

Agenda

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE Tuesday, November 20, 2018, 4:00 PM City Council Chambers 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Approval of Agenda
- 3. Approval of the August 21, 2018 & October 16, 2018 Minutes
- New Business/Action Items:
 - a. A RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT AND ENACT LEGISLATION RELATED TO THE LEGALIZATION, DECRIMINALIZATION, AND/OR REGULATION OF CANNABIS AND CANNABIS-RELATED PRODUCTS FOR RECREATIONAL USE. (Mayor Webber, Councilors Ives, Vigil Coppler, and Harris) (Jesse Guillen, Legislative Liaison, jbguillen@santafenm.gov, 955-6518)
- 5. Matters from Municipal Court Judge Virginia Vigil
- Matters from Police Chief Andrew Padilla
- 7. Matters from Fire Chief Paul Babcock
- 8. Matters from the Regional Emergency Communications Center Ken Martinez
- 9. Communications from the Floor
- Matters from Committee Members
- 11. Adjournment

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING CITY OF SANTA FE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE Tuesday, November 20, 2018

A meeting of the City of Santa Fe Public Safety Committee was called to order by Chair Christopher M. Rivera, on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, at approximately 4:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

1. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christopher M. Rivera, Chair Frank Arellano Gerald Joyce Dr. Nancy Owen-Lewis Dr. Mike Mier Peter D. Mizrahi Stephen Tapke

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Michael Bowen Herbert L. Harris, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chief Andrew Padilla, Santa Fe Police Department Chief Paul Babcock, Santa Fe Fire Department Jessica Pfeifer, Office Manager, Police Department Melessia Helberg, Stenographer

There was a quorum of the Committee in attendance for the conducting of official business.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Rivera noted that Judge Vigil can't attend the meeting today, but he will leave that item on the Agenda to note her report in the packet.

MOTION: Peter Mizrahi moved, seconded by Dr. Nancy Owen-Lewis, that the Agenda be approved as submitted.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote with Gerald Joyce, Dr. Nancy Owen-Lewis, Dr. Mike Mier, Peter D. Mizrahi and Stephen Tapke voting in favor of the motion, nobody voting against, and Frank Arellano absent for the vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 21, 2018 AND OCTOBER 26, 2018

Frank Arellano arrived at the meeting

The following corrections were made to the minutes of August 21, 2018:

Page 3, paragraph 10, line 1, "...buy 1% 100% new equipment every...";

Page 6, paragraph 4, line 2, "...inaudible prime site...."

Page 7, paragraph 9, line 1, "...are variable viable now..."

Page 10, paragraph 3, line 1,"He said during before the..."

Page 12, paragraph 7, line 1, "...up to 4 internal and up to 6 2 external."

MOTION: Gerald Joyce moved, seconded by Dr. Nancy Owen Lewis, to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 21, 2018, as amended, and the minutes of the meeting of October 26, 2018, as presented.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

4. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

A. A RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT AND ENACT LEGISLATION RELATED TO THE LEGALIZATION, DECRIMINALIZATION AND/OR REGULATION OF CANNABIS AND CANNABIS-RELATED PRODUCTS FOR RECREATIONAL USE. (MAYOR WEBBER AND COUNCILORS IVES, VIGIL COPPLER AND HARRIS. (JESSE GUILLEN, LEGISLATIVE LIAISON)

Chair Rivera said this item was on the Agenda for the last Council meeting, but he asked that it be sent to this Committee to provide some input and perspective from the Police Department before being acted on by the Governing Body. He asked Chief Padilla to provide his professional opinion on this Resolution.

Chief Padilla said he serves at the will of the Mayor, and at his direction, and moving forward there is support by members of the Governing Body that want to go this way. He said if it is adopted by the Governing Body and passed by the State, they will follow that direction. He said they have been dealing with the State Civil Marijuana law, and under that law, last year they issued 10 citations, and only 3 this year. He said when they find someone in possession of minimum amounts of marijuana, instead of issuing them a criminal citation, the marijuana is confiscated, and they are issued a civil citation which carries a very minimal fine. He said the marijuana civil citation results in the destruction of the marijuana. He said this action is just a recommendation from the Governing Body to the State Legislature. He said we'll see if this is something that can pass State-wide.

