



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 1, 2013**

The Public Safety Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, April 1, 2013 at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Michael Lauderdale, called the Board Meeting to order at 4:07 PM.

Board Members in Attendance:

Kim Rossmo
Sam Holt
Michael Lauderdale
Michael Levy
Reynaldo Moreno

Board Members not in Attendance:

Kent Anschutz
Ramey Ko

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes for the regular meeting on 3/04/2013 were approved on Commissioner Rossmo's motion, Commissioner Holt's second and a 5-0 vote with Commissioners Anschutz and Ko not present.

2. Citizen Communications

No citizens signed up to speak.

3. Discussion and Possible Action Items

- a. Briefing on Revised Board and Commission Recommendation Process
Bob Guz of the City Clerk's Office and Sabine Romero of the Legal Department provided an overview of the new Board and Commission Recommendation process resulting from passage of Council Resolution 20120301-049. The revised process standardizes terminology, staff responsibilities, and the required elements of a formal Recommendation. The revised process also addresses Council notification, the records management of Recommendations, Recommendation posting procedures and requirements for submitting Recommendations as backup on proposed Council actions. Mr. Guz and Ms. Romero

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responded to questions about the development of Recommendation language and the timeline for approval.

b. Vote on September PSC Meeting Date Change

The proposal to reschedule the September 3, 2013 Public Safety Commission meeting was again postponed because the two alternate dates proposed (September 6, 2013 and September 13, 2013) were declined. Tara Long will come back to the Commission with different September dates for the Commissioners to vote on.

4. Briefing and Updates

a. Presentation of APD Staffing Needs Related to PERF Study

Chair Lauderdale began the discussion by requesting a summary of the PERF findings, current staffing numbers and the departmental attrition rate, capability of APD Recruitment and Training Staff, the likely assignment and placement of additional sworn personnel based on current demands, citizen concerns, city projects and events requiring police presence, the demands of community policing and outside public safety issues affecting Austin. Chief Carter provided an overview of current sworn and civilian strength, the training process for APD recruits, the needs of the department to maintain the 2:1,000 ratio historically used by the City of Austin, the importance of building and utilizing partnerships with other law enforcement agencies to monitor outside threats to Austin's public safety. Assistant Chief Brian Manley spoke about the PERF study results, attrition numbers, current training efforts and capabilities and recruiting tactics. Chief Carter responded to comments about maximizing department resources to address ever-evolving public safety issues while evaluating responsibilities that have historically fallen to law enforcement and eliminating outdated tasks. He emphasized the department's desire to grow analytical capabilities. The Commissioners, Chiefs and APA President Wayne Vincent discussed current efforts to utilize the community policing model, department needs required to fully apply the principles of community policing, the decline in uncommitted time, the use of District Representative Officers to respond to neighborhood public safety concerns, the practice of intelligence-led policing in conjunction with community policing, the use of overtime funds, the department's overtime policy, APD's decision to eliminate the college requirement for police cadet applicants, educational opportunities and rewards for officers, and the impact that large city events have on the department. Commission Rossmo issued a request to invite the City's Special Events Coordinator to respond to Commission questions about the impact that special events have on police resources.

b. Update on Traffic Related Issues and Concerns

Lieutenant Ely Reyes provided Commissioners with an update on APD's research on ordinances governing use of hands free devices while driving and the lack of impact studies available citing the recent passage of such laws. He also provided an overview of legislation being considered by the state that would address the issue. Lieutenant Reyes discussed Failure to Stop and Render Aid legislation efforts, APD staffing levels for personnel dedicated to traffic and DWI enforcement and crash response, and quarterly traffic fatality statistics.

c. Update by A/TCEMS Medical Director Paul Hinchey on Reduction of Number of Code 3 Medical Responses by AFD Accompanying A/TCEMS; Matters Relating to A/TCEMS

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This agenda item was postponed because Dr. Hinchey was unable to attend the April 1 meeting.

5. Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items

City Special Events Coordinator
AFD, APD and EMS staffing needs for FY14

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Holt, seconded by Commissioner Rossmo. Meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM.