



# Agenda

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## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 21, 2010 4:00 PM

City Council Chambers

200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of November 17, 2009 minutes
4. Old business:
  - A. NONE
5. New business:
  - A. Proposed ordinance amending article 24-1 SFCC 1987 regarding the *City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code*, amending sections 12-1-42.1, 12-7-9.2 and 12-7-9.5 of the *City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code* regarding off-highway motor vehicle use; and amending exhibit A of the *City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code* regarding traffic violation penalty assessments (Councilor Ronald Trujillo, Legislative Liaison Jeanne Price)
  - B. Proposed Resolution creating a Trauma Support Unit under the Santa Fe Police Department (Mayor Coss and Councilors Chavez, Ortiz, Trujillo, Romero, Bushee, Wurzbarger, Dominguez and Calvert, Police Chief Aric Wheeler)
  - C. Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Data Comparison 2007-09 (Dr. Carol Horowitz, Santa Fe Police Department)
6. Matters from Municipal Court-Information: Municipal Court Monthly Report November 2009
7. Matters from Police Chief Aric Wheeler
8. Matters from Fire Chief Barbara Salas
9. Matters from Committee Members
10. Communications from the Floor
11. Adjournment

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Roll Call	Roll call declared a quorum, 2 excused absences.	1
Review and Approval of the Minutes: November 17, 2009	Mr. Valdez moved to approve the minutes of November 17, 2009 without changes, second by Mr. Harris, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.	1
Approval of the Agenda	Mr. Harris moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Mr. Mizrahi, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.	1
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<p>A. Proposed ordinance amending article 24-1 SFCC 1987 regarding the <i>City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code</i>, amending sections 12-1-42.1, 12-7-9.5 of the <i>City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code</i> regarding off-highway motor vehicle uses; and amending exhibit A of the <i>City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code</i> regarding traffic violation penalty assessments (Councilor Ronald Trujillo, Jeanne Price, Legislative Liaison)</p> <p>B. Proposed Resolution creating a Trauma Support Unit under the Santa Fe Police Department (Mayor Coss and Councilors Chavez, Ortiz, Trujillo, Romero, Bushee, Wurzbarger, Dominguez, and Calvert, Police Chief Aric Wheeler)</p>	<p>A. Mr. Mizrahi made a motion for approval of proposed ordinance amending article 24-1 SFCC 1987, second by Mr. Harris, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>B. Dr. Mier moved to table action on this resolution and give the Chief time to work with the committee, propose a job description with education and qualifications, how is the Police Chaplain going to be involved, and bring this back to the Public Safety Committee at the next meeting, second by Dr. Lewis, motion</p>	

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C. Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Data Comparison 2007-09.	carried by unanimous voice vote.  Informational and supported by written report	
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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, January 21, 2010**  
**4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico**

**MINUTES**

**1. Roll Call**

**In Attendance:**

Councilor Ronald Trujillo, Chair  
Nancy Owen Lewis, PhD  
Peter D. Mizrahi  
Dr. Mike Mier  
Herbert L. Harris, Jr.  
Henry Valdez

**Absent (Excused)**

Frank Stuto  
Mike Bowen

**Others Present:**

Chief Aric Wheeler, Santa Fe City Police  
Shannon Cantu, Santa Fe City Police  
Chief Barbara Salas, Santa Fe Fire Department  
Jeanne Price, Legislative Liaison, City of Santa Fe  
Dr. Carol Horowitz, Santa Fe City Police Department

**2. Approval of Agenda**

No changes from staff.

*Mr. Harris moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Mr. Mizrahi, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

**3. Approval of Minutes, November 17, 2009**

*Mr. Valdez moved for approval of the minutes of November 17, 2009 as presented, second by Mr. Harris, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

**4. Old Business**

A. None

## 5. New Business

A. Proposed ordinance amending article 24-1 SFCC 1987 regarding the *City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code*, amending sections 12-1-42.1, 12-7-9.5 of the *City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code* regarding off-highway motor vehicle uses; and amending exhibit A of the *City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code* regarding traffic violation penalty assessments (Councilor Ronald Trujillo, Jeanne Price, Legislative Liaison)

Ms. Price stated that the city updates the uniform traffic code on an annual basis to reflect the most recent changes to state law. These include:

- Amending the off-highway motor vehicle section to address recreational off-highway vehicles and defacing signs. (The city previously banned all such vehicles in the city limits unless such use is permitted in designated areas or on private property with the permission of the property owner.)
- Requiring the parent or guardian of a driver under the age of 18 to notify the police immediately following an accident.
- Adding the fine for failure to stop at a railroad crossing (\$150).