Chair Rivera said with the new Governor-elect, House and Senate, he thinks this will be a good opportunity to pass this legislation

Dr. Mier said asked, when the marijuana was confiscated from the individuals, if a distinction was made between those who had medical cards and those that did not.

Chief Padilla said if they had a medical marijuana card they would not have seized it, and the individual would have retained it.

Dr. Mier said then those from which it was seized had no medical marijuana card, and Chief Padilla said that is correct.

Mr. Arellano asked if the City has an Ordinance providing that an individual could have less than 1 ounce of marijuana in their position, which left it to the Officer's discretion as to whether it was filed as a misdemeanor or a felony.

Chief Padilla said yes, and the officer has discretion to collect the marijuana for destruction without a civil or criminal citation, or they can issue a citation as described above.

Mr. Mizrahi said he has looked at this legislation as a way for the State to collect more money to spread among the municipalities, many of which are in need of additional revenue. He said we have the medical marijuana facilities within the City limits now.

Dr. Owen-Lewis asked if thought had been given to the consequences of enacting this legislation State-wide, in the recommendation to do so. She said it would seem to have the potential of making it more available, and when a substance is more available the use rates increase. She was looking at the consequences in the Colorado experience, and asked if that had been considered. She said she sees no information like this in the proposal. She saw quite a bit about medical marijuana, but we already have that legislation. She said the only positive result would be an increase in revenue to the State Taxation and Revenue Department, which was the only thing addressed in the proposal we are seeing. She thinks it would make marijuana easier to get, and when you increase the availability, sometimes you increase the problems that go along with it, but she sees nothing on the possible consequences included.

Chief Padilla referred the answer to Mr. Guillen, who prepared the Legislation which was endorsed by the sponsors – the Mayor and some Councilors.

Jesse Guillen, Legislative Liaison, said Dr. Owen-Lewis is correct, and he believes there may be information that could be added regarding the other needs. He thinks it would reduce some of the need for police enforcement since it would be legalized. He assumes the legislation would result in the depopulation of the prison system for people who are incarcerated on charges related to marijuana. He said part of it depends on how the Legislation is structured, what kinds of regulations, and such, and we don't know that right now.

- Dr. Owen-Lewis said that doesn't answer her question. She said she asked if the possible negative consequences were considered in drafting this legislation, and that you are looking at this from all different angles, and she didn't see anything like that. She doesn't see much background information that can help us to evaluate this, positively and negatively.
- Mr. Arellano said one of the positives is the possible reduction in opioid addiction which is a huge problem in our country right now.
- Dr. Owen-Lewis said that has already been addressed for the use of medical marijuana, and she is talking about something broader than that.

Chair Rivera said they only put the positives in the packet.

- Dr. Owen-Lewis said she wants to see the correlation between use and problems.
- Mr. Guillen said he wrote the Resolution at the direction of Mayor and that information was not included.

Chair Rivera said typically when a Councilor tries to put a resolution forward like this in favor of something, they only include the positives.

- Dr. Owen-Lewis said this one of her areas is in looking at substance abuse, and knows there is a correlation between greater availability and possible problems. She is asking if they looked at that.
- Mr. Guillen said if he had looked at that information it would have been included. He wrote this Resolution at the direction of the Mayor as the primary sponsor, so that information was not included.

