

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, **October 27, 2016 @ 4:00**
David Gebhard Room, Community Development

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners: Daniel, Laponis, and Zeitsoff

Staff Present: Fire Chief Pat McElroy, Police Chief Lori Luhnnow, Deputy City Attorney John Doimas, Councilmember Greg Hart, and Secretary Carol Lupo

2. Changes to the Agenda

None

3. Approval of Minutes of September 22, 2016

MOTION: Daniel to approve minutes of July 28, 2016. Zeitsoff seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote.

4. Public Comment (Total Time 10 minutes)

None.

5. Subcommittee Reports

Daniel met with fire department employees Chris Braden, the Fire Services Specialist, and Liliana Encinas, a part time employee who oversees Public Education. She invited each of them make presentations to the Commission next year on their programs, beginning with Liliana Encinas at the next meeting.

Doimas clarified that the next meeting will be held in January 2017, as traditionally no meeting is held in November or December due to the holidays, unless there is a permitting issue that necessitated a meeting be held.

6. Old Business: Commissioners may ask questions for clarification, refer to staff for factual information or make brief reports or announcements.

Laponis attended the City of Santa Barbara Advisory Group meeting for Commission Chairs and Vice Chairs. He recommended anyone in those roles to attend as it was very informative.

7. New Business:

Laponis requested that at the January or future meeting that a refresher on ethics and Brown Act refresher be given to the commissioners. Also, at the next meeting in January, he would like the Commission to plan out a couple of matters to focus on during the rest of the year.

8. Fire Chief's Report

Statistics – A handout of the incident calls (987 calls) for September was provided.

Drawdown – McElroy explained the impact of covering those firefighters that are at fires. The drawdown number, or number of personnel that the department will send on assignments is defined by the agency’s ability to perform its basic service levels. They have had as many as 22 people at one time on assignments this year.

Soberanes Fire – Now the most expensive fire in history, at about \$275 million.

New technology – Working with the Police Dept. Information Technology (PDIT) and City Information Systems to plan and cooperate on fire department services. iPads are being placed in vehicles as Mobile Data Terminals, replacing bulky laptops.

Type 3 Incident Management Team – Is a local resource/agency team composed of local department personnel. The local team was very successful this year and were invited to deploy to Hurricane Matthew. The deployment was canceled due to red flag conditions here locally.

Station 7 remodel – Daniel asked for an update. McElroy replied that design drawings have been received from the architect. Moving forward.

Statistics – Laponis asked for charts comparing numbers to last year.

9. Presentation from Saul Serrano of the South Coast Task Force on Youth Safety

Mr. Serrano gave a PowerPoint presentation providing information on what the task force is, its goals, and its accomplishments.

- Their mission: To improve and support the safety and quality of life for youth, their families, and the community.”
- The task force acts as a convener to facilitate coordination, blending of resources, and partnerships by the agencies that serve youth in at risk situations.
- The task force has a set of guiding principals
- Task Force Initiatives:
 - Mental Health Services
 - Jobs and Jobs skills connection
 - Pilot Program - mentoring and expedited services for youth in at risk situations
 - Service Provider Coordination
 - Evaluation – Training and Technical Support to Community Based Organization’s
 - Youth Services Inventory
 - Coordinator’s Work Plan
- Youth with **Gang Terms and Conditions** decrease (County-wide)
 - **2009 – 245 youth**
 - **2015 – 62 youth *75% Overall decrease since 2009**
- **City of Santa Barbara:**
 - **2009 - 161 youth**
 - **2015 – 37 youth**
- California Gang Reduction Intervention and Prevention Funds (Cal-GRIP)
 - **\$3.3** Million in funds to the region 2009-2015
 - **449** Youth served intervention programs
 - **3,186** Youth served in school prevention
 - **3,635 Total youth** served in region from 2009 to 2015
 - **396** Parents served
- Service Providers Network
 - 18 Partner Agencies

10. Discussion on Changes to the Noise Ordinance

This was an agenda item raised by Commissioner Christensen. As she was not in attendance, the item was not discussed.

11. Police Chief's Report

Chief Luhnnow provided a print out of the presentation from last month's meeting.

Statistics - Handling more calls. Residential burglaries are up. Promising trends in gang crimes.

Laponis inquired about the ballot measure to legalize marijuana and the impacts on the police department. Luhnnow responded that her former staff at San Diego Police Dept. met with Denver Police to go over the impacts of legalizing marijuana had on its department. Denver stated that vehicle fatalities increased in the first year by 60%, and 3 year trend was a 40% increase. Questions remain on how to test levels of intoxication.

Daniel inquired on the acquisition of the statistical software mentioned at a previous meeting. Luhnnow answered that optimistically by May 2017.

Administrator for Volunteer Programs – A vision to have a uniformed retired volunteer policing program is being developed. Some ideas they could assist with: Traffic control, as community ambassadors to be seen as a presence, crime prevention talks, check the welfare calls, vacation home checks, and other activities. The administrator will oversee these activities.

Baseball cards – Affinity cards have been developed as a tool for officers to be seen on a human level. They have also videoed officers, and put their stories up on the city website.

Zeitsoff inquired about body cameras. Luhnnow is a proponent of the transparency but it is a significant cost in storing data. Grant possibilities could be in the future.

Daniels commented and gave kudos for the presence of the Police Department at New Noise event in the Funk Zone last weekend.

12. Adjourn 5:55 PM

MOTION: Daniel to adjourn the meeting. Zeitsoff seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote.