

Public Safety Commission Follow Up Responses - Q&A

June 5 Regular Meeting

ITEM 3 – ATCEMS Quarterly Report

1. Have the smaller amount of separations in this quarter been attributed to anything yet?
 - We (EMS) don't have enough information from the 1st quarter to determine anything yet.
Chief of Staff, Gardner

ITEM 5 – APD/DPS Partnership

1. Request for data used for visualizations presented be made available with keys, articulation of methodology, and full data set.
 - APD is working on making the data publically available and is currently assessing options to do so. APD does not have a departmental technology for making dashboards, visualizations, and data publicly available, so multiple approaches are being considered. This project will likely take longer than originally anticipated as the department's IT Supervisor Sr. over the Information Systems unit, the unit responsible for this work, accepted a new job at EMS and has left the department.
2. Definition of violent crime used to gather data for presentation on June 5.
 - In the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, violent crime is composed of four offenses: murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. The specific definitions were provided in the "Explanation of data" section of the webpage setup to share information (<https://www.austintexas.gov/apd-dps-partnership>).
3. Why are there no interlocal agreements in place governing the partnership? Are there barriers to APD or the city making agreements in advance of the partnership? What rules/city code negated the community and city council's ability to make decisions and/or require public input in advance of the partnership being entered?
 - DPS has state wide Law Enforcement jurisdiction an ILA is not needed anywhere in the State of Texas. The City Attorney clarified this issue in a council work session about the DPS partnership. DPS is authorized to enforce law throughout the state of Texas.
4. When, how and what DPS data being shared?
 - This has to be discussed in more detail. "DPS data" could mean data on stops and enforcement actions (e.g., tickets, arrests) made by DPS. If this is the intent of the question, then APD cannot answer as APD is only the custodian of record for APD data. DPS data would have to be shared by DPS. If, on the other hand "DPS data" means data on things that are occurring in Austin while DPS is deployed that are technically APD data (e.g., calls for service, APD response times, number of crimes), those will continue to be shared on the website referenced above.
5. How is DPS partnership impacting workload? Generally but also more specifically, is it allowing APD to devote more resources to investigation responsibilities? To community outreach? APD continues Staffing shortages.
 - APD Officers are call to call. During the last deployment DPS was providing approximately 100 troopers to the city. APD currently has over 325 sworn vacancies.

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ITEM 4 – Traffic Enforcement and Management (Please provide updated status on requests.)

1. UPDATE STATUS: How much time (APD hours) did the 12,889 traffic stops represent? Similar breakdown to what was done for traffic accidents in presentation. -Pending
2. UPDATE STATUS: Response to Resistance data for 2021 and 2022 posting status. -Pending