Chair Rivera said he said he is not necessarily in favor of this. He said, being on an ambulance for 14 years, he's seen some of the effects of the use marijuana. There are some positives, but for him, there are more negatives, some personal, and some regarding his recent visits to Denver and reading some of the information from there in terms of negative impacts that recreational use has had on its city. He said the money part is great, but there are other things, such the increasing number of homeless that have moved into the Denver area. He said we already have a significant homeless population, and to think that would increase is a frightening thought to him. He said he believes however, that he is in the minority on this. He is looking for input from this Committee, saying he didn't want it to go through without going to this Committee, either for its endorsement or a thumbs-down as to whether it should move forward. He probably will be voting against it, doing more research and presenting the negative impacts to the Governing Body, although he doubts it will make it into the Resolution.

- Dr. Owen-Lewis said she also has looked at some of the studies in Colorado and some of the negative impacts, and she doesn't see any information forthcoming on this.
 - Dr. Mier asked to hear from Fire Chief Babcock.

Chief Babcock said he would have to pull the data to see how many patients to which they respond are under the influence other than from alcohol. He thinks we have a great resource with our Mobile Integrated Health Team in place, because they are tracking that kind of data. They deal daily with the homeless population. He would be happy to get that information and share that information prior to the next meeting.

Councilor Rivera would like to have that information for himself prior to the next Council meeting, commenting it would help him.

Mr. Joyce said he also is concerned about the negative effects when there is revenue involved, especially this kind of revenue in New Mexico. He said those effects will not be mentioned unless somebody else brings them up. He said one is the problem with the homeless population. The distracted driver problem is another, noting all of the money that was spent on DWI, and this puts us into that position again. He is concerned about workplace accidents. He has dealt in the building trades for years, and people will sneak around the corner and smoke, and the next thing you know someone has something dropped on them. He said there are some not so obvious negative effects. He wants those to be taken into account, because they will impact medical bills, family insurance, food, and such when someone can't make a living because they got hurt because of using marijuana.

Chair Rivera said under the current Ordinance, it is at the discretion of the officer as to how to process a case when someone is found with small amounts of marijuana. He asks what would happen if the State did pass the legalization of recreational cannabis with regard to the City's discretion in these kinds of cases.

Chief Padilla said if it is adopted, State law would change and our City Ordinance would change. If we found someone with a small amount of marijuana, or smoking marijuana, we would tell them not to smoke in public and that they should be smoking in their home. That would be one of the main restrictions. He said another concern is smoking at the workplace. He said if someone is stopped who has been smoking marijuana, we would tell them to put it away, issue a citation for speeding and they would go on their way.

Chair Rivera asked if the Federal law supercedes State law, and Chief Padilla said that is correct.

Chair Rivera asked where that puts our Police Officers in dealing with these kinds of situations.

Chief Padilla said, "We would follow the City Ordinances."

Chair Rivera said this will be heard at the next City Council meeting, and this Committee can recommend approval or denial, or move it forward without recommendation.

Dr. Owen-Lewis said she used to run the DWI program for the City, back when New Mexico was #1 in the nation for DWI fatalities, and we've made considerable progress since then. She would hate to see the State step back and do something that possibly could promote impaired driving. This is the reason she is unsure due diligence has been done on this, or at least no information has come forth to suggest that due diligence has been done.

Dr. Mier said this is a difficult situation because we don't have the information necessary to make an intelligent decision. He thinks the State eventually will pass this, no matter what the City does, so it may be a moot point. The question is whether or not this Resolution would make a difference. He thinks that people that use marijuana will continue to use it recreationally, with or without the law. He said perhaps the number of users will increase significantly, or not, he doesn't know. He thinks we need information from other states that have legalized the use.

MOTION: Dr. Mike Mier moved, seconded by Peter Mizrahi, to move this request forward without recommendation.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

5. MATTERS FROM MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE VIRGINIA VIGIL.

Chair Rivera said Judge Vigil is not available. He noted her report is in the packet.

6. MATTERS FROM POLICE CHIEF ANDREW PADILLA.

Chair Rivera noted the Police Chief's Report is in the packet.

