers developed leads that caused them to search the immediate area for the prisoner that had escaped several days prior. With the assistance of the Fort Worth Police Department helicopter, the suspect was located in a large wooded area near the location of the burglary call. When confronted, the suspect refused to show his hands and then charged the officers. Fearing for their lives, Officers #1 and #2, along with the Grapevine officer, fired multiple rounds from their duty weapons, striking the suspect. The suspect was pronounced deceased at the scene. No officers were injured during this incident.

STATUS: Under Investigation

Control #2013-058

Council District: 6
Involved Officers: (1) White Male
(1) Hispanic Male
Suspect: (1) Hispanic Male

On February 23, 2013, at approximately 5:00 p.m., Officers #1 and #2, wearing full uniforms and driving marked police vehicles, responded to a call for service in the 3000 block of Chihuahua Street. The comments on the call for service sheet stated, "Several people were drinking and had gun in front of a house." When officers arrived at the location, the suspect was the only person at the scene. The suspect was seated inside a vehicle playing his music loudly. Both officers approached the vehicle to tell the suspect to turn his music down. When Officer #1 walked up to the driver's side door, the suspect immediately pointed a handgun at him. Officer #1 yelled, "Gun" to alert Officer #2 and began retreating from the vehicle. Fearing for his life, Officer #1 fired his duty weapon at the suspect. At this time, Officer #2 also observed the suspect pointing a gun at Officer #1. Fearing for the life of Officer #1, Officer #2 fired his duty weapon at the suspect. Both officers then gave verbal commands for the suspect to drop his weapon and exit the vehicle at which time the suspect complied. The suspect, who had been wounded as a result of being shot by the officers, was transported to Parkland Memorial Hospital by Dallas Fire and Rescue where he was listed in critical but stable condition. No officers were injured during this incident.

The suspect vehicle was towed to the Police Auto Pound where detectives recovered a 357 revolver and a box of ammunition. The suspect is being charged with one count of Aggravated Assault of a Peace Officer, Felony Third.

STATUS: Under Investigation

Control #2013-082

Council District: 7
Involved Officers: (1) White Male
Suspect: (1) Black Male

On March 10, 2012, at approximately 12:29 a.m., Officers #1, #2, and #3 in full uniforms and driving marked police vehicles responded to a family disturbance not related to this incident. The officers were enroute to a second location when a 6XE (Major Disturbance Violence-Emergency) call came out at 3303 Southern Oaks Boulevard. Since Officer #1 was close, he volunteered to take the call. When Officer #1 arrived at the location, he spoke with the individual who placed the 9-1-1 call. The caller stated that the suspect formerly lived with her but that he no longer lived there. She further stated that the suspect had kicked her door in earlier and that he had returned beating on the door and refusing to leave. The caller stated she believed the suspect was on drugs and gave Officer #1 a description of the suspect and pointed in the direction he was last seen walking. Shortly after speaking with the caller, Officer #1 observed the suspect jump over the fence of a first floor patio area of an apartment. Officer #1 drew his weapon and began giving loud verbal orders for the suspect to show his hands. Officer #1 also broadcasted over the radio that he was holding the suspect at gunpoint. The suspect then complied with Officer #1's verbal commands and showed his hands. Due to the suspect's compliance, Officer #1 holstered his weapon and drew his taser. At that point, the suspect pulled his shirt up over his nose, jumped over the patio fence and grabbed Officer #1 by his shirt collar. Officer #1 pushed the suspect back a few inches and attempted to deploy his taser but it did not fire. Officer #1 again attempted to deploy his taser at which time it did deploy; however, it had no effect on the suspect. The suspect began fighting with Officer #1 at which time Officer #1 and the suspect flipped over the walkway railing. At this point the suspect was able to get behind Officer #1 and began choking Officer #1 causing him to be lifted off his feet. Officer #1 could not breathe. During the struggle, Officer #1 made several broadcasts over his police radio in an attempt to direct cover officers to his location. Fearing for his life, Officer #1 drew his duty weapon and fired it striking the suspect. The suspect was transported to Baylor Medical Hospital by Dallas Fire and Rescue where he was pronounced deceased. Officer #1 suffered possible bruising to his neck.

