

# Public Safety Committee Meeting Record **DRAFT**

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**Meeting Date:** Monday, February 9, 2015

**Convened:** 11:02 a.m.

**Adjourned:** 11:53 a.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Councilmember Sheffie Kadane, **Chair**  
Councilmember Adam Medrano, **Vice-Chair**  
Councilmember Jennifer Gates  
Councilmember Sandy Greyson

**Executive Staff Present:**

Eric D. Campbell, Assistant City Manager  
Fire-Rescue Chief Louie Bright, III, DFR  
Deputy Chief Tameji Berry, DFR  
Captain Brian Allen, DFR  
Captain Bernard Pipkins, DFR  
SFPO Patricia Martinez, DFR

**Committee Members Absent:**

Councilmember Scott Griggs  
Councilmember Dwaine Caraway

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA:**

1. **Call to Order**

**Presenter:** Sheffie Kadane, Chair

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

Committee Chair Kadane called an open session of the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 11:02 a.m., Monday, February 9, 2015 at Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for January 26, 2015 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

**Presenter:** Sheffie Kadane, Chair

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

Motion made by: **Councilmember Medrano**

Item passed unanimously:   X  

Item failed unanimously:       

Seconded by: **Councilmember Gates**

Item passed on a divided vote:       

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program (J.F.I.P.)**

**Presenter:** Patricia Martinez, Senior Fire Prevention Officer, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

This briefing provided an overview of the Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program.

J.F.I.P. is an intervention program targeting children who:

- Have committed the crime of intentionally setting fires
- Children who have demonstrated firesetting behavior

Topics of discussion:

- Goals
- Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialists
- Training
- Juvenile Firesetting Problems
- Types of Firesetters
- Understanding Youth Firesetter Behavior
- Reasons Behind Firesetter Behavior
- Curiosity Firesetting
- Novelty Lighter
- Number of Juveniles Counseled Per Fiscal Year
- Juveniles Cleared by Arrest FY 2013-2014
- Network and Resources

Committee concerns:

- Community education
- Firestarter education program
- Percentage of children referred to this program
- Court ordered

4. **Citizens' Fire Academy**

**Presenter:** Captain Brian Allen, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

This briefing provided an overview of the Citizens' Fire Academy.

Mission:

- To provide citizens with an overview of Dallas Fire-Rescue services, increase fire and life safety awareness, and promote the customer service aspect of our department

Objectives:

- Impact information on core job functions
- Engage students during demonstrations
- Share volunteer opportunities available within the City of Dallas
- Provide CPR certification training
- Provide fire prevention and disaster preparedness education

Benefits to the City:

- Public safety is improved through enhancement of community outreach by increasing involvement, communication and education

Committee concerns:

- Public awareness
- Selection criteria
- Class size
- Registration period
- Enrollment period
- How often is the class offered?
- CPR
- Physical fitness
- Safety
- Vehicle extrication techniques
- Live burns
- Protective gear

5. **Recruit Training**

**Presenter:** Captain Bernard Pipkins, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

This briefing provided an overview of Dallas Fire-Rescue Recruit Training Program.

Vision Statement:

- To be the best trained, technologically advanced, customer-focused fire service organization in the country

Summary:

- Dallas Fire-Rescue Department's Recruit Training Program is designed to prepare the recruits for the rigors of the job of a firefighter and bring their level of fitness and education in the fire service to and above the highest of standards

Committee concerns:

- Training hours
- Methods of training
- New training techniques
- Emergency Medical Technician Certification
- Paramedics
- Recruit tests, continuing education credits
- Special teams
- Critical skills
- Technology advanced
- Pilot program
- Flashover
- Partnership with D.I.S.D. to explore a combined Police and Fire magnet school

6. **Administrative (Fire) Reports - February 2015**

**Presenter:** Deputy Chief Tameji Berry, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

The purpose of the Administrative (Fire) Reports memo is to provide the committee with a brief description of the December 13, 2014 – January 14, 2015 fire reports. There were 5 (five) civilian injuries, and 1 (one) firefighter injury that occurred as a result of fire incidents.

Committee concerns:

- Response time for 5600 West Lovers Lane #112

The February 9, 2015 Public Safety Committee Meeting adjourned at 11:53 p.m.

**APPROVED BY:**

**ATTEST:**

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Sheffie Kadane, Chair  
Public Safety Committee

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Public Safety Committee