

**PUBLIC SAFETY COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2014**

**11:00 A.M.**

**MUNICIPAL PLAZA ROOM B**

**Members Present:** Councilmember Cris Medina, Chair, *District 7*  
Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, *District 3*  
Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, *District 5*  
Councilmember Joe Krier, *District 9*  
Councilmember Michael Gallagher, *District 10*

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**Members Absent:** None.

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**Staff Present:** Erik Walsh, *Deputy City Manager*; William McManus, *Police Chief*; Joseph MacKay, *Deputy Chief of Police, SAPD*; Steven Baum, *Assistant Director, SAPD*; Brian Halverson, *Assistant to the Director, SAPD*; Denice Trevino, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Also Present:** None.

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**Call to order**

**Citizens to be Heard**

There were no items addressed by Citizens.

**1. Approval of Minutes of the February 10, 2014 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting**

Councilmember Gallagher moved to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2014 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Gonzales seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

**Items to Be Considered:**

**2. Briefing on Human Trafficking [Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police]**

Chief McManus reviewed the Human Trafficking Statistics from 2011 through 2014 year to date. He indicated that the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) worked with the Alamo Area Coalition which was created by the U.S. Attorney General's Office and was comprised of: 1) City, State, and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies; 2) U.S. Attorney's Office; 3) Bexar County District Attorney's Office; and 4) Child Protective Services (CPS). He stated that Human Trafficking was addressed by providing: 1) Protection; 2) Education; 3) Training; and 4) Prosecution. He indicated that to provide protection, SAPD worked with the Bexar County Juvenile Probation (BCJP) and CPS to identify at risk children and initiate investigations. He noted that this model had been successful; especially among runaway and homeless children who are at higher risk. He added that two SAPD Detectives were members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Crimes Against Children Task Force (FBI Task Force). He stated

that education was provided by the FBI's Task Force Education Committee which was charged with raising awareness and educating the Public. He reported that said Committee provided presentations to: 1) Church Groups; 2) College Organizations; 3) Medical Workers; 4) Hotel/Motel Staff; and 5) Truck Drivers. He stated that the presentations were designed to help various organizations recognize "red flag" indicators. He noted that members of these groups may be deceived initially by Human Traffickers when requesting their assistance. He stated that the SAPD Academy provided annual training to all SAPD Officers and CPS Case Workers. He added that SAPD had two Certified Teachers who provided a Sexual Assault Family Violence Investigator Course. He stated that in order to carry out the prosecution of Offenders, SAPD worked with the Bexar County District Attorney's Office to build and prosecute cases against suspected Traffickers. He noted that said Office had an Investigator and a Prosecutor dedicated exclusively to Human Trafficking Cases.

Chairman Medina asked if there were specific signs observed that may indicate that Human Trafficking was taking place. Chief McManus replied that some of the signs would be: 1) Overpopulated house or apartment; 2) Excessive number of people observed in a vehicle during a traffic stop; 3) Nervous driver; and 4) People being held or pooled. He mentioned that SAPD had created a new Assignment in the Traffic Unit to assist in identifying Human Trafficking, as well as the transporting of drugs, money, or firearms to and from the border.

Councilmember Viagran referred to the Human Trafficking Statistics presented and asked for the definition of "Unfounded" Cases. Chief McManus stated that cases were classified as "Unfounded" when investigation revealed that there was no probable cause to indicate that Human Trafficking had occurred. Councilmember Viagran asked of the difference between Human and Sexual Trafficking. Chief McManus stated that there was no difference. Councilmember Viagran asked of the type of cases seen in San Antonio. Chief McManus reported that there had been no cases reported this year.

Councilmember Gonzales asked if SAPD partnered with any Anti-Trafficking Organizations. Chief McManus replied that they did not, but when a victim requested assistance from said organizations SAPD would become involved.

Councilmember Gallagher asked if an increase or decrease in Human Trafficking had occurred in San Antonio. Chief McManus noted that an increase should be expected due to the deployment of the Highway Interdiction Unit. He indicated that said unit was part of the Traffic Unit and its Officers were trained to look specifically for evidence of Human Trafficking, and transportation of drugs, money, and firearms to and from the border. Councilmember Gallagher asked of trends reported by other Texas cities. Chief McManus stated that none had been reported.

