



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, August 6, 2012**

The Public Safety Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, August 6, 2012 at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Michael Lauderdale, called the Board Meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Kent Anschutz
Sam Holt
Michael Lauderdale
Michael Levy
Kim Rossmo

Board Members not in Attendance:

Ramey Ko

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes for the regular meeting on 07/02/2012 were approved on Commissioner Holt's motion, Commissioner Anschutz's second on a 5-0 vote with Commissioner Ko not present.
- b. Chairman Lauderdale clarified for the board that the September meeting will be moved to Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2012, due to Monday Sept. 3 being a city holiday.

2. Citizen Communications

- a. Delwin Goss, Austin Citizen, spoke regarding dog attacks and other dog-related issues, and advocated for a spay/neuter ordinance.
- b. Colleen Lynn, Austin Citizen, spoke regarding dog bites, and provided information on her organization DogsBite.Org. Backup material archived.
- c. Heather Fazio, Austin Citizen, spoke regarding mismanagement of police resources and gave an update on the Burglary of Vehicle case she recently experienced.

3. Discussion and Possible Action Items

- a. Briefing on the PERF Patrol Utilization Study – presented by APD Chief of Staff David Carter and APD Assistant Chief Brian Manley.
Following discussion, Chairman Lauderdale made the following motion: “to recognize that the PERF patrol utilization study represents a ‘conversation’ on how best to determine the

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number of officers for APD, their training, equipment and deployment.” Commissioner Holt seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously with none opposed and no abstentions.

- b. Wild Fire Risk – presented by AFD Chief of Staff Harry Evans
Following discussion, Commissioner Levy made the following motion: “motion directed to the City Council, that in spite of the budget submitted to the Council by the City Budget Office and the City Manager, the Public Safety Commission feels that the greatest threat to public safety in Austin is from wildfires and integral to the City's response is a funded AFD Wildland Fire Division.” Motion seconded by Commissioner Rossmo. Motion carried unanimously with none opposed and no abstentions.
- c. Future Helicopter Deployment Plan – presented by APD Chief of Staff David Carter
Chief of Staff Carter presented information on the deployment plan, and the progress of the plan to date.
- d. Citizen Communication related to Discussion/Action Items
 - 1. Mary Arnett, Austin Citizen, spoke on the PERF utilization study (item 3.a) and stated there was a problem with officers moving assignments within the department too often and too quickly.
 - 2. Heather Fazio, Austin Citizen, spoke on the PERF utilization study (item 3.a) and stated she felt there would be a problem with civilianizing certain positions, such as those in the Fusion Center and the Real Time Crime Center. Ms. Fazio also spoke on the Helicopter deployment plan (item 3.c), and wanted information on deployment of helicopters vs. drones.

4. Briefings and Updates

- a. Identity Theft Overview – presented by Commander Singletary
Commander Singletary presented an overview of APD identity theft investigations. Commissioner Rossmo requested statistics on UCR Part II crimes related to these investigations from Commander Singletary.

5. Possible Agenda Items for September Meeting

- a. Continued discussion of the PERF Patrol Utilization Study.
- b. Enhanced Neighborhood Enforcement, specifically related to area of 12th St/Chicon St.
- c. Continued discussion of Wild Fire Risk.
- d. Dog bites/attacks as they relate to public safety.

6. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Rossmo, second by Commissioner Holt. Meeting adjourned.

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