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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 4:00 PM
City Council Chambers
200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501

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Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
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MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by Councilor Chris Rivera, Chair for the Public Safety Committee. Roll call reflects a lack of quorum.

1. Roll Call

Present

Councilor Chris Rivera, Chair
Peter Mizrahi
Herbert Harris
Dr. Nancy Owen Lewis

Absent/Excused

Joe Arellano
Dr. Mike Mier
Mike Bowen
Eric Johnson

Others Present:

Patrick Gallagher, Santa Fe Police Chief
Mario Salbidrez, Deputy Police Chief
Jessica Pfeiffer, Office Manager, SFPD
D. Silver, EMT
Captain Lamb, SFPD
Lt. Judah Montano
Chief Erik Litzenberg, Santa Fe Fire Chief
Assistant Fire Chief Jan Snyder
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

2. Approval of Agenda

No action lack of quorum.

3. Approval of Tuesday, August 16, 2016 minutes

No action lack of quorum.

4. New Business

No Action Items

5. Matters from Municipal Court

Report in meeting packet, Judge Vigil, not present.

6. Matters from Police Chief Patrick Gallagher

Chief Gallagher stated that many hours were spent working Zozobra and the Santa Fe Fiesta. The officers did an excellent job and more so when faced with the protestors. One of the protesting groups did contact the Chief after the fact to compliment the police officers.

Chief Gallagher noted that there are 14 vacancies at the present time and 4 cadets that will soon on board. Chief Gallagher also said that in the very near future they will be using a bate car; more information to follow at future meeting. Auto burglaries have slowed down to less based on last year figures. There are 89 registered clients in the LEAD program and they can handle up to 100 individuals.

Debriefing of Zozobra/Fiestas – Captain Lamb

This being the 92nd annual burning of Zozobra, the plan went as best as the SFPD could do. This is another positive collaboration from many of the local and nearby law enforcement agencies working together to provide the best in safety and security for the city. Capt. Lamb provided end results related to the Zozobra/Fiesta plan which was presented at the last Public Safety meeting and was complimented by the Public Safety Committee members on the process of the exit flow that worked out very well. Captain Lamb said the burning of Zozobra was pushed back at 9:30 pm due to the large amount of people at the main entry gate. It was delayed to 9:45 pm which provided them time to open a second and secure entrance. There was a choke point at the main gate and Captain Lamb feels strongly that if this is the venue for the next year it is extremely important to discuss with the Kiwanis Club different options. There was an increase from 2015; there were 55,000 people at this year's event. It was again reiterated that we have outgrown this venue and hope that those in charge will consider a different location for safety and security. Captain Lamb said they were proactive by providing alternate transportation to eliminate congestion and yet the number of people that drive is unmanageable to a point. The main objective in arranging services such as Uber and other transportation operators was to provide safety and utilize common drop off areas. A new technological system was utilized in order to assure communication; National Guard also used new technological sniffing detectors. Nothing happened and we were grateful the Guard was out there. Staying in line with budget, we assured that the areas that needed added security were a constant consideration. There were residents upset because law enforcement officers had to park in an area that was not pre-cleared. Sheriff Posse had to leave the area about 10:00 pm due to the bad weather as it was frightening the horses. Cross of the Martyrs was also closed down as last year there were a lot of drug paraphernalia, good decision to close. Some of the other problems were related to the bridges that were out as it caused a lot of congestion on the outside bridges. There were only two ticket booths, they need more ticket booths.

Major strengths, cellular on wheels, traffic plan, pre-arranged Uber services in designated pick up and drop off areas, professionalism of law enforcement officers, good communication with all of the agencies with the help of the added radio's from EMT. Bridges caused a lot of congestion; that will be an issue if we continue in that venue. There were only 2 ticket booths; there needs to be more.

There were 35 calls for service during this event which was higher than the last two previous years, in 2014 we had 12 and 2015 we had 17. We had 10 missing children which added to these statistics however we had the Operation Child ID project going on and they registered 255 children and 9 out of 10 of the missing children we were able to ID and recover through this system. The 10th child was not in the system but was recovered within 30 minutes and reunited with the parents. There were 5 arrests, one was a warrant, one for indecent exposure, one for probation violation drinking in public and Probation & Parole took them in to custody and there was one fight and after the event downtown there was a battery assault on a police officer. As far as field calls there were 596 field calls, 4 DUIs, 7 aggravated assaults, there were 89 disorderly conduct calls, 79 suspicious person/vehicle calls, 24 ambulance assist and 25 alarm calls, 13 unlawfully parked vehicles and 39 motor vehicle crashes which were injury and non-injury and no fatalities. In the rest of the city we had 10 arrests and 140 traffic stops, 70 traffic citations, 46 reports taken and 33 crash reports taken.

Overtime for 2014 was approximately \$31,600, 2015, \$27,420 and for 2016 estimated at \$30,000.

The PSC members wanted to know what other venue would be considered. Captain Lamb said that they would have a meeting with the Kiwanis President to discuss the concerns that the SFPD and SFFD have on the present venue.

Councilor Rivera asked for clarification on the bridges. They used 2 of the 3 bridges to start, at the end of Zozobra they utilized Gate A & C and controlled pedestrian traffic so it wouldn't collapse again. Councilor Rivera said they are in the process of discussion if should have one large bridge or three – 10' bridges. Recommendation is for both Chief's to meet with the City Manager to discuss what would be the safest size and to assure how many bridges would be needed for safety.

Councilor Rivera provided his compliments on the exit strategy as he received many compliments. Thank you to the SFPD and all law enforcement agencies. The Chair asked if Paseo de Peralta all 4 lanes were used to exit. Captain Lamb said yes, one lane was used for transit to get buses out of there; all the other lanes were going towards St. Francis. They also controlled the lights at St. Francis and closely communicated with traffic to adjust the lights based on the traffic.

Santa Fe Fiesta (September 9 -11, 2016)

Captain Lamb said that the objective was to provide safety for all responders, spectators and participants during the event, keeping the event operations supported, maintain normal coverage and protection for the rest of the city, and to provide safe and successful parades. Captain Lamb noted the agencies that helped out were the Fiesta Council, SFPD/SFFD, REC, the Office of Emergency Management, Traffic and Parking Division, Corrections Department, Santa Fe County and Sheriff's Department and State Police, Special Investigation Division helped with late night bar scene.

Pet Parade route was changed from last year which created confusion. We were able to contain it much better with the new route and the traffic flow at the end of the parade was much easier. The new parade route was safe. If there are more participants next year we may want to lengthen the route. Historical/Hysterical parade went good, there were complaints from DeVargas Mall – they were saying that people who wanted to go shopping couldn't get in there. The reason why we shut down from Paseo de Peralta at St. Francis was because we had traffic coming in there doing U-turns due to the closure at Guadalupe. We kept it like that for about 1 hour and reopened for traffic to the mall. That parade is very large and takes about 3-4 hours.

There was a protest for the entrada of Don Diego De Vargas; there were a few Native American groups that were protesting. The Police Department made contact with two of the groups and they assured us they would be peaceful. One group was peaceful, the other was more boisterous. There were no charges or arrests made, we allowed them to make an addition round through the plaza and then they left. For the SFPD it was important to assure we had enough officers to support and be well equipped. We checked with legal to see what could be done on charges, we did not have to use this, no arrests were made.

Captain Lamb provided details on other incidents that took place but were handled immediately. Captain Lamb stated that the downtown area was staffed after the fiesta's to assure that the bar scene did not get out of control. There were pockets of people that were trying to provoke the officers, the officers remained professional and the individuals were trying to tape the officers coercing them and the officers remained professional and had their lapel recorders on as well. During the non-event patrol we had 11-14 officers on each shift with a 4 hour overlap on peak shifts.

The PSC members expressed their sincerest of thanks for the hard work and protection and safety of our city.

Areas of improvement: We could have used some medics from SFFD on bicycles; there were falls and medical episodes. Coordinating with the Santa Fe Fiesta Council the contact people at posts not being available and that seems to be a problem every year. No overtime expenditure reports in for Fiesta's right now.

On the Plaza most of the calls were self-initiated and there were 154, 50 of them being dispatch-to-dispatch. Most of it was for disorderly conduct, possession of marijuana associated with other charges not a stand alone charge, drinking in public and indecent exposure and warrants. There were 20 disorderly conduct call, 16 suspicious persons, 33 warrants and 23 arrests. City wide there were 1,343 calls within those 3 days; 52 arrests, 354 traffic stops, 153 close patrols, 8 crashes with injuries, 5 hit and runs, 25 non-injury crashes, 14 private property crashes, 120 disorderly conducts, 16 domestic violence calls and 76 suspicious persons.

Mr. Mizrahi expressed his congratulations and was pleased that the plan was excellent and worked well.

Deputy Chief Salbidrez introduced Lt. Judah Montano who spoke about his officers and their responsibilities.

