



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 1, 2010**

The Public Safety Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, March 1, 2010 at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Michael Lauderdale, called the Board Meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Aman Bandali
Sam Holt
Ramey Ko
Michael Lauderdale
Michael Levy
Kim Rossmo
Moses Saldana Jr.

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. An approval of minutes was not required due to the fact that the February 1, 2010 Public Safety Commission meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum.

2. Summary of Events – Plane Crash on February 18, 2010 – APD Chief of Staff David Carter

- a. Austin Police Department Assistant Chief David Carter provided a summary of the events that transpired during the February 18, 2010 plane crash into the Echelon Building. Commission Member Saldana requested that staff look into the possibility of renaming the Echelon Building after the individual who lost his life when the plane crashed into the building.

3. Briefing over the Amendment of City Ordinance 14-8-32 – APD Chief of Staff David Carter

- a. Austin Police Department Assistant Chief David Carter provided a briefing on City Ordinance 14-8-32 which established that the single point of accountability with respect to City of Austin street closures require the Chief of Police to determine the number of peace officers necessary for street closures and special events.

4. Citizen Communications

- a. Citizen Communications was placed at the end of the agenda by Chair Lauderdale to allow discussion on items to take place first.
- b. Benjamin Weir spoke about concerns over the Privacy Policy of the Austin Regional Intelligence Center.

- c. Trey Rentinelli addressed concerns over the Austin Regional Intelligence Center
- d. Morgan Hargrave spoke about his organization, Texas Impact and the Austin Regional Intelligence Center.
- e. Chandra Seymour addressed the Austin Regional Intelligence Center and its impact to drain resources.
- f. John Bush spoke about the Austin Regional Intelligence Center and the speed at which the center is being implemented.
- g. Gabe Biegert addressed the Public Safety Camera project and his disgrace for law enforcement officials use of high resolution cameras.

5. Department Director Introductions and Overview

- a. Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services Chief, Ernesto Rodriguez, provided a general overview of the Department's demographics, response times, coverage area, best practices and unmet needs and challenges.
- b. Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services Association President, Steve Stewart, provided a report on unmet challenges, equipment needs and how it relates to response times, and vehicle depreciation.
- c. The Public Safety Commission recommended to City Council funding in the next budget for replacement of the 2 units staffing and replacement for the 2 units being moved to the county. This motion shall include funding for the existing peak-load unit that is being manned by overtime and 1 additional peak-load unit was approved on Vice-Chair Levy's motion, Commission Member Bandali's second on a 7-0 vote.

6. Fusion Center Update – APD Chief of Staff David Carter

- a. Austin Police Department Assistant Chief David Carter provided an overview of the Austin Regional Intelligence Center. Addressed in the overview advantages to the center, privacy policy, the ARIC Executive Board, and expectations from the center.
- b. The motion recommending support from the Public Safety Commission as to the concept of the Austin Regional Intelligence Center (ARIC) for the Austin Police Department was approved on Commission Chair Lauderdale's motion, Commission Member Rossmo's second on a 7-0 vote.

7. Public Safety Cameras – Austin Police Department

- a. Austin Police Department Commander Troy Gay provided a quick overview of the timeline for the Public Safety Camera project which included placement of cameras, infrastructure costs, and committee assignments to examine policies and procedures.
- b. A motion recommending the support of the Public Safety Camera project was approved on Vice-Chair Levy's motion, Commission Member Holt's second on a 7-0 vote.

8. Adjournment