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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: August 3, 2009

Convened: 12:05 p.m.

Adjourned: 2:03 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, **Chair**
Delia Jasso, **Vice-Chair**
Jerry R. Allen
Sheffie Kadane
Linda Koop
Ann Margolin
Ron Natinsky
David Neumann

City Staff Present:

Ryan Evans, First Assistant City Manager
Fire Chief Eddie Burns, Sr., DFR
Assistant Chief Eugene Campbell, DFR
Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal Debra Carlin, DFR
Deputy Chief Joe Pierce, DFR
Section Chief Isaac McClellan, DFR
Captain Janet Cowan, DFR
Shun Session, CMO

Committee Members Absent:

Tennell Atkins (Official City Business)

Other Council Members Present:

Carolyn Davis

AGENDA:

1. **Call to Order**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Mayor Pro Tem Caraway called an Open Session of the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 12:05 p.m., Monday, August 3, 2009 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present. Mayor Pro Tem opened the meeting with a "Meet and Greet session."

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for June 15, 2009 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, 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: **David Neumann**

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Equal Employment Opportunity Update**

Presenter(s): Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal Debra K. Carlin, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Assistant Chief Carlin provided the committee with the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Update. The program provides preventive measures to reflect positive changes within Dallas Fire-Rescue. It is the Department's intent to take a proactive approach to ensure members are in compliance with legal and Departmental expectations. Highlights of discussion were as follows: (1) efficiency study (2) human resources (3) policy and procedures (4) training program (5) additional workshops and (6) audits.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) general announcement for audits (2) who will conduct the audits (3) plans on communicating to employees (4) sensitivity training (5) plans to increase number female firefighters (6) plans for a mentoring program to recruit high school females (7) number of stations co-ed and stations that need remodeling (8) pre/post examination and (9) continued reinforcement.

4. **Communications & Technology Division**

Presenter(s): Assistant Chief Eugene Campbell, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Section Chief Isaac McClellan, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Captain Janet Cowan, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Assistant Chief Campbell provided the committee with a discussion of the Communications & Technology Division Overview. Topics of the presentation were as follows: (1) CAD system (2) fire dispatch capacity (3) organization of communications and technology division (4) elements of response time (5) unit assignment (6) incident volume and (7) initiatives.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) incident volume comparison information on fire-rescue departments in other cities (2) transition of 911 system (3) 911 database issue with AT&T (4) EMS related calls (5) 911 trail marker implementation plan citywide and (6) CAD backup system.

5. **Administrative (Fire) Reports:**

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

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) CAD system error at Indigo apartments and (2) multi tenant centralized location for smoke alarm system.

6. **Community Issues Discussion**

Presenter(s): Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway, Chair
Council Member Delia Jasso, Vice-Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Vice-Chair Jasso gave an overview on Community Issues. This item was listed on the agenda to make sure the Public Safety Committee is including any issues affecting the community citywide.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) boarded houses (2) graffiti campaign (3) homeland security education and (4) code ordinance regarding substandard houses.

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

Presenter: Assistant Chief Eugene Campbell, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

At 1:22 p.m., the Public Safety Committee departed for a tour of Dallas Fire-Rescue Fire Dispatch, located at 1500 Marilla, Level 1, L1CS. After the tour the committee reconvened in 6ES to adjourn.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair
Public Safety Committee

Shun Session, Coordinator
Public Safety Committee