In addition the bill makes the following changes:

- Removes the duplicative and confusing inclusion of amendments in the actual city code that is produced by the city's codifier. All amendments are included in the city's compilation maintained by the city attorney's office and distributed to the city clerk's office, the police department, the municipal judge and other involved staff.
- Corrects fine for various violations.

Mr. Mizrahi asked about the railroad crossing at Zia when they stop beyond the line. Chief Wheeler said that several comments have been received because the signage does not provide clarity to the driver that they cannot park on the line. For budgetary reasons the painting of the lines cannot happen at this time. A quote has been received from the state and the amount was significant. The Chief will continue to work with City Street department to see what can be done as soon as possible.

***Mr. Mizrahi made a motion for approval, second by Mr. Harris, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.***

B. Proposed Resolution creating a Trauma Support Unit under the Santa Fe Police Department (Mayor Coss and Councilors Chavez, Ortiz, Trujillo, Romero, Bushee, Wurzbarger, Dominguez, and Calvert, Police Chief Aric Wheeler)

Dr. Mier proceeded with the following discussion: The resolution talks about the creation of a Trauma Unit and it seems like we are creating a position. The Chief responded that what happened is that there was an individual citizen who was involved in a traumatic experience, her husband died from a heart attack. The first responders to the scene were fire, police and investigators. They were not able to provide any type of trauma relief. The individual brought this to the attention of the Mayor and Council and

asked for some type of person that could provide this service as it would be different from what Police and Fire staff could provide. Dr. Mier compared this to the role of a chaplain. The Chief made reference to the 4 teenagers that were killed on the Old Las Vegas Highway. There were so many different entities that were affected by this loss. The Chief felt that this type of position would be helpful to his department whether it be to provide medical or psychiatric assistance. If this person could determine the need they could make reference to what is needed. San Antonio, Texas has a commendable model and it is staffed full time. The Chief would like to have staff and volunteers to assist in a trauma situation. Dr. Mier asked, the difference between this person and the work that the Chaplain does, this person is a liaison with the community and support services, the Chaplain is more for spiritual guidance. The Chief would like to see someone in the agency who can take responsibility when his officers can't. He feels that the officers cannot be those that offer a "shoulder to cry on"; they need to keep their composure. There are already emotional feelings that they have to keep within. The Chaplain is a shared role and he provides service on a voluntary basis.

Dr. Lewis asked if the position is going to be over the Chaplain or vice versa. It was explained that the last paragraph presently stated in the resolution would be replaced with the wording on the proposed amendment:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that contingent upon funding approved in the FY 2010/2011 budget, a position of trauma response coordinator being created in the police department. The coordinator will be responsible for working with the police department, fire and emergency medical staff, community organizations and volunteers to coordinate community resources and to develop and implement such programs as may be necessary to assure that victims of trauma have the support that they need.

Dr. Mier asked if there was a job description for this position, or qualifications, this position seems very nebulous. The Chief responded that they do not have a job description at this time. Dr. Mier stated the importance of creating the job description and qualifications before moving forward. It is important to assure that the position is created to fill the description of tasks as stated above vs. creating a position for the Chaplain. With due respect, more detail is required.

Mr. Valdez stated that this intent is very well taken. He also asked for more detail in reference to this unit. He also asked the chief how much reliance is going to be placed on volunteers. The question of liability is very important.

The Chief said that he has given this much thought, getting volunteers and screening them for good quality qualifications and their assumption of liability is important to him. He stated to the committee that he is happy to receive the feedback and he will take this information back to the committee who is recommending this position. The liability question is huge and a concern of his.

Chaplain Jose spoke before the committee and referred to the resolution as being a simple

resolution. When you are dealing with the issue of trauma, comes in different forms. The trauma that he deals with is death. He stated that there was discussion regarding a conflict of interest in the position that he holds and this proposed position. He recommended that this go to the City Attorney before any further action is taken.

Dr. Mier asked the committee to read the last paragraph of the resolution. I states that it will be headed by the office of the Police Chaplain and therefore it was asked if it is replacing the Chaplain. The Chief stated that the amendment offered different wording. Dr. Lewis said that the amendment doesn't reference the role of the chaplain.