STATUS: Under Investigation

Control #2013-084

Council District: 6
Involved Officers: (1) Black Male
Suspect: (1) Black Male

On March 14, 2013, at approximately 2:30 a.m., Officers #1, #2, and #3, wearing full uniforms were working off-duty in the parking lot of Club Icon, 10333 W. Technology Boulevard when a fight broke out in an adjacent parking lot between two groups of individuals. During the fight, the suspect retrieved a handgun from a vehicle and began shooting toward a crowd of individuals on the parking lot. Officer #1, who was attempting

to disperse the crowd from the parking lot of Club Icon, heard shots being fired from the adjacent parking lot. As Officer #1 approached the adjacent parking lot, he observed the suspect shooting his weapon toward the crowd. Fearing for the lives of the innocent people, Officer #1 fired his duty weapon striking the suspect. The suspect was transported to Parkland by Dallas Fire and Rescue where he was pronounced deceased. A .40 caliber handgun was recovered at the scene.

A witness to the incident suffered a gunshot to his right thigh and was transported to Parkland Memorial Hospital. At this time it has not been determined who caused the injury sustained by the witness. No officers were injured.

STATUE: Under Investigation

PREVIOUS CASE PRESENTATION:

Control #2012-032

Council District: 7
Involved Officers: (3) White Males
(1) Asian Male
Suspect: (2) Black Males
(1) Black Female

On February 2, 2012, at approximately 9:40 p.m., Officers #1 and #2, in full uniform and driving a marked police vehicle, were flagged down by a citizen who stated that he had just been robbed at gun point. The citizen further stated that the suspects who robbed him were currently robbing his girlfriend inside a dark colored van. Officers #1 and #2 ran through the alley toward the apartment complex located at 2502 Grand Avenue where they observed the suspect vehicle parked. The suspect was seated in the driver's seat and the female was seated in the front passenger's seat. Both officers approached the vehicle with their weapons drawn. Officer #1 approached the vehicle from the passenger's side and Officer #2 approached the vehicle on the driver's side. The officers could see movement inside the vehicle and as they approached the vehicle, the female opened the passenger door and attempted to exit the vehicle; however, she was unable to do so because she was seat belted in. Officer #1 pulled on the female's arm attempting to assist her in exiting the vehicle. At the same time Officer #1 was assisting the female, Officer #2 was attempting to open the driver's side door and giving loud verbal commands for the suspect to put his hands up where they could be seen. The suspect continued moving furtively inside the vehicle and then reached with his right hand down by the center console and retrieved a handgun. Fearing for his life and that of Officer #1 and the female, Officer #2 fired one round from his duty weapon striking the suspect. Officer #1 heard the gunshot and also, witnessing the furtive gesture of the suspect, believed the suspect was armed. At that time Officer #1 fired one shot from his duty weapon in the direction of the suspect. The suspect then put the vehicle in gear and fled the location. As the officers were pursuing the suspect, they put out a description of the suspect as well as the suspect's vehicle over the radio. During the pursuit of the suspect, Officers #1 and #2 lost sight of the suspect's vehicle. Shortly after fleeing the location, the suspect crashed the suspect's vehicle in a

vacant parking lot in the 3000 block of Grand Avenue where he exited the vehicle and hid. The female passenger exited the vehicle and walked across the street and sat on the curb until officers arrived. Officers that responded to the location located the female and formed a perimeter to look for the suspect.

When Officers #1 and #2 requested cover, Officers #3 and #4 responded to the location and began searching for the suspect. When Officers #3 and #4 turned onto the 2700 block of Medill, they observed an individual matching the description of the suspect broadcasted over the police radio by Officers #1 and #2. As Officers #3 and #4 approached the individual, the individual turned and attempted to walk quickly away. Officers #3 and #4, believing this individual to be the suspect, drew their weapons and began giving verbal commands to the individual to stop and show his hands. The individual ignored the officers' commands and placed his hand deep into his pants pocket. Officers #3 and #4 continued to give the individual verbal commands to show his hands. When the individual refused to comply, Officer #3, fearing for his life, fired one round from his duty weapon striking the individual, who fell to the ground. As Officers #3 and #4 were placing the handcuffs on the individual, the suspect was located inside a vacant apartment at 3000 Grand Avenue and taken into custody.

The suspect sustained a gunshot to the buttocks and the female sustained a wound to her right arm. At this time, it is unknown if the wound sustained by the female was the result of a gunshot or glass fragments. The individual who was shot by Officer #3 sustained a gunshot wound to his leg. All three subjects were transported by Dallas Fire and Rescue to Baylor Medical Center. No officers were injured during this incident.

After being treated and released, the female stated that her boyfriend, who was the citizen who flagged the officers down, picked her up earlier that day in the suspect's vehicle that had been reported stolen out of Grand Prairie, Texas. The female's boyfriend then picked up his friend who is the suspect. The female stated that the suspect became angry and pulled a gun on the boyfriend who he stated owed him money. The boyfriend then exited the vehicle leaving the female in the vehicle with the suspect. The boyfriend, who flagged the officers down, fled the location prior to the suspect being apprehended. The suspect's weapon was located inside the suspect's vehicle.

