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## Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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**Meeting Date:** June 2, 2008

**Convened:** 12:16 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 1:26 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  
Mitchell Rasansky

**City Staff Present:**

Ryan S. Evans, First Assistant City Manager  
Fire-Rescue Chief Eddie Burns, Sr., DFR  
Assistant Chief Joseph Vasquez, DFR  
Deputy Chief Joe Pierce, DFR  
Captain Janet Cowan, DFR  
Lt. Jeff Culver, DFR  
Jackie Middlebrooks, Assistant City Attorney

**Committee Members Absent:**

David A. Neumann

**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 12:16 p.m., Monday, June 2, 2008 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for May 19, 2008 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

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

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

Motion made by: **Mitchell Rasansky**

Item passed unanimously: **X**

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: **Ron Natinsky**

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **EMS Contract Update**

**Presenter(s):** Assistant Chief Joseph Vasquez, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

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

Assistant Chief Vasquez gave an update to the EMS Contract. Four critical agreements are up for renewal summer of 2008. The purpose of the briefing is to provide details outlining the importance of these partnerships in providing outstanding service delivery to the citizens of Dallas who meet with crisis.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) mandatory training (2) rules and regulations (3) self study module available on internet (4) Medical Director eligible for city insurance and (5) 4% increase included in budget.

**A motion was made by Mr. Natinsky to support the four agreements that are up for renewal and to recommend it to the full Dallas City Council. Mr. Rasansky seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

4. **Emergency Medical Dispatch**

**Presenter(s):** Captain Janet Cowan, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

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

Captain Cowan provided the committee with an overview to the Emergency Medical Dispatch. The mission of the program is to increase patient survivability and reduce disability. The values are as follows: (1) provide services in an efficient manner (2) commit to quality and (3) use evaluation and research to continually improve services and quality of care.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) quality assurance program (2) number of calls per year (3) call screening (4) cost per call (5) EMS dispatch (6) survivability rate and (7) improvements.

**Follow up:** The committee requested the following: (1) results to the QA/QI percentages to reflect amount equal to a nationally recognized EMD center (7-10% of calls reviewed) and (2) stats to validate by implementing the Emergency Medical Dispatch program, improvements have been made.

5. **Upcoming City Council Agenda Items for June 2008**

- Alarm Installation & Monitoring Services
- Burn Building Repairs
- Propane Contract
- Fuel Pump Maintenance
- Rescue Ambulances

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: Rescue Ambulances agenda item; (1) nineteen Rescue Ambulances that have been identified (2) units put in service (3) number of units kept in reserve (4) number of miles on units (5) number of ambulances Fire-Rescue has and (6) recipient of the award.

**Follow up:** Fuel Pump Maintenance agenda item; the committee requested a memo regarding the name of insured and maximum of coverage.

**A motion was made by Mr. Kadane to support the upcoming city council agenda items for June 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and to recommend them to the full Dallas City Council. Mr. Natinsky seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

6. **Administrative Reports**

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

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** none

7. **Tour of the Fire-Rescue Dispatch (L1CS)**

**Presenter(s):** Lt. Jeff Culver, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

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

Dr. Garcia recessed the June 2, 2008 Public Safety Committee meeting at 1:13 p.m. to depart for the tour of the Fire-Rescue Dispatch Center located on L1CS.

After completion of the Fire-Rescue Dispatch Tour, the Public Safety Committee Meeting reconvened in 6ES, and adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

8. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments made.

**APPROVED BY:**

**ATTEST:**

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

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Public Safety Committee