Mr. Mizrahi said he read in the newspaper recently that the Mayor and the Council had found money for new recruits, such as an additional \$1,000 and an additional \$3,000 for lateral transfers. He asked the Chief if he is having any luck with the Governing Body in doing something for the rank and file members of the Police Department.

Chief Padilla said they found the funds internally to offer \$1,000 to Police Cadets and \$3,000 to Police lateral transfers. He said they are set to hire another round of 11 Police Officers on December 2, 2018, two laterals and nine cadets. They will join the four cadets they hired about 1½ months ago, and will go to the Law Enforcement Academy on January 27, 2019, for a total of 13 officers to the next Academy. He said they lost 10 officers to Albuquerque, but he is working with the City Manager and the Governing Body on a long term strategy and recurring funding source for mid-year raises hopefully, and a substantial raise in July 2019.

Dr. Mier noted the increase in auto theft noted in the report and asked the reason for the increase.

Chief Padilla said he has nothing specific to say about the increase, commenting they do their best to be pro-active and provide a presence in those areas. He said the report is forwarded to the Burglary and Criminal Investigation Divisions, and the property crimes detectives do their best to solve those crimes. They will be doing some bait-car operations and property-bait operations to catch the people stealing cars and property beginning on Black Friday.

Dr. Mier said he wasn't making a correlation between the number of officers and the thefts, simply that people are being careless – leaving cars running, keys in the ignition.

Chief Padilla said they have seen that trend over the last few years, but this year he hasn't seen a large increase in property theft. Responding to Dr. Mier, he hasn't seen an increase in battery crimes, noting simple battery and domestic violence are tough situations to get a grasp on.

Dr. Mier asked if there have been a large number of calls to the Public Schools by the City Police.

Chief Padilla said that is where a small amount of the simple batteries occur.

Mr. Joyce said it takes 9 months to get a Cadet through the academy to replace someone who left just a week ago. He asked if a program is being discussed to do better than \$1,000 and \$3,000. He said that doesn't seem to stop anybody from going to Albuquerque. He said there is a difference of \$9,000 more in the starting pay in Albuquerque. He said it appears some of the juveniles and criminals know the force is down and "seem to be upping their game." He asked is something seriously being done.

Chief Padilla they are talking about it. They recently did a staffing study to look at personnel, crime trends and what kinds of officers and non-commissioned personnel are needed which can respond to other low priority calls that police don't need to respond to. That study is being evaluated and has been submitted it to the City Manager, Mayor, Finance and the Human Resources Director for review. Hopefully, in the next few weeks, they will get further direction from the City Council at its meeting on December 12, 2018. If that doesn't happen, we will continue to "bleed out," on these officers. He said Mr. Joyce is correct with regard to the numbers. They hope to reduce the vacancy rate from 31 to 20 by the end of December 2018, noting two will be retiring that will impact that.

Dr. Mier asked if thought has been given to using vacancy savings to provide incentives.

Chief Padilla said he brought that topic up with the City Manager, Mayor and Finance, and they said the funds for vacancy savings is not there and does not exist.

Chair Rivera said it traditionally has been put back into the budget process. He said the process is really as described by the Police Chief to get a plan to go before the Governing Body. He said, "Typically the City Council doesn't say, hey I want to give every officer \$10,000." They are going through the needed process, and they need to work with the unions as well – this is all happening, but not as fast as we would like.

Mr. Mizrahi said it seems to be an ongoing process but we really aren't seeing any results which really makes it tough.

Mr. Joyce agrees with Mr. Mizrahi, and said this is the reason he mentions this. He asked who in the City "has the right to take the money out of that and place it someplace else that it's convenient for them."

Chair Rivera said he is sure that will be asked again when we have the City Council meeting, and to have it explained a little better to us as well.

Chair Rivera asked if there has been any luck with the laterals.

