

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

Thursday **March 22, 2012 @ 4:00**
Santa Barbara Police Department
Murphy Room
215 E. Figueroa St.

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners: Lennon, Christensen, Torell, Rodriguez and Torres-Santos.

Staff Present: Police Chief Cam Sanchez, Fire Chief Andy DiMizio, Councilmember Bendy White, Police Technician Holly Perea and Secretary

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Torres-Santos to approve minutes of **February 23, 2012**. Torell 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

Commissioners Christensen and Torell reported that they reviewed the Tow Rules & Regulations for the Sheriff's Department and Police Department. Have been doing a paragraph by paragraph comparison. Most of the differences are not substantial but the Sheriff's Department has some additional rules. Torell stated that they did not have a complete copy of the rules and regulations. Holly Perea stated that there should be two separate documents in the one document and that a complete document would be emailed to them. Christensen spoke to the Sheriff's Dept. and is hoping to get the CHP Rules & Regulations. This will be revisited in two or three months.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

Christensen asked about the status of opening up the tow rotation list for an additional operator. Perea stated that there are two applicants: 805 Roadside Towing and Nieves Towing. Walk-throughs will be completed in early April and a recommendation will be made at the April meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Lennon stated that he saw a security guard in a uniform similar to the Police Department's uniform. Perea asked if Lennon knew the name of the company and he stated he did not but would try to inquire. The Chief also mentioned that he has seen a security guard on State St. in a uniform similar to the Police Department's.

7. SB Cantina Dance Permit – 416 State St. – Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Present: Matt Olufs and Michael Borello representing SB Cantina

Public Comment: Gene & Gail Zannon spoke about police enforcing the 50' noise rule in the downtown area, and other issues. Chief Sanchez said he would speak to the BC assigned to that area to contact the Zannons. Chief Sanchez also stated that he would contact Officer Cruz and NET to set up a meeting with all bar owners, neighbors, etc., which is something that used to be done on a regular basis and the Chief would like to see this happen again.

MOTION: Rodriguez to approve the Dance Permit with stated conditions for SB Cantina; Torell seconded (Contingent upon successful completion of their application for Proprietary Security License)

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote: Motion Passed

8. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief DiMizio:

- Confirmed that commissioners received previous month's fire stats
- Very busy in the last month; working with police department on mobile data computers which are linked to dispatch and also allow access to the Internet on fire trucks. Entering pre-planned information into computers; water supplies, safety zones, will be on board all of the fire trucks
- Putting floor plans into the computers and have been working on this since 2003
- Captain's test on May 9th & 10th to promote 2 Captains; Engineers test in the later part of May to promote 4 Engineers; This will bring the department down 2 firefighter positions, these will be covered by overtime; 2 more retirements by the end of the year; Winter Academy will be held; The Department prefers to over-hire as opposed to holding a yearly academy, which is costly
- Actively working with County EMS and AMR with a program called "Hands on CPR." This can be taught in a matter of minutes; 100 BPM on the chest, call 911 and survivability rate is extremely high CPR save yesterday at the downtown Spectrum Gym
- Fire Season probably coming early this year even though it has rained recently; Wildland training taking place; Brush truck responded to 10 acre fire at Oso Campground; Fire on Gibraltar Rd. and a fire on Glen Annie
- In the process of completing water rescue training with Harbor Patrol.
- Chief handed out fire stats for this month and explained some of the longer response times and what may have caused them; responded to 611 calls for service in the last month
- Maps in the CAD system have not been updated since 1999; creating another GIS database; Bluetooth printers being installed
- Commissioner Christensen brought up a parking issue at Scofield Park stating that an engine could never get through and that this is a problem there and at other areas which block access to emergency vehicles

9. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police Chief Cam Sanchez:

- Department is at full strength; one officer did not make it through probation
- Patrol Teams are at full strength
- Switched all shifts to 4/10's and have done away with 3/12's
- PAL Event to be held on April 27^h at the Natural History Museum; contact Laurie Parker at PAL for further information
- On June 1st, the Santa Barbara Police Foundation Golf Tournament will be held at Alisal Ranch
- Captain Martel is retiring on May 18th and Lt. Dave Whitham was promoted to Captain
- Ten backgrounds are currently in process for dispatchers and police officers; entry level test on April 15th, 1500 applicants

Commissioner Torell asked about the population in the County Jail. Parolees and Probationers are being sent to our City to finish their terms in our County Jail. This means that we have to release prisoners from our jail to accommodate those from State Prison. This will eventually impact us.

Commissioner Christensen asked about the presence of the Mobile Command Unit which she had seen on State St. Chief Sanchez said it is out once or twice a week in different parts of the City as part of our Community Outreach Program.

Chief said crime in the City has not been this low in 20 years. The biggest issue now is property crime being up. Many arrests have been made, 4 arrests this morning. Arrests are often criminals from Los Angeles, Las Vegas and other locations. In the last 18 months most of the arrests are crews from other cities. These criminals are often posing as prospective vacation renters who "case the joint" and then return to commit their crime. Ten suspects from Los Angeles and Las Vegas were arrested during an "in progress" burglary.

11. ADJORN: 5:12 PM