

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES**

Thursday **July 28, 2011 @ 4:00**
Santa Barbara Fire Department
Emergency Operations Center
121 W. Carrillo Street

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners: Lennon, Christensen, and Torres-Santos (Signor and Rodriguez absent)

Staff Present: Deputy Police Chief Frank Mannix, Fire Chief Andrew DiMizio, Battalion Chief Jim McCoy and Acting Secretary Carol Lupo

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Christensen to approve minutes of **May 26, 2011**. Torres-Santo seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote: Motion passed.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Any member of the public may address the Fire & Police Commission for up to one minute on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not scheduled for a public hearing before the Commission. The total time for this item is 10 minutes. If you wish to address the Commission under this item, please complete and deliver to the Commission Secretary before the meeting is convened, a "Request to Speak" form, including a description of the subject you wish to address.

None

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Christensen asked for an update on the department's budgets including year end and an overview of the adopted budgets at the next meeting in August, in addition to a presentation about the Police building.

7. Lyons Security Service, Inc. – Private Patrol Application

Commissioner Lennon wants to know why the description of the uniform does not match the pictures provided to the Commission. After discussion it was decided to table the approval of the application until the next meeting and asked that Lyons Security Services send a representative to attend the meeting to explain the uniform.

MOTION: Christensen to continue item to next scheduled meeting. Torres-Santo seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote: Motion passed.

8. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief introduced newly promoted Battalion Chief Jim McCoy, who gave a brief background on himself. He will be working in the Training Division.

From Fire Chief DiMizio:

- Average response time remains at less than 3 minutes.
- There have been 1,375 calls for service so far this year.
- Significant incidents:
 - 1419 De La Vina – Well-involved 4 alarm structure fire in multi-unit apartment building on July 8.
 - Santa Barbara St. - Large 3 alarm fire in a commercial Quonset hut building on June 6.

- On Tuesday, July 26, City Council passed a Resolution to adopt the Safe Surrender program allowing newborn children to be safely dropped off at fire stations. All fire stations within the County are now Safe Surrender sites.

11. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

From Deputy Police Chief Mannix:

- Staffing:
 - 4 additional authorized positions, bringing sworn members to 142. One letter of resignation pending will bring staffing to 141 authorized positions.
 - 6 officers currently in San Bernardino police academy
 - 5 officers currently in field training
 - 3 new outreach workers (1/2 time positions) to assist with homeless population
 - Hiring 6 Community Service Liaisons (1/2 time positions) to work the State and Milpas Street corridors.

Commissioner Christensen asked about the situation with the San Roque neighborhood car break-ins and burglaries. Chief Mannix stated that burglaries have increased in San Roque and the north end in general, and burglary unit is actively pursuing solving the crimes.

12. ADJORN: 4:37 PM