

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Regular Meetings

2nd Tuesday

January, April, July, and October

Date: July 8, 2014

(Regular Meeting)

Time: 6:00 P.M.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Ella "Lee" Rogers

Vice Chair Joline Bell Hahn

Member Richard Amos

Member Chris Swoboda

Member Sam Thatte

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Council Member Bill Holland,
Council Liaison

City of Hesperia

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July 8, 2014
REGULAR MEETING

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CITY OF HESPERIA
PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CALL TO ORDER

6:00 p.m.

- A. Roll Call:
 - Chair Rogers
 - Vice Chair Hahn
 - Member Amos
 - Member Swoboda
 - Member Thatte
- B. Invocation by to be determined at meeting
- C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Please complete a "Comment Card" and give it to the Recording Secretary. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per individual. State your name and address for the record before making your presentation. This request is optional, but very helpful for the follow-up process.

Under the provisions of the Brown Act, Members are prohibited from taking action on oral requests. However, Members may respond briefly or refer the communication to staff.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Approval of Minutes of regular meetings held on April 8, 2014.
2. Introduction/Installation of New Committee Member – Richard Amos
3. Government Code 1090 Conflicts – Mike Podegracz, City Manager
4. Fire Department Quarterly/Update report by Division Chief Britt Sipe.
5. Police Department Quarterly/Update, report by Captain Nils Bentsen.
6. City of Hesperia Emergency Operations Update by Emergency Services Coordinator, Brigit Bennington.

COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF COMMENTS

Committee Members may make comments of general interest and/or direct staff to add specific items to the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair will adjourn the meeting of the Committee to the next regularly scheduled meeting of October 14, 2014

I, Brigit K. Bennington, Recording Secretary of the City of Hesperia, California do hereby certify that I caused to be posted the foregoing agenda on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to California Government Code §54954.2.



Brigit K. Bennington,
Recording Secretary

City of Hesperia Public Safety Advisory Committee

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2014

I. Call to order 6:03 PM

Chair Ella "Lee" Rogers called to order the regular meeting of the City of Hesperia Public Safety Advisory Committee at 6:03 PM on *Date* in the Council Chambers, 9700 Seventh Avenue, Hesperia, California.

II. Roll Call

Chair Ella "Lee" Rogers conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

Chair – Ella "Lee" Rogers - Present

Vice Chair – Joline Bell-Hahn - Present

Member – Chris Swoboda - Present

Member Sam Thatte - Present

Member – Vacant Position

Bill Holland – City Council Member

III. Invocation by Captain Bentsen

IV. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Council Member Bill Holland

V. Public Comments

Public Comments were opened at 6:03 PM and Closed at 6:05 PM.
There were no public comments.

VI. Items for Consideration

Approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 14, 2014.

VII. Vice Chair Joline Bell-Hahn to approve minutes. Seconded by Member Sam Thatte, passed with the following roll call vote:

Vote: 4 to 0

Ayes: Chair Ella "Lee" Rogers, Vice Chair Joline Bell-Hahn, Members Chris Swoboda, Sam Thatte

Noes: 0

Abstain: ***

1. Fire Department Quarterly/Update report by Division Chief Britt Sipe.

Personnel have been placed under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant. County Fire has not hired since 2008 and have opened up positions. Applicants could apply online, currently there have been 1000 applications who filed online and two fire stations were available for applicants to submit applications for employment.

Hospital bed delays continue – spiked again, flu and illnesses. County Fire has a gurney wagon program that can release ambulances and crew back for emergency response. When the ambulances are at hospital, the gurney crew can stay with three patients who are waiting to be seen in the ER. County can also bring ambulances from the mountains, Wrightwood, Arrowhead to assist with calls.

County Fire is working on tightening up budget by recouping costs for DUI and illegal drug related calls. County Fire is taking advantage of California's Ground Emergency Ambulance Transportation (GEMT) AB 678 which enables governmental agencies to receive reimbursement from FEMA for patient transport. Where Fire suffers financially is due to Medicare only paying \$140 and Medical only paying \$130, under GEMT County Fire can pursue FEMA for about \$350 per run. County is receiving approximately \$2.1 million for reimbursement for ambulance transport. County Fire is working on procedures with City of Hesperia.

Glen Helen inmate crews available to work 50 work days for the City to save money.

City will be replacing the cardiac monitors – computers are 7 years old. The new cardiac monitors have WIFI capability – moving towards electronic patient care will greatly enhance our patient care. The new Cardiac Monitors can take photos of California Driver's License and insurance information, once information is input, it can be cross referenced to save time on patients. The new cardiac monitors will have the capability to send information directly to ER via internet.

Ambulance business – County Fire approved through County Human Resources new ambulance positions. These positions will be filled by Non-Safety Personnel and will be assigned to an ambulance verses ambulances that are staffed by Fire Personnel goes along with the same concept as American Medical Response (AMR). This will free up Firefighters to respond to all other types of hazard calls.

Bill Holland – talked to Committee regarding the SAFER grant and City's visit to Washington, DC. Prior to the DC trip, because the City contracts for Fire protection services through the county, overtime costs were excluded through this grant. The City was in a quandary, because overtime costs were being passed on to the City and there were no means of reimbursement for overtime costs. Through negotiations by Staff, Mike Podegracz, Georgia Lantsberger, Mayor Smith and Mayor Pro Tem, Schmidt, the City is able to recoup overtime costs. Another

benefit; was the grant was extended and now is available until the money runs out could be an additional 1 to 2 years.

2. Police Department Quarterly/Update report by Captain Nils Bentsen.

Good stats and fortunately they have been very good for the past few years. Part I crimes have been reduced 10.5% - Part II up because we are arresting more people. The formula works against Part II crimes, because of the increase in transient population and DUI drivers. We did very well last year - January/February trending down. Early on in the year won't have a clear snapshot, due to the response of the deputies.

