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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: Monday, September 9, 2013

Convened: 11:14 a.m.

Adjourned: 12:27 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Sheffie Kadane, **Chair**
Adam Medrano, **Vice-Chair**
Dwayne Caraway
Jennifer Gates
Sandy Greyson
Scott Griggs

Executive Staff Present:

Charles Cato, Interim Assistant City Manager
Fire-Rescue Chief Louie Bright, III, DFR
Assistant Chief Norman Seals, DFR
Assistant Chief Ted Padgett, DFR
Assistant Chief Tamji Berry, DFR

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA:

1. **Call to Order**

Presenter: Sheffie Kadane, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Committee Chair Kadane called an open session of the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 11:14 a.m., Monday, September 9, 2013 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for June 10, 2013 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Presenter: Sheffie Kadane, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Motion made by: **Dwayne Caraway**

Item passed unanimously: X

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: **Adam Medrano**

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Quality Management Program**

Presenter: Assistant Chief Norman Seals, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

The purpose of this presentation:

- Establish a program where paramedics are evaluated for completeness and accuracy in patient care documentation and clinical care

- It is the policy of the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department to strive for excellence in patient care as reflected in the documentation of patient care reports

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- HIPPA law
- PCR Documentation QM Billing and Clinical form

4. **Emergency Medical Service Professional Contracts**

Presenter: Assistant Chief Norman Seals, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

The purpose of this presentation:

- To brief the Public Safety Committee regarding four of the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Professional Contracts/Resolutions. These contracts allow partner agencies to provide legally mandated medical direction and education of new and incumbent DFR paramedic members

EMS Professional Contracts:

- Medical Director
- BioTel
- Initial EMS Training
- Continuing Education

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Frequent flyers
- Number on how many bills sent out that does not get paid?
- Overlap for people who are not paying bills than the people who use the service frequently
- Best practices and how we are addressing the efficiency of our system by identifying individuals who frequently are not able to pay the ambulance bill?
- Cost the City of Dallas per ambulance run?
- Cost and Billing information per ambulance?
- Cost per transport?
- Community education
- Locations that have a heavier demand?
- Number of false calls and are citizens charged?
- Cost efficient
- Allocation of services
- Dallas Fire-Rescue Department Responses
- Are all call routed through the BioTel component?
- Does BioTel make the decision on what hospital to transport to?
- Cost to BioTel? Why is the city paying half the cost?
- Does the Dallas Police Department use BioTel?

Motion made by Councilmember Griggs to accept the Emergency Medical Service Professional Contracts and recommend to full council for approval on the September 11, 2013 agenda. Councilmember Medrano seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

5. **Inspection and Life Safety Education Division**

Presenter: Assistant Chief Ted Padgett, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of:

- Organization
- Resources
- Inspection activities
- Educational activities
- Accomplishments

The goals of this presentation are:

- Prevent fire and life safety hazards
- Educate citizens
- Ensure fire safe construction
- Promote public safety
- Foster community relations

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Inspection of car seats
- Community education on what services the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department provide
- Smoke alarm requirements
- Requirement of sprinkler systems for small businesses?
- Requirement for homeowner association CERT involvement?
- Number of D.I.S.D. and private schools educated during community events?
- Are single family residences required to have smoke alarms?
- What are group and boarding home regulations?

6. **Administrative (Fireworks 2013) Reports (Informational Memo)**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Tamji Berry, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

The purpose of this memo is to provide the committee with a brief description of the July 2, 2013 – July 5, 2013 fireworks reports.

The committee had the following area of concern:

- Public outreach

7. **Administrative (Fire) Reports (Informational Memo)**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Tamji Berry, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

The purpose of this memo is to provide the committee with a brief description of the April 21, 2013 – August 12, 2013 fire reports.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): There were no recommendations for this item.

The September 9, 2013 Public Safety Committee meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

Sheffie Kadane, Chair
Public Safety Committee

ATTEST:

Shun Session, Coordinator
Public Safety Committee