Swing Shift Patrol: Lt. Montano said under his supervision he has 4 Sergeants and 23 officers. There are two teams; first team comes in at 12:00 pm and works until 10:00 pm – second team comes in at 2:00 pm and works until 12:00 am. Sgt. Nicole Butler, Sgt. Lujan, Sgt. Santillanes and Sgt. Troy Baker – Lt. Montano provided their areas of expertise and responsibilities.

Lt. Montano provided information on Officers Rebeca Hildebrandt and Zebulan Everidge who go above and beyond their assigned duties and provided some specifics.

Field Training Officers: Officers Amanda Montano, Nick Chavez, Chris Sandoval Michael Murillo They work closely with the new recruits coming in to the SFPD.

To put into perspective the work that our Patrol Division does, last year from January 1st through August 31st the Patrol Division handled 77,209 calls for service, 14,270 reports. Swing shift goes call for call. Officers continue to work with Neighborhood organizations to address their concerns.

7. Matters from Fire Chief Erik Litzenberg

Fiesta and Zozobra – Well planned and staffed for emergency response and thank you to all first responders, SFFD, SFPD and collaborators for a job well done.

In terms of deployment we often send our resources out of state to help in time of need. This year our wild fire crews went to Washington, Oregon, Northern California, Wyoming and Idaho. We now have everybody back in town; they will be available for a month or so if needed. We can see now when there is a local or National emergency that we can assist.

In terms of routine volume as we approach Strategic Planning both in the Fire Department and city level, as a point of reference in the last decade we have identified 4% call increase in 2015, this year 11% call increase. Things are changing in our community for which we will need to make adjustments for emergency response.

Asst. Chief Jan Snyder

The City of Santa Fe in conjunction with Santa Fe County will implement the Smart 911 system. This is a program that emergency responders/manager will benefit from when providing a service. Asst. Chief Snyder explained the old system where you would put emergency medical information in the freezer for

the responder to locate; Smart 911 is an electronic version of that. RECC through the direction of Ken Martinez will implement October 1st with the roll out and coordination with SF County, SFPD, SFFD and RECC and educate the community on how to utilize this service. It is basically a free service to citizens of Santa Fe or anyone using the 911 Regional centers. You go on line you complete a comprehensive profile, location of home, demographics, medicines, special notes that they want to provide. This helps the responders to have as much up-to-date information as possible. There are really two sides to this, how the public responders can use it and educate the people that it is available. We can help those in programs at nursing home, staff members, etc. to provide the best possible information for SFPD, Fire or whoever is responding to an emergency. Commercial entities or public schools can also enter a profile and takes videos of the inside of the building, diagrams of floors; it is like a fire pre plan. Asst. Chief Snyder said that the service is open through RECC now and they can help create the profile.

The Santa Fe Fire Department recently went through the Insurance Service Office (ISO) survey; SFFD hasn't been surveyed or reclassified in a decade. Our previous classification was a 4 and with this new survey we went to a Class 2 Rating. Out of the 48,000+ fire departments nationwide that get surveyed by ISO, only 2% of those have a Class 2 Rating. We felt that it was very special that the SFFD and our services received this rating, there are two ISO rating 1 in New Mexico and definitely less than 1% of all the 48,000 nationwide are a 1. It is a combination between the fire service and the amount of firefighting effort you can put out on a daily basis. There was a large review of the Water Division operations in this survey. This is an excellent rating, good for the fire department many insurance agencies whether residential or commercial use the ISO rating to write insurance. Chief Litzenberg congratulated Assistant Chief Snyder who worked so hard on this ISO, 2 years ago this was a SFFD priority and Chief Snyder took responsibility from start to finish, thank you.

8. Matters from the Regional Emergency Communications Center (Ken Martinez)

None

9. Communications from the Floor

None

10. Matters from Committee Members

Dr. Nancy Owen-Lewis: Brought to the attention of the Chief that there are inadequate markings of the 3 lanes Jaguar to Cerrillos Rd. 2 left turn lanes and 1 goes straight, they are not painted with sufficient lane marking. Chief Gallagher will speak to Traffic Engineer.

Mr. Harris: Trees in front of stop signs – officers to turn that information in to dispatch and the city Parks Department. Chief noted they are creating a form to document these reports.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Public Safety Committee, the Chair called for adjournment at 5:00 pm

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Public Safety Committee:


Councilor Chris Rivera, Chair


Fran Lucero, Stenographer