A direct result of dropping the crime rate - few examples; Part I crimes would have been down a lot more, before the Walmart opening. Walmart keeps deputies busy. Most arrests and response to Walmart are not residents of Hesperia. Most recently, Deputy McCurdy grabbed transients who were trying to steal a generator off a contractor's truck.

There are many arrests at Wal Mart - partly because of a good security working relationship with Wal Mart. Wal Mart is a great partner, very cooperative, but add to our Part II Crimes.

Everyone remembers Taylor Chriswell who was hit and killed going to her bus stop. Taylor was crossing the street and only lived a few houses from her bus stop. Although, there is so much criticism, her parents are very decent people. The lady who hit her did not have a chance to break and she was going five miles under the speed limit. She is a very nice citizen. This was a very tragic event. The paper printed the wrong information.

Important cases: The kidnapping that occurred - deputies did an outstanding job; Deputy Watson had actually stopped the suspect the night before on an unrelated incident. When the kidnapping took place, Deputy Watson was able to provide the vehicle description and put the vehicle description and name within ½ hour all went well and the suspect was taken into custody. Fortunately, nothing happen to the kid.

First homicide - no Hesperia residents were involved it just happened in Hesperia. The suspect was - gangster out of SB and the victim was not a Hesperia resident. The suspect was in custody within 12 hours of the homicide.

April fool's joke with the carjacking. We take this crime very seriously. When the call came in, we automatically dispatched Hesperia, Victorville, Apple Valley and 4D King. The car was located really quick and facts were sorted out really quick. The kids went to jail; there were two adults and one 17 year old. Channel 7 came up and did a report. Lessons were learned. This is a very serious violent crime.

Matt Schilling is being transferred – Greg Milinga – is taking his place. Greg is an Executive ? at the HD Detention center. He worked on the construction project. He will be a good addition to the station.

Effective 4/22 – Deputy Motley was promoted. He will be missed. He is a very experienced Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) investigator.

MAIT has received and have almost fully equipped a response trailer. The MAIT Investigators used specialized equipment. Homeland Security Grant Money was received and will be used. There was no cost to the city. This trailer can be used for DUI Check Points.

Good news from City. The Multiple Response Forms that are used for disturbance calls, for example; the neighbor not turning down their music. This form is signed and escalates, the more times of the response the more expensive it gets. This form is a great resource for the habitual offender. The Multiple Response Forms tracks the habitual abuser and shows premise history. For example, Kmart is not good about their alarm, we keep handing them the Multiple Response Form. The City was able to pursue them for the false alarm calls stating if they don't pay the fines, the amount would be added to their taxes. Kmart paid the city \$13,000 for the false alarm calls. The false alarm calls has to do with their management not training employees properly and the huge turnover of personnel.

Chair Ella "Lee" Rogers asked if this form can be used for barking dogs. One of her neighbors on the street behind where she lives, have dogs, dogs bark continually – who can they call? Her neighbor, McGinnus – works at cement plant and gets up very early. Captain Bentsen asked for the information and he will work with Animal Control.

3. City of Hesperia Emergency Operations Quarterly/Update by Emergency Services Coordinator, Brigit Bennington.

Provided update on Emergency Operations and CERT

VIII. Committee Member and Staff Comments

Member Swoboda - None

Member Thatte – inquired about the status of the Stop Sign on Escondido and Fir. He stated the tree was trimmed making it easier to see, but inquired if it would be removed. Staff responded stating that the County was notified of the issue.

Vice Chair – Bell-Hahn - Just mention very much aware of the crosswalks on Rancho and Danbury have heavy use – exercising. She is concerned about the lack of weed abatement along Rancho. No litter all weeds.

Chair – Rogers - Question – Escondido problem – stop sign follow up. Part of sphere of influence but not our area to maintain. Ella called as a member of the school board, concerned for traffic accidents. Immediate need the tree needed was trimmed.

Starbucks situation – had to put in the grease traps. Council Member Holland explained that any substances that basically congeal need grease traps. Starbucks would have milk and creamers that need to be trapped so they don't go into our sewer system. The Starbucks Managers complied but didn't agree with the way it was handled. Customer service should have been kinder and nicer rather than on a dictator mode.

Council Member Holland - overpass Rancho – businesses showing interest in building there. Tons of businesses are interested, not only on ramp area, but nothing solvent.

Rancho corridor project – under pass project, widening – will go around the entire valley. Reason bringing up, talk about making Rancho six lanes – long range best case scenario. This has been in the General Plan since 1988 never changed.

Aqueduct communications are taking place in order to expand Rancho from two lanes to four lanes. Issues are in dealing with the State.

Tapestry project may be able to move project quicker. Question: Who is willing to pay the tab and maintain? Public Hearings regarding Tapestry – get involved in this project. It is going to be a city within a city. Possible 20,000 to 80,000 residents. Extremely early in the process – get involved whether you are against or for it.

Chair Rogers – feels it is going to turn into housing projects like they have at the other side of Victorville. Public Safety Advisory Committee's chief concern how will police and fire handle workload?

Council Member Holland - Discussions about fire stations, schools, etc. There is a lot to discuss – this committee should be involved. Definitely do homework, ask questions on these issues. The organization is Tapestry – out of Dallas, TX. This project is a 15 to 20 year built out. Plans changed from golf courses to no golf courses, but have planned for green belt hiking trails, etc.

Chair Rogers - Praised 9-1-1 on her husband. Three days after the emergency response, three of the Firefighters came to ICU to check on her husband. Amazing experience for her family. Thank you to the Fire Department!

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM to Regular Meeting on July 8, 2014.

Brigit Bennington
Recording Secretary