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## **Public Safety Committee Meeting Record**

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**Meeting Date:** Monday, September 20, 2010

**Convened:** 12:02 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 1:03 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 Executive Staff Present:**

Ryan Evans, First Assistant City Manager  
Fire-Rescue Chief Eddie Burns, Sr., DFR  
Assistant Chief Tod Gillam, DFR  
Deputy Chief Joe Pierce, DFR  
Section Chief Daniel DeYear, DFR  
Cassandra Wallace, CERT Program Manager  
Pavala Armstrong, CAO, DPD

**Committee Members Absent:**

**Special Guest:**

CERT representatives

**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 12:02 p.m., Monday, September 20, 2010 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for September 7, 2010 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: Ron Natinsky

Item passed unanimously:   X  

Item failed unanimously:       

Motion seconded by: Delia Jasso

Item passed on a divided vote:       

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Dallas Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

**Presenter:** Cassandra Wallace, CERT Program Manager, Office of Emergency Management

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

Ms. Wallace provided the committee with the Dallas Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) briefing. Dallas CERT Objectives are as follows: (1) Increase disaster preparedness and training for citizens and businesses in the City of Dallas (2) Prepare for "all hazards" to include severe weather, natural disasters, hazardous materials incidents, or other significant events and (3) Respond to immediate needs in the neighborhood following a major incident or disaster when professional responders are delayed or to assist our public safety departments. Topics of discussion were as follows: (1) CERT Training (2) Team Composition (3) Disaster Preparedness (4) Fire Safety (5) Light Search and Rescue (6) CERT Team Organization (7) Disaster Psychology (8) Terrorism and CERT and (9) CERT Activations.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) CERT website information (2) public education (3) certification of CERT representatives (4) homeowners association (5) CERT training for Dallas City Council and (6) CERT Summit

4. **Dallas Fire-Rescue Paramedic/Firefighter Career Path**

**Presenter:** Section Chief Daniel DeYear, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

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

Section Chief DeYear provided the committee with an overview to Dallas Fire-Rescue Paramedic/Firefighter Career Path. Topics of discussion were as follows: (1) Career Path (2) Hiring Process (3) Trainee Fire Rescue Officer (Trainee I) (4) Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Training (5) Apprentice Fire Rescue Officer (Trainee II) (6) Probationary Fire Rescue Officer (Trainee III) (7) Fire Rescue Officer (8) Driver Engineer (9) Lieutenants (10) Captains and (11) Battalion Chief.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) driving course (2) educational process (3) probation period (4) funding (5) hours of class room training (6) type of training (7) current number of new trainees (8) license for EMT/Paramedic (9) continuing education (10) State standard (11) role of EMT/Paramedic (12) civil service process (13) assessment center (14) role of Lieutenant/Captain (15) difference between a fire truck and fire engine and (16) role Battalion Chief/Section Chief.

5. **Upcoming City Council Agenda Items for September 22, 2010**

- Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP)
- Aircraft Rescue Firefighter Training
- Memorandum of Understanding for Special Task Force

A motion was made by Ms. Koop to accept the upcoming council agenda items and recommend them to the full Dallas City Council for approval on the September 22, 2010 agenda. Ms. Jasso seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

6. **Administrative (Fire) Reports – Informational Memo**

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

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

Deputy Chief Pierce provided the committee with an update to the Fire Reports.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) average response time (2) cause of injury and (3) differential between dispatch time to arrival time.

**APPROVED BY:**

**ATTEST:**

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Mayor Pro Tem, Dwaine Caraway, Chair  
Public Safety Committee

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Public Safety Committee