Chief Padilla said they have a total of 3, and they hope to hear today that one officer has changed his mind and is coming back to be with the Training Division for one week to be able to "plug back into the Swing Shift" he was on prior to leaving the end of October. The 2 laterals we're hiring are in-State laterals so we anticipate they will need the full 2-3 months in the Field Training Officer Program, because they are coming from smaller departments. He said it is all about the money right now, and if they will come to us with a pay cut. To catch up to their current pay takes time, and this is one of the topics in contract negotiations – do we allow police laterals at equal amount of their current pay.

Responding to the Chair, Chief Padilla said a police lateral, in or out of state, means they have gone through a law enforcement academy, and they need to do primarily the in-state lateral on the job training, depending on their previous training and experience, and they then can "hit the streets all on their own." They already have experience, but until there is a pay increase, we won't see a large influx of police laterals coming our way.

Chair Rivera said the bad thing Albuquerque is doing, is they're taking laterals from every department around the state because they're offering so much money. We're having to do the same thing, which brings smaller department officers to us. In the end, it is the small cities like Chama, Espanola and other departments with small numbers which are the ones that get hurt.

Chief Padilla talked about the pluses of laterals, noting our Department is feeling the strain of losing officers to Albuquerque as well, and described how shortages are being addressed by pulling officers from other areas to provide patrol services to the City.

7. MATTERS FROM FIRE CHIEF PAUL BABCOCK

Chief Babcock reported as follows:

◆ Last month the Governing Body passed a \$20 million bond, with 41% for public safety, \$6 million for the design and build of new Fire Station #2 at #599 and South Meadows. The additional funds are for a joint project to build a Fire & Police Radio project. As the projects move forward and we have a scope of work he will share that information with this Committee.

- ◆ The Mobile Integrated Office has received an extended contract of \$60,000 from the County to help us to manage the high utilizers of the 911 system. He will report back to this Committee quarterly about what we are getting for the \$60,000 investment.
- ◆ Today at 5:00 p.m. is the closing date/time for applications for job vacancies. They will be testing on 12/12/18. Currently they have 200 applicants, and hope to have more by 5:00 p.m. They will hire 20, with a start date for the Academy in March 2019, ending July 2019. He will provide progress reports, along with other programs on a monthly basis.

Mr. Joyce noted that the square footage cost increased to \$400 per sq. ft.

Chief Babcock said that is correct. The infrastructure was a big increase to the \$4.5 million first projected. He said gas and other utilities will come across #599, as well as the price of \$400 per sq. ft., along with incentives the Mayor has directed to be put into the project. We are now looking at \$390 to \$400 per sq. ft.

Mr. Joyce asked if there have been discussions with the consultants about cost savings participation or other cost reductions.

Chief Babcock said yes, and currently they are negotiating with PNM to do shared costs with future developments in the area, and with other departments of the City, Public Utilities, in sharing implementation of water lines in streets and other impacts. He said the Chair has brought to our information that there other funds we're seeking to reduce costs.

Mr. Joyce said he was referring to when they actually go to construction, not with PNM and such, but about discussion of savings with the construction manager or general contractor. He said one of the best ways to save money is to make it advantageous to them to save us money.

Chief Padilla said he will make the project manager aware of this, and this is a strategy we should be looking into.

Mr. Tapke said we aren't seeing same kinds of hiring and retention problems in the Fire Department that they are experiencing in the Police Department. He asked if the Fire Department salaries are more competitive than those in the Police Department.

Chief Babcock said our members are paid a lot less than Albuquerque Fire to start. He said, "I just think it's hard to be a Police Officer to be honest with you. People just don't want that profession. They deal with the criminal element of the community. I don't have a 100% answer, but we don't have a hiring problem that the Police Department does have. I just don't know why people don't want to be Police Officers. I think it's a great career, and part of the public safety that our community provides. But to have an answer for that question, I just don't have."

Mr. Tapke asked if the Fire Department salaries are more competitive with Albuquerque's than those of the Police Department.

