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## **Public Safety Committee Meeting Record**

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**Meeting Date:** April 20, 2009

**Convened:** 12:07 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 2:03 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia, **Chair**  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway, **Vice-Chair**  
Jerry R. Allen  
Tennell Atkins  
Sheffie Kadane  
Ron Natinsky  
David Neumann  
Mitchell Rasansky

**City Staff Present:**

Ryan Evans, First Assistant City Manager  
Police Chief David M. Kunkle, DPD  
Assistant Chief Floyd Simpson, DPD  
Deputy Chief Brian Harvey, DPD  
Deputy Chief Tom Lawrence, DPD  
Jack Ireland, Director, EBS  
Lisa Christopher, CAO  
Robert Sims, CAO  
Jackie Middlebrooks, CAO  
Shun Session, CMO

**Committee Members Absent:**

none

**Other Council Members Present:**

Carolyn Davis

**AGENDA:**

1. **Call to Order**

**Presenter:** Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia, Chair

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

Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia called an Open Session of the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 12:07 p.m., Monday, April 20, 2009 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201.

A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for April 6, 2009 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

**Presenter:** Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia, Chair

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Motion made to approve the minutes.

Motion made by: **Mitchell Rasansky**

Item passed unanimously: **X**

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: **Sheffie Kadane**

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Dallas Police Department Marked Squad Cars: Fleet Analysis**

**Presenter(s):** Jack Ireland, Director, Equipment & Building Services

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

Mr. Ireland provided the committee with a 6 month update on the Dallas Police Department Marked Squad Cars: Fleet Analysis. Highlights of discussion were as follows: (1) department responsibilities (2) current inventory (3) operational needs (4) additional fleet (5) replacement program (6) reserve for unavailability and (7) improvement strategies.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) status of decals (2) inventory at Hensley Field (3) plans for 100,000 mile vehicles that are taken out of service (4) funds from auctioned vehicles (5) number of reserve cars (6) CNG marked squad cars (7) detective cars (8) inventory in excess of operational needs and (9) Expanded Neighborhood Patrol.

**Follow up:** The chair requested that staff return to the Public Safety Committee with a 6 month update on the Dallas Police Department Marked Squad Cars: Fleet Analysis briefing.

4. **Crime Report**

**Presenter(s):** Police Chief David M. Kunkle, Dallas Police Department

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

Chief Kunkle provided the committee with a discussion of the crime briefing. One of the key focus areas is public safety and one of the most important goals is to reduce crime. The highest single goal is how the department is doing as it relates to crime. The following is a summary of the current crime report: (1) 6th consecutive year with overall crime reduction and violent crime reduction (2) homicides are down 25% (3) residential burglaries are down 15% and (4) 75% of murder victims are killed with handguns.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) plans for summer months (2) residential burglaries (3) Burglary Motor Vehicles (4) hot spots (5) truck stops (6) fencing/lighting at apartment complex (7) VIP program (8) neighborhood crime watch (9) engage the churches and (10) criminal trespass law.

5. **Homicide Report**

**Presenter(s):** Deputy Chief David Elliston, Dallas Police Department

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

Chief Kunkle provided the committee with some important demographic information about homicides: (1) most violent times of the day are 6:00 p.m. to midnight (2) most dangerous days of the week are Tuesday and Sunday and (3) 61% of the murder victims are killed with handguns.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) race of victim (2) type of offenses and (3) community initiatives.

**Follow up:** The committee recommended that in the future staff add a column stating the "percentage of the city's total" on the homicide report of the murder percentages.

6. **Multi Tenant Program Update**

**Presenter(s):** Deputy Chief Brian Harvey, Dallas Police Department

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

Deputy Chief Harvey provided the committee with a follow up to the mandatory crime reduction overview. The committee was provided with a copy of the monthly preliminary mandatory crime reduction program list. Topics of the presentation were as follows: (1) ideal occupancy rate (2) part 1 crime (3) part 2 crime (4) chapter 125 crime and (5) crime index.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) future plans on communicating with apartment complex owners (2) crime reduction threshold (3) actual occupancy and (4) future plans to include a map that shows apartment locations per district.

7. **Surveillance Camera Protocol Proposal**

**Presenter(s):** Police Chief David Kunkle, Dallas Police Department

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

Deputy Chief Lawrence provided the committee with the Surveillance Camera Protocol Proposal. Topics of discussion were as follow: (1) mission (2) partners (3) crime reduction impact (4) camera activity stats (5) evaluation (6) expansion of current program (7) potential camera program monitoring sites and (8) recommended monitoring guidelines.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) guidelines for additional surveillance cameras not located in the TAG area (2) annual amount to monitor camera's (3) cost per camera (4) funds (5) pole cameras (6) targeted action area grids (7) hot spots and (8) what other top 10 cities are doing as it relates to prevention and apprehension.

**Follow up:** The chair requested that Deputy Chief Lawrence return to the Public Safety Committee with additional data on comparable cities.

**A motion was made by Mr. Neumann to support the following staff recommendations: (1) public funding for monitoring should be reserved for TAAG (Targeted Action Area Grid) areas identified by the Department as having a high crime rate and (2) privately funded groups/associations requesting monitoring in other than a TAAG location would be required to fund the complete cost of participating in the surveillance camera program), and to recommend this item to the full Dallas City Council for approval. Mr. Natinsky seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

8. **Crisis Intervention Mental Health Officer Program**

**Presenter(s):** Senior Corporal Herbert Cotner, Dallas Police Department

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

This item was not briefed to the committee. It will return to the May 18, 2009 Public Safety Committee Meeting for discussion.

9. **Upcoming City Council Agenda Items for April 2008**

- a. Proposal to Apply for Grant Funds (Auto Theft Grant)
- b. Interlocal Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding – City of Duncanville
- c. Interlocal Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding – City of Grand Prairie
- d. Teardown Repair to Police Helicopter Engine
- e. Dallas Police Department Click-It of Ticket
- f. Dallas Police Department Body Armor Grant

**A motion was made by Mr. Natinsky to support the upcoming agenda items and to recommend all to the full Dallas City Council for approval on April 22, 2009 council agenda. Mr. Caraway seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

10. **Administrative Reports:**

**(New case presentation: Control #09-115 and Control #09-143)**

**(Previous case presentation: Control #08-129)**

**Presenter:** Deputy Chief Julian Bernal, Dallas Police Department

This item was not discussed; the committee had no comments or questions.

**APPROVED BY:**

**ATTEST:**

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Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia, Chair  
Public Safety Committee

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Shun Session, Coordinator  
Public Safety Committee