



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 3, 2014**

The Public Safety Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, March 3, 2014 at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Kim Rossmo, called the Board Meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

Board Members in Attendance:

Kim Rossmo
Mike Levy
Michael Lauderdale
Reynaldo Moreno
Ramey Ko
Sam Holt
Kent Anschutz

Board Members not in Attendance:

1. Approval of Minutes

- The minutes for the regular meeting on 02/03/2014 were approved on Commissioner Lauderdale's motion, Commissioner Holt's second and a 7-0 unanimous vote.

2. Citizen Communications

- **Greg Foster** – Greg Foster, Community Advocate Appointee to the Austin Regional Intelligence Center Privacy Policy Advisory Committee, updated the Commission on the most recent Austin Regional Intelligence Center Advisory Committee meeting and sought feedback from the Commission about the possibility of APD accessing surveillance of public spaces by private entities in the event that it was needed to address a public safety issue.

3. Discussion and Possible Action Items

a. Wildfire Update – Austin Fire Department Assistant Director Jim Linardos & Battalion Chief David Girouard

- Director Linardos and Battalion Chief Girouard discussed the progress achieved by the Wildfire Division since its start in 2013 including the development of the

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Community Wildfire Protection Plan, education and outreach efforts, departmental training and equipment acquisition.

- They provided the Commission with an overview of proactive wildfire efforts, AFD's approach to fuel mitigation through inter-departmental and inter-governmental collaboration and community partnerships.
- Battalion Chief Girouard and Director Linardos also addressed wildfire modules, 2014 Wildfire Division goals and offered the Commission video of a prescribed burn.
- The Commission held discussions with staff about Austin Fire Department's role in prescribed burns on property held by other departments or agencies, potential recommendation language and a request from Chair Rossmo for an overview of outstanding wildfire needs. Commissioner Anschutz also suggested inviting non-AFD Departments who are involved in prescribed burns to talk with the Commission.

b. Preventing Wrongful Convictions: Interview and Interrogation Training and Techniques – Austin Police Department Detective Trent Watts, Forensics and the National Academy of Sciences Report – Austin Police Department Crime Lab Director Ed Harris and Update on Witness Photo Line-up Procedures – Austin Police Department Commander Mark Spangler

- Detective Watts provided the Commission with an overview of the evolution of APD interview and interrogation practices, interview and interrogation education and training, values and techniques.
- Mr. Harris responded to recommendations made in the National Academy of Sciences Report and addressed their impact on the Austin Police Department Forensic Lab's practices, equipment, training and staff. Mr. Harris also spoke to Vice-Chair Holt's question about agencies that use the APD Forensic Lab as a resource for their cases and education partnerships.
- Commander Spangler updated the Commission on Austin Police Department's revised identification procedures based on best practice recommendations.

4. Discussion Regarding Potential Future Agenda Items

- Commissioners Future Agenda Items:
 - i. City of Austin Flooding Report
 - ii. Impact of Drought on Public Safety
 - iii. Downtown Crime including Staffing Information about APD Personnel Being Reassigned Downtown During Certain Periods and APD and EMS Staffing Levels during Public Order Initiative
 - iv. 911 Call Center Resources
 - v. Public Safety Commission Recommendation on Suspended Driver's License Violations
- Have all PowerPoints and documents the Thursday before the meeting.

5. Adjournment

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Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Lauderdale, seconded by Chair Rossmo. Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.