Chief Babcock said they aren't more competitive. He said they lost two employees to Albuquerque Fire, with a difference of \$8 an hour in salary. He said, "I think what makes a difference in the Fire compared to Police is our schedule. You work 48 hours on and then you're off for 4 days, so I think that is a big plus in why people are more willing to come into the Fire service and not so much to the Police Department – just because of the different hours worked."

Mr. Tapke said there are 200 applicants for 20 openings, if he heard correctly, and Chief Babcock said that is correct.

Mr. Tapke said the Police has had nothing near that kind of application rate. He asked Chief Padilla if he has any thoughts on this issue.

Chief Padilla said, "I do. Everyone loves a firefighter."

Mr. Tapke said he does.

Chief Padilla said Mr. Tapke is a former firefighter, and asked, "Who doesn't love a firefighter."

Chief Padilla said it is hard to be a Police Officer today, because everything you do is caught on someone's cell phone or on a camera. He said it is a national trend that everybody loves a firefighter. He said it is different than when he started as a Police Officer 18 years ago. He said the technology has changed, the stresses have changed, and we carry a weapon 24 hours a day. He said there are things he does such as belonging to the Crisis Negotiating Team or the Explosive Ordinance Team and has to be on-call, or responding to critical incidents on a 24/7 basis. He said Santa Fe isn't the only department facing the recruiting crisis, and this is a nation-wide crisis. He will be attending a national conference in Philadelphia and talking with other departments and how they addressed this issue, and hopefully he can bring back information and programs for consideration. He talked about programs at the Community College and Santa Fe High School to give dual credits – an associates degree and we can hire them as a patrol safety aide to transition to a police cadet. This is a long time goal. He said we're talking about bringing back the Police Explorer Program to the mid to high school level.

8. MATTERS FROM THE REGIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER KEN MARTINEZ

A copy of a report from the Santa Fe RECC for October 2018, entered for the record by Ken Martinez, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "1."

Mr. Martinez reviewed the information in Exhibit "1." Please see Exhibit "1" for specifics of this presentation. Mr. Martinez said they still are working on the computer-aided dispatch system implementation, and hope to have that go live by May-June 2019. He said also, they are working with the City and County in all of the disciplines – Fire, Police and County Sheriff – to help build the CAD system, which will be a more productive and more robust system they can use for research.

Mr. Martinez said they have a short list of 3 construction and architectural firms to look at the expansion of the 911 system, which will include the first phase of our radio project. They hope to have the center expansion done by December 2019, with the first phase done by June 2019.

Mr. Martinez said recruitment and retention is an issue with the 911 center as well. It takes almost a full year to train a dispatcher, including attending the academy, to get them on the job by themselves. Currently they have 13 vacancies. They are looking to hire 4 individuals, 2 of which are laterals. His Board met on November 15, 2018, to talk about what we can do to better integrate fire services, police services and 911 to create an "all-in-one recruitment model." This is done in other parts of the country, and he will be studying that and reporting back to his Board, noting both Chief Padilla and Chief Babcock sit on that Board.

Mr. Martinez noted that there were 29 calls in November 2018 to the Crime Tip Hotline, with a year-to-date total to 423 calls, noting they continue to pass that information to the investigation units for the City and County. He thinks that continues to be a successful endeavor.

The Committee commented and asked questions as follows:

Mr. Joyce asked, "I was wondering, was there any determination on how they were able to cut both of those lines. They should not have been in the same conduit and they really shouldn't have been that close together."

Mr. Martinez said he doesn't have a definitive answer on how they were able to "effectively knock out an entire junction box at that construction site." He said the good thing is that we were able to transfer calls and not skip a beat in providing Public Safety call services for the City and County. "But to answer your answer your question directly, I don't know how they were able to do that. It was kind of a feat."

Chair Rivera asked if the RECC has continued to try to obtain the same retirement benefits for RECC employees as the Police and Fire, and asked if that is still on track.

