

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

Thursday, **April 25 @ 4:00**
David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden St.

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners: Christensen, Lennon, and Torell

Staff Present: Police Chief Cam Sanchez, Operations Division Chief Jim Bryden, and Acting Secretary Carol Lupo

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Torell to approve minutes of **March 28, 2013**. Lennon seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote.

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

Tow regulation Subcommittee – Final Proposed Rules and Regulations have been sent to the City Attorney's for review, and anticipate having comments back by next meeting.

Fire Department – Have not met with department yet.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

Torell inquired about Whiskey Richard's suspension status, and whether they were suspended during the period between the Commission's decision and City Administrator Jim Armstrong stayed the suspension. Chief Sanchez believed no suspension occurred between those decisions.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

Torell reminded that they can support the Fire or Police departments with any matters that they would like brought up to City Council.

On the same note, Christensen encouraged sub-committee liaisons to meet with their respective departments to go over budget or other department issues. She suggested a budget presentation to the commission take place before the presentations to City Council.

Christensen asked to agendaize Cadiz General Offense for the next commission meeting, and receive a staff report

Lennon inquired about Patrol Operator's that are advertising and the operator list they received, and the business license status of some operators. Chief Sanchez refereed the commission to write a letter to Bob Samario in the Finance Department to get a current business license status.

7. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

From Operations Division Chief Bryden:

- Provided report handouts on types of incident calls (1 day only), and monthly response times – average time remains around 3 minutes.
- Currently in Week 2 of 10 week recruit academy. The eight recruits are currently training on ladders, and you may see them around the city while they train on various buildings.
- Promotions – Mike De Ponce was selected from 3 top quality candidates, to promote to Battalion Chief. Mike's captain position vacancy will be filled by Bob Kendall, who was already on the Captain's eligibility list. Both promote on May 4.
- An Engineer's test will be undertaken in July. There will be 4 components: written exercise, mechanical, hose lays, and interview.
- Budget – analysis is always on-going. We are well within our year-end budget, and may have extra funds to purchase USAR equipment and Haz Mat items.
- Chief McElroy gave a deposition this week relating to the Jesusita Fire.
- No significant incidents of note.

8. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

From Police Chief Sanchez:

- Regarding receiving a budget presentation, the next commission meeting is May 23 which occurs after the scheduled council meeting presentations on May 20. Chief Sanchez has gone over budget with 2 committee members. Status quo budget, but will be asking for 4 more positions. The two police liaisons are invited to attend the Council presentation.
- Solved a 25 year old murder case. Suspect had fled to Mexico and with the Mexican government's assistance, he was arrested. Sentence will be served in Mexico. There are 17 additional cold cases as far back as 1962 that remain active.
- Still investigating Olive Street homicide.
- Academy's – Graduated 7 officers last week, and 6 more cadets start academy next week. 8-9 will start academy in October (520 applicants tested). Over 15% of department is now women.
- Next City Council update presentation May 14 will be about the school resource officer's first year at the high school, restorative policing and the new veterans program. In the City of Santa Barbara, 15% of homeless are vets.
- 2600 kids are now in the Police Activities League (PAL). Yearly fundraiser event is Friday at the Historical Museum.

Christensen inquired about the media's report that the gang injunction will be discussed at Council. Chief Sanchez stated that City Attorney Steve Wiley was asked by councilmembers, and may give a report on it.

Christensen inquired about com stats. Chief Sanchez said they are still within parameters.

Christensen inquired about the burglary rate. Chief Sanchez stated the incidence of burglary to motor vehicles is still high, but approximately 80% of the occurrences are crimes of opportunity (i.e. car doors left unlocked; garages left open).

Christensen commented on the recent Supreme Court regarding blood tests for DUI. Chief Sanchez stated it will make their job harder.

She also commented on the DeNuzio court case. Chief Sanchez stated the Judge did a disservice in his decision.

9. ADJORN: 4:47 PM