

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Regular Meetings

2nd Tuesday

January, April, July, and October

Date: January 10, 2012
(Regular Meeting)

Time: 6:00 P.M.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Ella "Lee" Rogers

Vice Chair Joline Bell Hahn

Member Kim Jones

Member Leisa Lewis

Member Al Vogler



Mayor Pro Tem Bill Holland,
Council Liaison

**City of
Hesperia**

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JANUARY 10, 2012
REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA
CITY OF HESPERIA
PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CALL TO ORDER

6:00 p.m.

- A. Roll Call:
Chair Rogers
Vice Chair Hahn
Member Jones
Member Lewis
Member Vogler

- B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Approval of Minutes of regular meetings held on October 11, 2011
2. City of Hesperia Emergency Management update by Emergency Services Coordinator Brigit Bennington
3. Fire Department Quarterly/update report by Division Chief Barry Fox
4. Police Department Quarterly/update report by Captain Steve Higgins

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.


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 April 10, 2012

I, Liane Moore, Recording Secretary of the City of Hesperia, California do hereby certify that I caused to be posted the foregoing agenda on Wednesday, January 4, at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to California Government Code §54954.2.


Liane Moore,
Recording Secretary

**HESPERIA CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2011
MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council Public Safety Committee was called to order at 300 p.m. by Chair Rogers in the Council Chambers, 9700 Seventh Avenue, Hesperia, California.

CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call:

Present: Vice Chair Hahn
Member Jones
Member Lewis
Member Vogler

Absent: Chair Rogers

B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 12, 2011.

Motion by Member Lewis to approve the Minutes of April 12, 2011 as submitted/amended, Seconded by Member Jones, and passed 4-0-1 with Chair Rogers absent.

2. City of Hesperia Emergency Management update by Emergency Services Coordinator Brigit Bennington.

See printout of PowerPoint presentation handed out at meeting

Vogler asked what size are the trailers

Brigit stated they are 24' x 60' and one is stored at the Mojave yard

3. Fire Department quarterly report by Battalion chief Barry Fox

See handout given at meeting

Evacuation routes are determined on incident to incident basis. Some routes can be identified, but depends on if overpasses/underpasses are still standing or if public Works is available to bulldoze a pathway

Vogler stated public needs to be educated on where to pick up maps

Hahn asked what is the water situation for fires.

Chief Fox stated the tanks are full, and they can also utilize swimming pools for fire water

Hahn asked how many fire fighter positions will we lose if tax does not get approved by the voters

Chief Fox stated looks like 9 positions, possibly close Station 301.

Chief Fox said CDGB Funding came through for Station 302 and contractor to start in December 2011 and finish in June 2012. Also Station 305 fuel islands/tanks were taken over by the County, kitchen flooring pulled out and to be redone, uneven, bubbling, apparatus doors being fixed, roof leaking, but contractor out to repair it. Recommend not to use that contractor again

Chief Fox stated Victor Valley Hospital had until 10/01/11 to find another buyer, down to 63 available beds, they see approximately 33,000 ER patients a year, ICMA met to utilize hospitals down the hill, cheaper to rebuild than to upgrade. St Mary's bed delays for five to six hours at a time. Lucerne Valley will transported to Desert Hot Springs, Desert Valley Hospital has 63 beds, but not enough staffing. Public Service Announcements will be conducted to let public know they will be held for longer times, waiting for beds.

Engineer Ron Reed passed away from cancer

Tracy Wood retired after 26 years on the Fire Department, has a locksmith business here in Hesperia.

4. AB109 State Prisoner Realignment information by Captain Steve Higgins

Hahn stated this is grim news to all of California, money is just not there to keep up with this type of criminal activity. Affects both police and fire departments and no resources to have back up.

Captain Higgins stated public safety is a primary concern for San Bernardino County and the County is in better position than other counties. Have vocation/education programs, electronic monitoring, and parolees are returned to the area where their crime occurred. 7,000 paroles in SB County, 400 or so just in Hesperia. Total not growing that much, jail population will be the bigger problem.

Vogler asked about prison being built in Adelanto, who is going to be housed there.

Captain Higgins stated it is unknown at this time, beds possible to come into play to assist with this problem.

5. Police Department quarterly report by Captain Steve Higgins

See handout given at meeting.

Past quarter busy, two deputies and one detective off on long term leaves. During the past few months auto thefts are up in the High Desert, arrest made and thefts dropped. Victorville City and Hesperia police departments worked together and made several arrests for armed robberies occurring.

One deputy promoted and one transferred, both positions filled immediately

Part I crimes increase is directly related to auto theft from April through August.

Vogler asked if the use of weapons in crimes is up

Captain Higgins stated those statistics are unknown at this time, but robberies are usually with a weapon, a gun or knife.

Jones asked what type of cars were stolen

Captain Higgins stated Hondas are the most popular, taken to chop shops, also a lot were located near where another vehicle was stolen

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF COMMENTS:

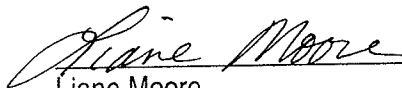
Vogler would like to find out the certainty of the code of the usage of signs and statistics, what percentage of the windows can be covered up, he believes it was due to the windows being covered and the deputy not being able to see inside the business that the deputy was shot in the line of duty.

Jones thanked the Fire and Sheriff's Departments on the last Thursday of September she became ill and passed out. A sheriff offered to take her home and fire personnel stayed with her until she was able to drive herself.

Lewis - nothing

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Hahn adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m. to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.



Liane Moore,
Recording Secretary