

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Engaging the Community

- City Manager formed Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) to secure input on report development
- Representatives from commissions, business, education, community
- PSAC to continue involvement to implement next steps

Committee Members

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- Kim Schule
- Adolfo Segura
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- Lynnette Tessitore
- Armida Torres
- Kim Vander Bie
- Rosy Vasquez
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Purpose of Committee

- Community and stakeholder feedback/input on priorities for delivery of public safety services
- Short and long-term staffing level standards for CVPD and CVFD
- Response times for Priority 1 and Priority 2 emergency Calls for CVPD
- Response times with properly equipped and staffed fire and medical units for CVFD
- Consideration of alternate public safety service delivery models
- Accounting for growth – 5-year, 10-year and build-out projection models
- Fiscal forecasts and impacts

August 10 Meeting

- Fire Department and Police Department overview of
 - Operations
 - Historical staffing
 - Efficiencies
 - Challenges



August 31, 2017

⦿ Facilitated Breakout Sessions

- All participated in a discussion on Fire and Police services
- Overview
- Personal experience with Public Safety
- What services are important to the community

Comments/Recommendations

- ⦿ Overall Police and Fire do a great job with the staff they have.
- ⦿ Concern that the Fire Department is too focused on 4/0 staffing which does not address the failure to meet medical response times which accounts for majority of calls.
- ⦿ How does 4/0 staffing help with emergency medical response.
- ⦿ Concerns regarding low police patrolling in the eastern sections of the City.
- ⦿ Concerns about reduced staffing levels for School Resource Officers (SROs) at schools to address problems at an early stage.

Comments/Recommendations

- ⦿ Concerns about too much police presence at the schools. Focus should not be on using police force at our schools but provide social service programs to get to the root of the issues.
- ⦿ Concerns about medical response times in the eastern sections of the City.
- ⦿ The recommendation cannot be just add more officers. We need to address the issues creating the problem.

Comments/Recommendations

- ⦿ Concerns regarding police response times overall (all priority calls)
- ⦿ Request to expand neighborhood watch
- ⦿ Not enough officers east of the SR-125.
- ⦿ Concern that old staffing models are being used when types of calls have shifted over to higher number of medical calls.
- ⦿ Police not as responsive with certain incidents: traffic, loitering, break-ins, racing
- ⦿ Major incidents do see police response

Comments/Recommendations

- ⦿ Significant concerns regarding homeless population. Police response is good but the problem is not being solved.
- ⦿ Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) is doing an excellent job but there is too much work being pushed onto officers. They can't do it all, citizens need to be part of the solution.
- ⦿ Police Department does a great job in working with homeless on Third Avenue but they need more resources.

Comments/Recommendations

- Clearly not enough police officers citywide. The City should consider a sales tax measure.
- Need to increase focus on community relations.
- City should consider a police substation to serve the eastern section of the City.
- The City needs a greater focus on Economic Development. Concerns were voiced regarding shifting industrial/commercial lands to residential.

Comments/Recommendations

- Need proactive fire inspections and plan reviews. Charge fees for fire inspection services
- Education is the key. The public can help if they are trained. (i.e., CPR courses)
- Need strategy to get funding to meet (public safety) priorities
- Increase fire prevention training for community. Fire 101 should be available to the public.

Comments/Recommendations

- Sending Fire Engines out to medical calls is very expensive due to wear and tear. Alternative models such as squads should be considered.
- Increase AMR ambulance services since they are funded by fees.
- Following fire disasters of 2003 and 2007 – need community meeting regarding vegetation management

Ride Along and Tours



Next Steps

- Continue to engage with PSAC
- Involve PSAC in follow-up actions

Council Questions and Direction