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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: August 17, 2009

Convened: 12:04 p.m.

Adjourned: 2:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

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

City Staff Present:

Ryan Evans, First Assistant City Manager
Police Chief David M. Kunkle, DPD
Assistant Chief Daniel Garcia, DPD
Deputy Chief Nancy Kirkpatrick, DPD
Lt. Santos Cadena, DPD
Lt. Vincent Weddington
Kenny Shaw, Director, OEM
Raymond Rivas, OEM
Kwa heri Heard, OEM
Jackie Middlebrooks, CAO
Shun Session, CMO

Committee Members Absent:

Other Council Members Present:

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 12:04 p.m., Monday, August 17, 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 August 3, 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: **Tennell Atkins**

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. **Outdoor Warning Siren System Update**

Presenter(s): Kenny Shaw, Director, Office of Emergency Management
Raymond Rivas, Office of Emergency Management

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Mr. Rivas provided the committee with the Outdoor Warning Siren System Update. Sirens are one of the primary means of Mass Notification for the City of Dallas. Council approved the purchase of a new Outdoor Warning System (May 2007). Prior to the project the last sirens were purchased in 1999. The current sirens system is maintained by the City's Street Services – flood Control Division. Highlights of discussion were as follows: (1) operation and maintenance (2) coverage prior to project (3) new system overview (4) site selection process (5) challenges and (6) timeline.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) map of city, district by district with complete coverage and incomplete coverage areas (2) status of progress (3) number of modulator sirens (4) computerized recommendation (5) English Spanish notification (6) community education (7) siren replacement (8) battery life and (9) plans for discarding of old sirens and.

4. **Reverse 911 Emergency Notification System Update**

Presenter(s): Kenny Shaw, Director, Office of Emergency Management
Kwa heri Heard, Office of Emergency Management

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Ms. Heard provided the committee with the Reverse 911 Emergency Notification System Update. Reverse 911 is a computerized system that will allow us to contact thousands of recipients in minutes during emergencies. It can be used to notify special teams or groups (SWAT, Hazmat, etc) or the general public of an incident in their neighborhood. It has the ability to quickly target a precise geographic area and saturate it with thousands of calls per hour. Bilingual messages can be recorded and included in outgoing messages. This project is funded with a Homeland Security Grant.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) number of land lines in City of Dallas (2) system radius (3) public service announcements in English Spanish (4) online registration (5) electronic flyer (6) approval to activate a Reverse 911 call and (7) campaign electronic calls.

5. **Crime Report**

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

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Chief Kunkle provided the committee with a progress report of the police department in crime. Every crime category has decreased excluding homicide. Homicide has increased 7 %. Last year was the least amount of murders. Emergency response times are running 6.5 minutes. Residential burglaries and burglary of motor vehicles continue to be an issue.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) number of apartment units (2) apartment monitoring (3) targeted action grid (4) neighborhood beat policing (5) residential/burglary of motor vehicles (6) home invasions (7) jail time and (8) increased retention for repeated criminals.

6. **Use of Force Reporting**

Presenter(s): Assistant Chief Daniel Garcia, Dallas Police Department
Deputy Chief Nancy Kirkpatrick, Dallas Police Department
Lt. Santos Cadena, Dallas Police Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Lt. Cadena provided the committee with the Use of Force Reporting briefing. The purpose of an officer's Use of Force is to gain compliance from the suspect or control the suspect's behavior. The Use of Force must be examined from two perspectives: resistance (subject) and control (officer). Only necessary force is justified. Any force above that act would be unjustified and the goal of control violated. The appropriate level of force will be determined by the facts that are reasonably apparent to the officer at the time of an incident.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) frequency of Use of Force (2) number of arrest's per month (3) report tracking system (4) implementation (5) Use of Force form online (6) use of tasers and (7) one time use cartridge.

7. **Dallas Police Department Early Intervention Program**

Presenter(s): Assistant Chief Daniel Garcia, Dallas Police Department
Deputy Chief Nancy Kirkpatrick, Dallas Police Department
Lt. Vince Weddington, Dallas Police Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Lt. Weddington provided the committee with the Dallas Police Department Early Intervention Program. The goal of the program is to identify employees in need of intervention and assist them in becoming successful employees. Strengthen the organization through its personnel and to increase supervisor accountability. Topics of discussion were as follows: (1) entry into the program (2) early intervention board (3) insertion into the program (4) plan of action options (5) training and counseling options (6) employee restrictions while in the program and (7) duration of the program.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) qualification (2) preliminary board and (3) 30 day program.

8. Upcoming City Council Agenda Items for August 2009

- a. Local Agreement with the Denton County Criminal District Attorney for Equitable Sharing of Asset Seizures and Forfeitures under Chapter 59 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedures
- b. Local Agreement with the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney for Equitable Sharing of Asset Seizures and Forfeitures under Chapter 59 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedures
- c. Proposal to Accept the Texas Burglary and Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) Grant Funds

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) there were no recommendations given for the upcoming agenda items.

9. **Administrative Reports**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Nancy Kirkpatrick, Dallas Police Department

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) there were no recommendations given for the administrative reports.

10. **Public Comments**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) graffiti crime and (2) future briefing on the Dallas Police Department Jail Operation.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair
Public Safety Committee

Shun Session, Coordinator
Public Safety Committee