Mr. Martinez said the 911 affiliate is always very active at the State and National legislative levels, noting he is the Chair of the State organization. They have been successful in previous years, in passing legislation benefitting 911 Centers, including the surcharge to include VoIP [Voice over Internet Provider] and prepaid wireless cards, which resulted in \$2 million additional dollars annually. They are working on legislation this year to create a 911 Advisory Board to sit between the 911 Centers and whether it is DFA or DoIT [Department of Information Technology] making the calls on the program that will have a say. He said specific to the legislation about which the Chair is asking, there has been nothing specific brought forward at the local level. However, recently there was a vote nationally to move 911 telecommunicators from the administrative classification of employment to a protective service or public safety, which unfortunately failed.

Mr. Martinez continued, saying he thinks we need to continue to work at the local and national level to educate the legislators and the public about how 911 truly is on equal footing with the police and fire services. He said 911 operators are trained, certified, and licensed through the State to give pre-arrival instructions for medical patients to keep them alive until the paramedics get there. They give CPR, and birth babies over the phone. He said they are there "during the commission of crimes while they are still happening. 911 operators are in the mix and we are the first, first responders." They will be working to move this forward in the future.

Chair Rivera asked Mr. Martinez to let him know how we can support him in that venture with all the other centers throughout the State.

A member asked if the Governing Body has given thought to passing a resolution in support of this effort.

Chair Rivera said when they are ready and to please let him know, then we will bring the resolution forward and see what we can do to support you in that effort.

Mr. Tapke said, regarding the 911 surcharge, New Mexico's model for distribution of the 911 surcharge is unusual. He asked if there has been any discussion by Mr. Martinez's organization or in the New Mexico 911 centers of going toward a more direct distribution model for 911 surcharge monies.

Mr. Martinez said, as the Chair of the 911 Director's Affiliate under the New Mexico Association of Counties, the Affiliate formed a subcommittee to study the models for surcharge collection and program management for all 50 states. They found that a lot of the ones with sitting authoritative boards over 911 in the states were more effective at getting the funding through to the 911 centers for the needed projects, as well as for planning for the next generation of 911. They are expected to keep up with the latest technology to have the network and training to receive all calls, however they come in. So, yes, they have looked at what kinds of models would be more effective, which is the reason for the subcommittee.

Mr. Tapke asked if Santa Fe County's allocation of surcharge funding is equitable and fair.

Mr. Martinez said the process and how it works is that every individual owning a cell phone, land line and now a VoIP and prepaid wireless pays 51¢ per line per month to the surcharge which goes to one fund, which is distributed through DFA according to a replacement cycle for your equipment. The money collected in Santa Fe County doesn't necessarily come back to Santa Fe County. He asked, "Do we get what we need. Yes and no. The fund doesn't generate sufficient funds to give us everything we need." He would like for the fund to be used to replace the CADs, radios, infrastructure in addition to telephone systems and training.

Mr. Tapke said the fund does replace the additional items in some States, but not in New Mexico. He asked how much of the 51ϕ per month he pays for a land line, for example, comes back to Santa Fe County.

Mr. Martinez said he doesn't know specifically, commenting that depends on the grant amount for each specific year.

Mr. Tapke asked how much is collected in Santa Fe County, versus how much we get back.

Mr. Martinez said he doesn't know, although he knows the total generated State-wide, but not specific to Santa Fe County.

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Chief Padilla introduced Patrol Captain Anthony Tapia to highlight a few great cases that are being done by our patrol officers.

Captain Tapia said he began his career in law enforcement with the Police Explorer Program at age 16. He talked about recent cases, the most recent being a burglary in progress in Vegas Verdes where the subject was barricaded in a residence. There was excellent collaboration between Patrol, Investigations, the SWAT Team, Emergency Response Team and Crisis Negotiation Team, which resulted in the individual being "talked safely out of the house," and in custody.

Captain Tapia talked about an armed robbery case earlier this month at Pappa Murphy's on St. Francis, where officers were able to locate and apprehend the two individuals involved in the robbery.

