

DRAFT
Public Safety Committee
Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: Monday, September 8, 2014

Convened: 11:05 a.m.

Adjourned: 12:20 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

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

Executive Staff Present:

Charles Cato, Interim Assistant City Manager
Executive Assistant Chief Tommy Tines, DFR
Assistant Chief Norman Seals, DFR
Assistant Chief Fernando Gray, DFR
Deputy Chief Tameji Berry, DFR
Deputy Chief Christopher Martinez, DFR
Deputy Chief George Gamez, DFR
Lieutenant Stephen Bisbee, DFR
Police Chief David O. Brown, DPD
Deputy Chief Malik Aziz, DPD
Gloria Carter, Director, Courts

Committee Members Absent:

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 11:05 a.m., Monday, September 8, 2014 at Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for August 25, 2014 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 Greyson**

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **Why Adopt the 2012 Fire Code?**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Christopher Martinez, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

The Dallas Fire-Rescue Vision Statement is to be the best trained, technologically advanced, customer-focused fire service organization in the country.

Highlights of the presentation are as follows:

- Section 307.4.3 portable Outdoor Fireplaces
- Section 403.3 Crowd Managers
- Section 506.6 Key Set Arrangements
- Section 508 Fire Command Center
- Section 509.1.1 Utility Identification
- Section 510 Emergency Responder Radio Coverage
- Section 901.4.6 Pump and Riser Room Size
- Section 901.9 Discontinuation or Change Service
- Section 903.2 automatic Sprinkler System Exception
- Section 907.2.3 Educational Occupancy
- Chapter 11 Construction Requirements for Existing Buildings Addresses

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Annual inspection
- Portable Outdoor Fireplaces
- Single family homes
- Duplex
- Trained crowd managers
- Certification requirement

A motion was made by Councilmember Greyson to support the adoption of the 2012 Fire Code and move the item forward to full council. Councilmember Medrano seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

4. **Quality Management Program**

Presenter: Deputy Chief George Gamez, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Assistant Chief Norman Seals, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

The purpose of this presentation is:

- To establish a program where all paramedics are evaluated for completeness and accuracy in patient care documentation and clinical care
- It is the policy of the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department to strive for excellence in patient care as reflected in the documentation of patient care reports

Goals of the Quality Management Program are:

- To ensure effective, efficient and timely emergency patient care
- Identify the needs of the pre-hospital care providers
- Competence of all practitioners
- Responsiveness to perceived care needs
- Continuous, multi-faceted evaluation of the EMS process
- Compliance with all state and local policy requirements
- Professional accountability through participation in QI activities
- Administrative commitment and support for QI activities
- Monitoring of the process and outcome of patient care
- To improve the medical knowledge and skills of DFR personnel
- To provide institutional structure and organization to promote continuous QI and clinical risk prevention

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Repeat customers
- Social Security numbers
- Automatically populate data
- Run review procedures
- Demographic information
- Monthly Continuing Medical Education (CME) courses in targeted training areas

5. **Wildland Urban Interface Program**

Presenter: Lieutenant Stephen Bisbee, Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Wildland Urban Interface are zones where structures and other human improvements meet and intermingle with undeveloped wildland or vegetative fuels. In Texas, 85% of Wildland Fires happen within 2 miles of a community.

Highlights of the presentation are as follows:

- Wildland Fire Emergency
- History
- WUI Team Composition
- Organizational Structure
- Dallas Fire Module
- Community Wildland Protection Plan (CWPP)

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Cedar Ridge preserve groups
- Trinity River Forest plans
- Mountain Creek Area
- Number of Wildland vehicles
- Special qualifications

6. **Low Sterrett Jail Contract (September 24, 2014 Council Agenda Item)**

Presenter: Gloria Carter, Director, Court & Detention Services
Police Chief David Brown, Dallas Police Department
Deputy Chief Malik Aziz, DPD

On September 24, 2014, City Council will consider an agenda item to authorize payment to Dallas County under the Low Sterrett Jail contract for FY 2014-15. Dallas County provides jail services to the City of Dallas. Jail services include administration, intake, housing and release.

The committee had the following areas of concern:

- Current use of manpower
- What's the average wait time for police officers? Will contract reduce time?
- Time savings established during Pilot Program
- Low Sterrett jail sergeant
- Number of homeless that are repeats?
- Medical protocol

- County budget
- Overall cost
- City Marshal Office
- Public Service Officers
- Stats on nurse screening

A motion was made by Councilmember Greyson to move the item forward to full council. Councilmember Medrano seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

7. **Administrative (Fire) Reports (Informational Memo)**

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

The purpose of this memo is to provide the committee with a brief description of the August 6 – August 17, 2014 fire reports. There was 1 (one) civilian fatality, and 1 (one) civilian injury that occurred as a result of fire incidents.

The September 8, 2014 Public Safety Committee Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Sheffie Kadane, Chair
Public Safety Committee

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Public Safety Committee