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## **Public Safety Committee Meeting Record**

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**Meeting Date:** May 18, 2009

**Convened:** 12:13 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 1:18 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  
Senior Corporal Herb Cotner, DPD  
Sgt. Steve Gunn, DPD  
Jackie Middlebrooks, CAO  
Shun Session, CMO

**Committee Members Absent:**

none

**Other Council Members Present:**

none

**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 12:13 p.m., Monday, May 18, 2009 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for April 20, 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: **Sheffie Kadane**

Item passed unanimously: **X**

Item failed unanimously:       

Motion seconded by: **Tennell Atkins**

Item passed on a divided vote:       

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **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 following is a summary of the current crime report: (1) crime numbers continue to trend downward (2) 2007 had the best per capita crime numbers (3) homicides are down 19% and (5) the largest decrease is business burglaries.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) business burglaries (2) backlog of applicants and (3) recruit bonus.

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

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

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

Senior Corporal Cotner provided the committee with a discussion of the Crisis Intervention Mental Health Officer Program. The mission of the program is as follows: (1) continue to strengthen the collaboration between police and mental health providers (2) enhance public safety (3) enhance officer safety through education and specialized training and (4) update department policies and procedures.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) crisis calls (2) 911 communication call takers trained to identify mental illness calls (3) mental illness awareness (4) mandatory 40 hour training course (5) DPD's role in mental illness out in the community (6) number of officers completed program and (7) community education.

**Follow up:** The chair requested that staff provide the committee with a memo explaining, if a 911 call is not coded as a mental illness call, is it possible to decode afterwards.

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

- a. El Centro Community Service Program
- b. Dallas Police Department –  
Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program
- c. Local Agreement with Denton County –  
Criminal District Attorney for Equitable Sharing of Money Forfeited

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) standardized agreement with Denton County and (2) litigation and court costs paid by the City.

**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 May 27, 2009 council agenda. Mr. Caraway seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

6. **Administrative Reports:**

**Presenter:** Deputy Chief Nancy Kirkpatrick, Dallas Police Department

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

There were no new police involved shooting investigations pending by Internal Affairs. All completed investigations have been presented to the committee.

**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