Captain Tapia talked about a graveyard Police Officer doing proactive patrols in the business district off Siler Road at one of the tow-yards. He observed a suspicious vehicle, noted motor vehicle parts were inside the vehicle, and when other officers arrived along with the owner, they apprehended a subject stealing parts off vehicles in the tow-yard.

Captain Tapia talked about an officer who was called out to investigate a vehicle stolen from a resident. The officer heard on the radio that a vehicle matching that description was just pulled over. He notified the officer that it was a possible stolen vehicle he was investigating. They then conducted a high risk stop and took the individual into custody who had stolen the vehicle. The vehicle was possibly involved in another incident in Santa Fe County after it was stolen. Excellent work by the officers in collaboration.

Captain Tapia said our Police Officers are out there, digging deep and we are providing this service to our City. We have excellent officers in the City.

Chair Rivera thanked him for the work and the report, especially in view that they are short staffed and working extra hours. He asked Chief Padilla to thank the officers on behalf of this Committee for the service they provide to the City.

10. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dr. Mier said the closing of the Guadalupe Street Bridge has caused traffic issues, especially around 7:45 a.m. in the morning. He said it is illegal to make a left hand turn off St. Francis coming into the City, trying to get to Guadalupe on the other side, but people are doing it, and backing up the traffic. He is afraid someone is going to be killed going across the intersection. He asked if anything can be done about it.

Chief Padilla said they have seen an increase in rear-end crashes at that intersection. They have the capability to do pro-active patrols, and they were out there regularly prior to the Traffic Division being absorbed into the Patrol Division. They do frequent the area the best they can. He said the latest announcement is that the bridge will reopen within the next month, and that will alleviate that problem.

Mr. Joyce thanked John Romero and City Streets Division for installing the "blind intersection sign," coming up Jaguar Drive, and believes it has prevented crashes. He thanked the Police Department for their extended overtime, noting that puts pressure on the officers and their families.

Chair Rivera thanked this Committee for another good year of work, and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and a Happy Thanksgiving to the many Public Safety employees who are working while we are enjoying our meals and watching football – Police, Fire, Dispatchers at the RECC.

Chair Rivera said we made some good headway on the off-road vehicles at SWAN park. He said over the weekend he heard some off-road motorcycles coming from the area near Station 7. He tried to catch one, or follow them home, but they were faster than he was, and he couldn't do so.

Mr. Joyce said 90% of those vehicles are coming from the west side of #599. He said this is only two kids, and those bikes are quieter than the ones the Chief chased out of there recently.

Chair Rivera doesn't want to lose any momentum we have, and wants to ensure that continues to be something on which we are pro-active.

Chair Rivera thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their presence during the Veterans Day Parade, which was a nice day. He said as always, you made our City really proud of you, and honored our veterans in a way only the two departments can. He appreciates all of their help on that day.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Committee, and the Committee having completed its agenda, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:15 p.m.

Christopher M. Rivera, Chair

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SANTA FE RECC

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Total Telephone Calls Handled				30,217
Total 911 Calls Received				6,845
Total Calls for Service				17,492
Breakdown of Calls For Service				
City of Santa Fe Police Fire Animal Control	Dispatched 4756 1354 358	Self Initiated 3487 164 8	Total 8243 1518 366	10127 58%
Santa Fe County-002 Sheriff Fire Animal Control	1484 583 250	4191 21 8	5675 604 258	6537 37%
Edgewood Police Animal Control	225 22	510 13	735 35	770 4%
San Miguel Police FIRE	0 38	0	0 38	38
Espanola/RA Police Ambulance	6 2	o o	6 2	0%
Los Alamos Police Fire	<i>a</i> 0	<i>o</i> 0	<u>.</u>	0% 0 0%
Sandoval County Police Fire	10 0	1 0	0	11 0%
Torrance County Police Fire	0 2	0	0	0
Bernalillo County Police Fire	0 1	0	0 1	1 0%

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