

DRAFT
Public Safety Committee
Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: Monday, March 25, 2013

Convened: 11:03 a.m.

Adjourned: 12:37 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

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

Executive Staff Present:

A.C. Gonzalez, First Assistant City Manager
Police Chief David O. Brown, DPD
Deputy Chief Cynthia Villarreal, DPD
Deputy Chief Scott Walton, DPD

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 11:03 a.m., Monday, March 25, 2013 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for February 25, 2013 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Motion made to approve the minutes with the following amendment:

- February 25, 2013 minutes, Page 2, Item #4 (Citizens Fire Academy). The first sentence that read, "**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**", **sentence was removed.**

Motion made by: **Sheffie Kadane**

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. **Dallas Police Crime Report**

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

Police Chief Brown provided the committee with a progress report of the Police Department in crime.

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Murder analysis
- Drug houses
- Illegal prescription drug sales
- Process to seize drugs
- VIP program
- Ten Year Average 2003-2012
- Communication with other cities
- Chief on the Beat
- Coffee with Cops Program

Follow up: The Chair requested a first quarter murder analysis to be sent to the full council.

4. **Domestic Violence Unit Lethality Assessment Program**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Cynthia Villarreal, Dallas Police Department

The purpose of this presentation is to provide an update on the history and purpose of the Lethality Assessment Program.

Program goals are as follows:

- 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

The history of the program is as follows:

- 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

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.

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Lethality Assessment Results Update
- Significant factors
- Location of counselors
- Public Education
- 1st Offenders program

5. **Communication Operations Center Update**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Scott Walton, Dallas Police Department

The purpose of this presentation is as follows:

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

Goals are as follows:

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

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.

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Technology strategies to deal with cell phone issues
- Public education campaign
- Software purchased
- Length of training

APPROVED BY:

Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Chair
Public Safety Committee

ATTEST:

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Public Safety Committee