



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, December 3, 2012**

**The Public Safety Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, December 3, 2012 at City Hall, 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Michael Lauderdale, called the Board Meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Kim Rossmo  
Kent Anschutz  
Sam Holt  
Michael Lauderdale  
Michael Levy  
Reynaldo Moreno  
Ramey Ko (present beginning at 4:40 PM)

**Board Members not in Attendance:**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

- a. The minutes for the regular meeting on 11/05/2012 were approved on Commissioner Holt's motion, Commissioner Holt's second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Ko not present.

**2. Citizen Communications**

- a. Scott Johnson spoke about his continuing concerns regarding distracted driving including texting while driving, the efforts of the Street Smart Task Force, and possible future legislation. He also encouraged the Commission to frequently revisit the issue of distracted driving.
- b. Garrett Olin, Director of Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), voiced concern about the APD Public Order Initiative's effect on homeless and transient populations. Additionally he addressed transient-involved crime, the behavior and circumstances of transients and needed resources.

**3. Discussion and Possible Action Items**

- a. EMS Potential Issues from Civil Service Changes, Vacancy Rates, EMS Core City Station Expansion, Travis County Participation and Fire Department Coordination- Chief of Staff James Shamard  
*This item was postponed until the January 2013 meeting.*

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- b. Commission Recommendation to City Council for Outside Review for EMS per a PERF-type contract  
*This item was postponed until the January 2013 meeting.*
- c. Code Compliance Overview-Code Compliance Director Carl Smart  
Director Smart presented an overview of the Code Compliance Department and outlined department outreach and education efforts, programs and responsibilities, department challenges, the transition to a proactive approach with code compliance, and the working relationship between Code Compliance and other city departments. Director Smart also fielded questions from the Commission about hiring requirements and preferences, employee training, community perceptions, processes and logistics, and responses to various types of code complaints.
- d. Eye Witness and Lineup Policy Briefing and Wrongful Conviction – Commander Julie O’Brien, Commander Steve Deaton and Commander Mark Spangler  
Commander O’Brien provided a history of eye witness and lineup research including a study involving the Austin Police Department and Travis County. The Commander also reviewed improvements and standardization made to APD polices based on best practices. Commander O’Brien also answered questions from the Commission about physical versus photo lineups, the efficacy of physical lineups, and access to and use of photographs.

#### 4. Briefings and Updates

- a. Grant Update – Assistant Chief Brian Manley  
Assistant Chief Manley briefed the Commission on the public safety grant information that will now be regularly updated and available on the 16<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- b. Rundberg Area Neighborhood Enforcement and Restore Rundberg Project – Assistant Chief Brian Manley  
Assistant Chief Brian Manley briefed the Commission about the agenda item coming before the City Council on December 13<sup>th</sup> for the approval of \$300,000 in research funding as part of the Restore Rundberg Project.  
West Campus Crime and Quality of Life – Assistant Chief Raul Munguia  
Assistant Chief Munguia provided an overview of West Campus focusing on the habits and attitudes of young college students in the area, the opportunities for property crime, outreach and education efforts, responsibilities of and working relationship between UTPD and APD.
- c. Overview of Homeless and Transient Demographics and Mental Health Call Statistics- Ron MacKay and Chief of Staff James Shamard  
*This item was postponed until the January 2013 meeting.*

#### 5. Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items

- a. EMS Potential Issues from Civil Service Changes, Vacancy Rates, EMS Core City Station Expansion, Travis County Participation and Fire Department Coordination Including Possible Recommendation to Council on Civil Service
- b. Commission Recommendation to City Council for Outside Review for EMS per a PERF-type contract
- c. Overview of Homeless and Transient Demographics, Transient-Involved Crime and Mental Health Call Statistics (written material requested by Commissioner Rossmo)

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- d. Fire Deaths and Critical Burns in 2012
- e. Pedestrian Fatalities in 2012 and Related Programming/Funding Needs
- f. Discussion on False Confession Related Issues
- g. Presentation of data related to distracted driving activity in Austin as compared with other cities.

**6. Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Anschutz, seconded by Commissioner Holt. Meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM.