



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 5, 2010**

The Public Safety Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, April 5, 2010 at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Michael Lauderdale, called the Board Meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Aman Bandali
Sam Holt
Michael Lauderdale
Michael Levy
Kim Rossmo
Moses Saldana Jr.

Board Members not in Attendance:

Ramey Ko

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes for the regular meeting on 03/01/2010 were approved on Commission Co-Chair Levy's motion, Commission Member Saldana's second on a 6-0 vote with Commission Member Ko not present.

2. Discussion and Possible Action Items

- a. Gang presence in Austin and Central Texas and related organized crime, violence and illegal drug transport and trafficking activity.
 - a. Austin Police Department Commander Noble provided a summary on prison and street gang activity as see in the City of Austin.
 - b. Drug Enforcement Agency representative Gregory Thrash gave a presentation over the drug transport and trafficking activity as it relates to the Texas border. Major drug cartels were identified and spoken about in detail.
 - c. Federal Bureau of Investigations representative Royce Curtin spoke about the FBI's active involvement with multijurisdictional partners in targeting drug trafficking investigations. Also discussed was the sharing of intelligence, as appropriate.
 - d. Texas Department of Public Safety representative Tom Ruocco addressed the overall impact drug transport and trafficking has on the state. Ruocco stated that the agency's job is to support the federal entities along the border with concentrated efforts.
 - e. Commission Members conversed and questioned agency representatives about the current outlook on gang activity and projected rise/fall of activity.

3. Citizen Communications

- a. Chuck Young spoke about the Fusion Center (Austin Regional Intelligence Center) Privacy Policy and his concerns related to it.
- b. John Bush addressed the Blood Draw Program and his concerns for the program.
- c. Debbie Russell spoke about her concerns related to the expense and policy concerns of the Blood Draws.

4. Fusion Center Update and Privacy Policy Review

- a. Austin Police Department Assistant Chief David Carter provided a briefing on the Austin Regional Intelligence Center (ARIC) process and asked Assistant City Attorney Kristy Orr to assist in questions related to the privacy policy as asked by the Commission Members. Outstanding questions were deferred to Lee Davila.

5. Blood Draw Program Overview

- a. Austin Police Department Assistant Chief Al Eells spoke about the Department's phlebotomist program agreement with the Travis County Sheriff's Office.
- b. A motion to endorse the Blood Draw Program as it appears before City Council was approved on Commission Co-Chair Levy's motion, Commission Member Holt's second on a 4-0-2 vote with Commission Members Bandali and Rossmo abstaining from the vote. Commission Member Ko was not present.

6. Adjournment