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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: Monday, October 24, 2011 **Convened:** 11:04 a.m. **Adjourned:** 12:45 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Pauline Medrano, **Chair**
Sheffie Kadane, **Vice-Chair**
Carolyn Davis
Sandy Greyson
Delia Jasso

City Executive Staff Present:

A.C. Gonzalez, First Assistant City Manager
First Assistant Chief Charles Cato, DPD
Deputy Chief Randall Blankenbaker, DPD
Deputy Chief Brian Harvey, DPD
Jackie Middlebrooks, CAO, DPD

Committee Members Absent:

Other Council Members Present:

AGENDA:

1. **Call to Order**

Presenter: Committee Chair Medrano

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Committee Chair Medrano called an Open Session of the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 11:04 a.m., Monday, October 24, 2011 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for September 26, 2011 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Presenter: Committee Chair Medrano

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Motion made to approve the minutes.

Motion made by: **Carolyn Davis**

Item passed unanimously: X

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: **Sandy Greyson**

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Crime Report**

Presenter: First Assistant Chief Charles Cato, Dallas Police Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

First Assistant Chief Cato provided the committee with a progress report of the Police Department in crime. Violent crime has decreased in all categories.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) violent crime success (2) iwatch (3) encourage community participation in crime watch (4) year end goal prediction (5) increased officer visibility in hot spot areas (6) cameras to decrease crime (7) strategies for hot spots (8) marketing strategies (9) community outreach and (10) KFA follow up.

4. **Dallas Police Department Overview**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Randall Blankenbaker, Dallas Police Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The purpose of the briefing is to provide an overview of the Dallas Police Department to highlight the following topics: (1) historical snapshot of DPD (2) evolving nature of uniforms and equipment and (3) organizational overview. Topics of discussion were as follows: (1) relationship to department goals (2) history of the Dallas Police Chief (3) departmental timeline (4) uniform (5) badges (6) ranks and insignia (7) identification epaulets (8) departmental honors and awards (9) duty gear (10) bureau's and (11) summary.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) weight of duty gear (2) preventive mode (3) number of K9 dogs (4) age, length of training and housing for K9's (5) input names on organization chart (6) police academy and (7) additional officers.

5. **Dallas Police Department Fusion Center Update**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Brian Harvey, Dallas Police Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

The purpose of the briefing is to provide an overview of the Dallas Police Department Fusion Center to highlight the following topics: (1) provide historical background (2) provide an overview of current capabilities and (3) provide an overview of the support role for operational units in the Dallas Police Department and neighboring communities. The goal of the Fusion Center is to provide the following: (1) real-time monitoring of calls and field support (2) timely tactical intelligence and (3) increased community awareness through relationships and outreach to private sector partners.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) drug activity (2) government entities (3) hospital communication and (4) areas that are active with iwatch.

6. **Upcoming City Council Agenda Items for October 26, 2011**

- Acceptance of the City of Dallas Crime Reduction Program Award (Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program)
- Training Grant for Sexual Assault & Stalking Criminal Investigations Grant Period September 1, 2011- August 31, 2012
- Award for Dallas Police Victim Services Grant from Criminal Justice Division
- New Internet Crimes Against Children Grant Award
- Acceptance of Justice Assistance Grant
- Dallas Police Department Comprehensive STEP Grant
- Acceptance of City of Dallas NIBIN Program

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

7. **Revised Upcoming Dallas Police Department Briefing Schedule (Informational Memo)**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Randall Blankenbaker, Dallas Police Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Follow up Memo from September 26, 2011 Public Safety Committee Meeting.

8. **Revised Upcoming Dallas Fire-Rescue Department Briefing Schedule (Informational Memo)**

Presenter: Assistant Chief Joseph Vasquez, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Follow up Memo from September 26, 2011 Public Safety Committee Meeting.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Pauline Medrano, Chair
Public Safety Committee

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Public Safety Committee