

**PUBLIC SAFETY COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2012  
12:00 PM  
MUNICIPAL PLAZA ROOM B**

**Members Present:** Councilmember David Medina, Jr., *Chair, District 5*  
Councilmember Leticia Ozuna, *District 3*  
Councilmember Elisa Chan, *District 9*  
Councilmember Carlton Soules, *District 10*

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**Members Absent:** *None*

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**Staff Present:** Erik Walsh, *Deputy City Manager*; William McManus, *Police Chief*; Charles Hood, *Fire Chief*; Carl Wedige, *Deputy Fire Chief*; Earl Crayton, *Assistant Fire Chief*; Steve Gaffigan, *Police Department*; Jim Kipp, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Others Present:** Liz Johnson, *SA Towing Association*; Lloyd Welty, *SA Towing Association*

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**Call to Order**

Chairman D. Medina called the meeting to order.

**1. Citizens to be Heard**

There were no Citizens to Be Heard.

**2. Approval of minutes of the January 11, 2012 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting**

Councilmember Chan moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2012 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Ozuna seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

**3. Presentation on Upcoming Review and Rating of Fire Services by the Insurance Service Organization**

Presented by Charles Hood, Fire Chief

Fire Chief Charles Hood reported that the Insurance Services Office Inc. (ISO) grades cities on their fire fighting and water supply capacity and assigns a Public Protection Classification (PPC) Rating. He stated that the rating is used by insurance providers to establish commercial and residential rates within the City limits. He noted that ISO Field Representatives conducted a survey of San Antonio's Fire Department and Water System in November, 2011; rating San Antonio with Class 3 of 10, with Class 1 being best. He added that with the assistance of an outside consultant, an extensive amount of support data was provided to ISO Representatives and a new grade is expected in the Fall of 2012. He stated that the consultant's evaluation indicates that the City of San Antonio is

expected to improve to an ISO PPC 2 Class when the review process is complete. He noted that fire defense infrastructure improvements and key water system improvements should lead to an improved ISO Rating.

Chief Hood informed the Committee that if the City of San Antonio does make the improvement from an ISO PPC 3 to an ISO PPC 2, commercial property owners within 5 road miles of a fire station and 1000-feet of a creditable fire hydrant should see a possible 2% reduction in their annual insurance premium. Additionally, all homeowners within the same criteria should see a possible 8% reduction in their annual insurance premium.

**4. Briefing on San Antonio Police Department's Tip 411 System**  
Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police

Police Chief William McManus reported that the TIP 411 System is an interactive system to collect and respond to crime tips. He stated that the product is a secure internet subscription service that requires no computer hardware or maintenance; thus, providing the department a viable low-cost solution at \$25,000.00 per year. He noted that once implemented, a link to the provider service would be placed on the SAPD Website. He added that the system's information collection methods work in two ways: 1) Web or Apple App; and 2) Interactive Geographic Mapping Application.

In response to Chairman Medina, Chief McManus responded that information is received by SAPD's Regional Intelligence Center and forwarded to the proper investigative unit. In an emergency, SAPD will be dispatched immediately. He confirmed that all tips were completely anonymous.

Councilmember Chan asked of the funding source. Chief McManus stated that the system was funded through the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and that the system was currently in the implementation phase.

In response to Councilmember Ozuna, Chief McManus responded that the system can be utilized as an alternate 911 line; however, SAPD prefers that the public utilize 911 in case of an emergency. He stated that the system will be introduced as a source to provide anonymous tips.

Chairman Medina spoke of the importance of informing the public that the system is not a 911 source and to ensure that operating staff are well trained in technology.

**5. Briefing on the Results of San Antonio Police Department's StrIDE Homicide Session**  
Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police

Steve Gaffigan provided an overview of the SAPD Strategic Intelligence Driven Exchange (StrIDE) Program and the outcomes to date. He reported that StrIDE Sessions were used as tools to support the creation of problem-oriented action plans across the department. He stated that said method allows for the maximization of agency resources and more effective targeting of emerging and anticipated crime and operational vulnerabilities. He noted that the program was sustained through innovative policing

strategies and intended to remain fluid and dynamic as new methods begin to emerge. He added that it would enhance capacity for proactive policing.

In response to Councilmember Chan, Chief McManus stated that StrIDE sessions were periodic, proactive, and interactive. Mr. Gaffigan stated that the department was currently reviewing abandoned and drug houses throughout the city.

Councilmember Ozuna requested a homicide map of District 3.

#### **6. Consideration of items for future meetings**

Erik Walsh provided a handout regarding the pending March Meeting Agenda. Chairman Medina requested a briefing on the Towing Services Contract. Councilmember Chan requested a thorough briefing on the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System. Councilmember Soules requested a detailed plan Park (Police) Coverage.

#### **7. Adjournment**

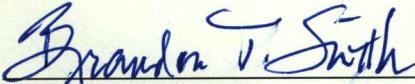
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.



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*David Medina, Jr., Chairman*

*Respectfully Submitted,*



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*Brandon T. Smith*  
*Office of the City Clerk*