



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 3, 2014**

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

Chair Kim Rossmo, called the Board Meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

Board Members in Attendance:

Kim Rossmo
Mike Levy
Reynaldo Moreno
Kent Anschutz
Rebecca Webber
Sam Holt
Michael Lauderdale

Board Members not in Attendance:

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the regular meeting on 10/06/14 were approved on Commissioner Moreno's motion, Vice Chair Holt's second and a vote of 5-0 with Commissioner Webber and Vice Chair Levy off the dais.

2. Citizen Communications

None

3. Discussion and Possible Action Items

a. Approval of 2015 Commission Meeting Dates

- Following a motion by Commissioner Lauderdale and a second by Vice Chair Levy, the Public Safety Commission adopted the proposed 2015 meeting schedule unanimously.

b. Ebola Discussion

- Dr. Philip Huang discussed the transmission of Ebola, cases in the United States and lessons learned from Dallas, coordination and education efforts, and best practices for infection control. Dr. Jose Cabanas addressed training and education for local responders, call taker protocol, the formation of a specialized EMS response unit to respond to potential Ebola

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patients, and hospital notification practices. EMS Chief Jasper Brown, AFD Special Operations Chief Larry Jantzen and APD Chief Brian Manley provided the Commission with a timeline and description of Ebola training, prevention and response initiatives and equipment associated with their respective Departments. Dr. Huang and Dr. Cabanas responded to Commission questions about the lethality, transmission and treatment of Ebola and response plans to address possible pandemic events or other communicable diseases. Dr. Ziebell of UMC Brackenridge offered general comments regarding educating service providers about screening patients for infectious disease, response protocols and appropriate treatment. President Tony Marquardt, provided comments about infectious disease preparedness and response plans from the Austin/Travis County EMS Association's perspective. EMS Chief Shammard addressed questions about protective equipment, policies, pathogen control processes and continuity of operation plans. Chief Evans offered comments on effectively preparing for and responding to potentially infectious patients. APD Chief Manley responded to a question about the laws related to quarantine orders.

c. 9-1-1 Report Recommendation

- Vice Chair Levy proposed the following recommendation which was seconded by Vice Chair Holt and unanimously approved by the Commission: Austin residents and visitors rely on 911 to receive emergency assistance. Any loss of the service means that an individual or group may not get the help needed in a police, fire, or medical crisis. A failure by one or more private sector contractual technology service providers to rapidly address problems associated with 911 service disruption or loss has the potential to lead to catastrophic results. Therefore, the Austin Public Safety Commission recommends that the City of Austin contractually require all private sector entities involved in the delivery of 911 services to respond to technical disruptions emanating from their defined responsibilities with a specific expedited response process based on defined metrics reflective of the time critical nature of repairs needed for the continued operation of the 911 operation. The Commission further recommends that all vendor contracts provide that, in the event that 911 becomes inoperable or service capacity is diminished, the Austin Police Department Communication Division may establish direct contact with service providers in order to restore full service without unnecessary delays, unencumbered by any need to have to work through a primary contractor.

d. Reverse Notification System (RNS) & Evacuation Plan for Dove Springs in Severe Weather Conditions

- Chief Manley spoke about the issues experienced with the reverse notification during a high risk weather situation and the training and procedure that were implemented to address them. He also responded to a question about evaluation plans.

4. Discussion Regarding Potential Future Agenda Items

- Presentation by federal law enforcement (30 minutes - Dr. Lauderdale coordinating)
- Drought issues affecting public safety (30 minutes)
- Public Information Request Training for Commission Members

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- ARIC (30 minutes)
- Austin Fire Department Memorandum of Understanding with Austin Water Utility
- Discussion with Dr. Hinchey about joint AFD-EMS response protocols

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Lauderdale, seconded by Commissioner Moreno. Meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.