

**DRAFT**  
**Public Safety Committee**  
**Meeting Record**

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**Meeting Date:** Monday, February 24, 2014

**Convened:** 11:09 a.m.

**Adjourned:** 12:33 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Councilmember Sheffie Kadane, **Chair**  
Councilmember Adam Medrano, **Vice-Chair**  
Councilmember Dwaine Caraway  
Councilmember Jennifer Gates  
Councilmember Sandy Greyson

**Executive Staff Present:**

Charles Cato, Interim Assistant City Manager  
Dallas Fire-Rescue Chief Louie Bright, III, DFR  
Assistant Chief Harold Holland, DFR  
Assistant Chief Ted Padgett, DFR  
Deputy Chief Tameji Berry, DFR  
LaToya Jackson, Assistant Director, SCS

**Committee Members Absent:**

Councilmember Scott Griggs

**Guest Present:**

Kathy Carlton, Director of Government Affairs, Apartment Association Greater Dallas

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA:**

1. **Call to Order**

**Presenter:** Sheffie Kadane, Chair

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

Committee Chair Kadane called an open session of the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 11:09 a.m., Monday, February 24, 2014 at Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for February 10, 2014 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

**Presenter:** Sheffie Kadane, Chair

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

Motion made by: Councilmember Medrano

Item passed unanimously:   X  

Item failed unanimously:       

Seconded by: Councilmember Greyson

Item passed on a divided vote:       

Item failed on a divided vote:       

3. **Safe Complex Symposium**

**Presenter:** Jimmy Martin, Director, Code Compliance

The purpose of this presentation is to consider possible revisions to Section 27-44 of the Dallas City Code: "Attendance at Crime Watch Meetings and Safe Complex Symposiums".

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Recommendation from apartment association
- Short video on topics that are normally presented at the Symposium
- Costs
- Options for attendance
- S.A.F.E. program requirement
- Pamphlet on fire safety education
- Joint Crime Watch and Home Owner's Association Meeting
- \$300 fine if owner or operator cannot attend Safe Complex Symposium
- Increase the number of crime watch meetings

**Motion made by Councilmember Greyson to consider Option #3 (Sunset the Symposium and instead continue to use newer programs) and recommend to full council for approval. Councilmember Medrano seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

4. **Citizens Fire Academy**

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

The objective of the Citizens Fire Academy:

- Impact 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 mission of the Citizens Fire Academy:

- 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

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Partnership with D.I.S.D.
- Fire safety education
- Community engagement
- Enrollment cost to the city
- Average class size
- Selection criteria
- Cost for each academy class
- Website to apply online

5. **Fire Investigation and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD)**

Presenter: Assistant Chief Ted Padgett, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

The purpose of this presentation is to determine fire Origin and Cause. May 4-10, 2014 Arson Awareness Week.

The mission of the Fire Investigation and Explosive Ordnance Disposal:

- Reduce accidental fires through education and intervention
- Reduce incendiary fires through arrest and conviction

The vision of the Fire Investigation and Explosive Ordnance Disposal:

- Positively impact the crime rate and quality of life in Dallas

The values of the Fire Investigation and Explosive Ordnance Disposal:

- Compassion
- Integrity
- Dedication
- Effectiveness
- Customer Service

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Number of officers on EOD Team
- Fire causes in Dallas
- Fire Loss Statistics
- Number of incendiary fires and number solved
- Incendiary vehicle fires
- Arson crime
- Arson awareness/prevention program
- Arson & youth fire-setting prevention

6. **Proposed Strategic Plan FY 2015 - FY 2017**

**Presenter:** Latoya Jackson, Assistant Director, Strategic Customer Services

The purpose of this presentation is to obtain Council input on the draft Public Safety components of the draft Strategic Plan. Allow council committee members to:

- Review draft and comment on draft strategy map
- Review and approve proposed strategic objectives
- Review and amend alternative work plan items

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Adequate hiring levels in both Police and Fire

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

**Presenter:** Deputy Chief Tameji Berry, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

The purpose of this memo is to provide the committee with a brief description of the January 17, 2014 – February 4, 2014 fire reports.

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Village Oaks fire
- Community engagement
- Fire alarm education for businesses

The February 24, 2014 Public Safety Committee meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

**APPROVED BY:**

**ATTEST:**

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Sheffie Kadane, Chair  
Public Safety Committee

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Public Safety Committee