Councilmember Viagran expressed the need to focus more attention on said issue and asked of the major challenges faced by Officers in identifying these type of offenses. Chief McManus indicated that by nature, said crimes were much less obvious than others.

No action was required for Item 2.

### **3. Briefing on the 2013 Uniform Crime Report Statistics [Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police]**

Chief McManus stated that Type I Crimes, which included Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny-Theft, and Motor Vehicle Theft were reported by SAPD to the Texas Department of Public Safety throughout the year. He noted that said crimes were reported to the FBI for review and inclusion in the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program Database. He stated that the Clearance Rates had increased for all categories by 13% since 2012. He reviewed the Clearance, Violent, and Property Crime Rates from 2008 through 2013. He reported that an Audit was performed on SAPD's UCR Program Database and the data was found to be accurate by the Audit Committee. He indicated that the following data could be accessed on the SAPD Website: 1) Crime Maps via RAIDS Online; 2) Neighborhood "Calls for Service"; 3) Monthly and Annual UCR Statistics; and 4) Registered Sex Offenders by Location.

Chairman Medina asked of measures taken to prevent said crimes. Chief McManus stated that for Aggravated Assault and Robberies, there were no specific patterns noted and this made it difficult to prevent or catch Criminals in the conduct of the crimes. He indicated that victims felt more comfortable reporting Rape and there were more outlets for them to report it to. He noted that people were more inclined to settle a disagreement using a weapon. He indicated that in cases of Aggravated Robbery, the person committing the Assault and the Victim typically knew each other. Chairman Medina asked how a Homeowner's Association would be able to access Crime Statistics. Chief McManus indicated that said information could be found on the SAPD Website and RAIDS Online. He added that previously; SAPD provided RAIDS Online Training to City Council Staff.

Councilmember Viagran asked of the definition of "Serial" when describing Crimes. Chief McManus stated that "Serial" denoted that said Crime was suspected of being committed by the same person or persons.

Councilmember Gonzales asked of the difference between Burglary and Robbery. Chief McManus defined Burglary as breaking into and entering a house, automobile, or building with intent to steal. He stated that Robbery was the taking of the property of another from his or her person or in his or her immediate presence, against his or her will, by violence or intimidation. He noted that Property Crimes included Arson, Burglary, and Theft and any other Crime not committed against a person. He stated that Violent Crimes included Aggravated Assault, Rape, and Robbery. Councilmember Gonzales asked of trends consistent with those noted in Peer Cities. Chief McManus stated that data should not be used for comparison because Crimes may be reported differently by each City, although they may be used as a reference. Councilmember Gonzales asked if leaving property visible inside of a vehicle should be made an Offense. Chief McManus replied that he would not advise that but instead; recommended that Public Awareness be increased.

Councilmember Krier praised the work of the Repeat Offender Program (ROP) Unit. He asked of the definition of Clearance Rate. Chief McManus defined Clearance Rate as the percentage of cases cleared by arrest or exception, exception being defined as by means other than arrest. Councilmember Krier noted that his Constituents reported speeding, failure to stop at stop signs, and other Traffic-Related Offenses in the Stone Oak Neighborhood. Chief McManus reported that once said Offenses were committed, Officers from the Traffic Unit would provide coverage to all areas reporting said Offenses on a rotating basis. He noted that SAPD would attend Homeowner Association Meetings if requested. Councilmember Krier requested a meeting with Chief McManus to further discuss the issue.

Councilmember Gallagher expressed concern that "Calls for Service" may be duplicated. Chief McManus assured the Committee that "Calls for Service" were recorded as a single event. He added that since inception of the Police Resource Allocation Model (PRAM) and the Redistricting of the Six Substation Areas; a drop in response times was noted during the first two months of this year.

No action was required for Item 3.

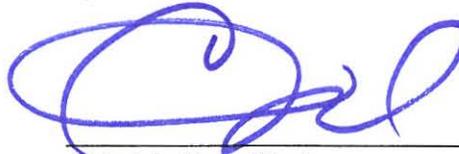
### **Consideration of Items for Future Meetings**

Chairman Medina requested an overview of all Community Policing Programs to include Citizens on Patrol.

Councilmember Gallagher requested a review of the San Antonio Fear Free Environment (SAFFE) Officer Program.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.



*Cris Medina, Chair*

*Respectfully Submitted,*



*Denice F. Treviño  
Office of the City Clerk*