The suspect has been charged with Unlawful Restraint, Felony 3rd.

UPDATE: The Internal Affairs Division investigation revealed the officers were justified in their use of deadly force.

STATUS: Complete

Case #CN2012-032 was presented at the March 26, 2012, Public Safety Committee Meeting.

Control #2012-043

Council District: (5)
Involved Officers: (2) White Males
(1) Asian Male
Suspect: (1) Black Male

On February 13, 2012, at approximately 1:55 p.m., a call came into police dispatcher regarding the Aggravated Robbery of two individuals at 1515 S. Buckner Boulevard. When the complainants, who were robbed, called the police they gave a description of the suspect and the suspect's vehicle that was broadcast over the police radio. Southeast Deployment officers, in plain clothes, observed the suspect's vehicle and alerted uniformed officers of the location. When the patrol officers attempted to perform a felony stop of the vehicle, the suspect initially stopped the vehicle but when the officers exited the police vehicle, the suspect sped off, fleeing the location. At this time, a vehicle pursuit ensued which ended when the suspect exited the vehicle in the 9700 block of Lake June Road and fled on foot through the August Park Apartment complex. As the officers were pursuing the suspect, the suspect slipped and fell in the grass. The suspect then removed his jacket and threw several objects into the bushes before rounding the corner by the laundry room. The suspect slipped and fell a second time at which time the officers observed a handgun fall to the ground. The officers began giving loud verbal commands for the suspect to stay on the ground and show his hands. The suspect sat up facing the officers, picked up the gun and pointed it in the direction of the officers. Fearing for their safety, Officers #1 and #2 fired their duty weapons at the suspect who then jumped up from the ground with the gun in his hand and continued running, rounding the second corner of the laundry room. As the officers rounded the corner, they observed the suspect standing sideways with his arm extended pointing his weapon in their direction as he waited for the officer to round the corner. Fearing for their lives, Officers #1, #2 and #3 fired their duty weapons striking the suspect, who fell to the ground. The .45 caliber weapon that was in the suspect's possession was recovered. Dallas Fire and Rescue transported the suspect to Mesquite Regional Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. No officers were injured.

The lady's purse and the man's wallet that was taken in the Aggravated Robbery was recovered from the suspect's vehicle. Also recovered were several mobile phones that were thrown into the bushes by the suspect when he fled from the officers.

UPDATE: The Internal Affairs Division investigation revealed the officers were justified in their use of deadly force.

STATUS: Complete

Case #CN2012-043 was presented at the March 26, 2012, Public Safety Committee Meeting.

Control #2012-196

Council District: (10)
Involved Officers: (3) White Males

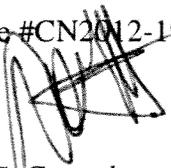
Suspect: (1) White Male

On May 27, 2012, at approximately 8:45 p.m., Officer #1, who is a sergeant, was working an off-duty job for the Merriman Park Estates Neighborhood Association when he heard officers being dispatched to a suicide call at 7129 Tabor Drive. Officer #1 drove to the location and waited down the street from the call until on-duty officers arrived at the scene. When Officer #2 (a sergeant) and #3 (a patrol officer) arrived, they were joined by Officer #1. Shortly after the officers arrived at the location, they were met outside by the roommate of the suspect. The roommate stated he was at a church function when he received a call from the suspect who stated he had shot himself in the chest. The roommate stated he called 9-1-1 and left the function to return home where he met officers on the front lawn of the residence. The roommate informed the officers that the suspect was probably in the rear bedroom. As the officers entered the residence through the garage, they loudly announced their presence. When the officers reached the end of the hall, they observed blood in the bathroom. Officer #2 opened the door to the bedroom and observed the suspect lying on the floor covered in blood with a handgun lying beside his right hand. Officer #3 positioned himself in an adjoining bathroom that also accessed the bedroom. Officer #1 also had a full view of the suspect. When the suspect observed the officers, he raised his head and began reaching for his handgun. At this time, both Officers #1 and #2 began giving loud verbal commands for the suspect not to touch the handgun. The suspect then picked up the handgun and pointed it in the direction of Officer #2. Fearing for the life of officer #2, both Officers #1 and #2 discharged their weapons striking the suspect. Officer #3 did not fire his weapon because he did not have a clear line of fire. Dallas Fire and Rescue transported the suspect to Baylor Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased. A .45 caliber hand gun was recovered at the scene. No officers were injured.

UPDATE: The Internal Affairs Division investigation revealed the officers were justified in their use of deadly force.

STATUS: Complete

Case #CN2012-196 was presented at the June 11, 2012, Public Safety Committee Meeting.



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