Dr. Mier said that this is a service that is critical but the resolution needs more thought and clarity before action can be taken. Volunteers is a topic that needs to be more defined. Dr. Mier offered to assist in the next discussion of this resolution. It was also stated that there is no funding in place at this time and strongly recommends that the Chief be given the opportunity to look at the models that exist and ask for their job descriptions.

***Dr. Mier moved to table action on this resolution and give the Chief time to work with the committee, propose a job description with education and qualifications, how is the Police Chaplain going to be involved, and bring this back to the Public Safety Committee at the next meeting, second by Dr. Lewis, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.***

C. Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Data Comparison 2007-09. (Dr. Carol Horowitz, Santa Fe Police Department).

Provided the report of statistics for 2007, 2008, 2009. It showed a decrease in calls from 2007, though there were fewer 911 calls, more calls resulted in an incident report. More bystanders are making 911 calls and law enforcement officers are making more arrests for domestic violence. A new area of interest for data collection are related to juveniles involved in domestic violence incidents and disabled population. She is also collecting data on those who are strangled and propose a threat to kill. Our gay population is still very uncomfortable about calling law enforcement when they have a domestic violence issue. She stated that they have also started a campus consortium and she is proud of the institutions that are all attending. They have also just completed Stalkers Comprehensive training for security personnel. She stated that they have also acquired a grant to do a Domestic Violence Perpetrator program, and one compliance officer has been placed with the district, magistrate and one who floats and works with the Judges. They also received a small grant to do a court watch program and to take notes for domestic violence cases. The person selected for this position is an attorney who will meet with the judges on gathered information. Thank you for the information.

## **6. Matters from Municipal Court - Information:**

Municipal Report November 2009 (Provided to the committee hard copy, no action taken).

## **7. Matters from Police Chief Aric Wheeler**

Deputy Chief reported that the residential burglaries spiked in July with 117 recorded cases. They did decrease in December which resulted end of year with a 4% decrease from last December. This is a reduction in residential burglaries by 57% in a 6 month period. There has been an increase in juvenile offenders which attributed to the residential burglaries. In 2008 there were approximately 9 juveniles arrested for burglaries and in 2009, 55 of 117 arrests were juvenile offenders.

Training and Recruiting: On February 3<sup>rd</sup> the Santa Fe Police Department will have 7 cadets graduating from the Law Enforcement Academy. Earlier in the month it hired 2 officers and the total amount of officers at this time is 159. On the following Saturday tests will be conducted and there are 10 applicants to test.

Dr. Lewis requested a written report on the residential burglaries indicating where these burglaries are occurring. This will assist in providing information to the neighborhood associations to help prevent these burglaries.

Dr. Mier asked how long the vans have been out for the speed watch. Deputy Chief responded 2 months.

## **8. Matters from Fire Chief Barbara Salas**

The Chief reported that they are in the midst of doing the hiring process for the fire fighter trainees. They have done the written test, agility test and getting ready to do the background check. They will be hiring 20 fire fighters; there are 17 vacancies that they are trying to fill.

At a previous meeting she brought the Lifepak 15. They are going to purchase 8 of the Lifepak; they will be able to transfer this information to the cardiologist. They can bypass the emergency room and go straight to the cardiology unit. They can get the information on their I-Phone or the hospital monitor. The resolution says that the city will be 1/3 of the cost of the Lifepak, Christus St. Vincent's Hospital will be 1/3 and the Hospital Foundation will be 1/3. The total amount is \$78,230.00.

The hospital does not have a cardiologist 24-7, we can get the information to the cardiologist wherever he/she is and they will get there quicker. All of the Fire Department staff is trained to use the Lifepak. No approval is needed by the Public Safety Committee; approval has been given by the Capital Improvements Department.

## **9. Matters from Committee Members**

None



## **10. Communications from the Floor**

Chaplin Jose conveyed his thanks and appreciates the time given to him to speak at this meeting. He stated that this discussion will help him assist the Fire and Police Chiefs. He said that he provides service to 9 law enforcement agencies. He stated that it is an honor to serve our state with his work.

The committee conveyed their thanks for the work that the Chaplain does.

Staff was directed to provide status of speed van and cameras and a written burglary report at the next meeting.

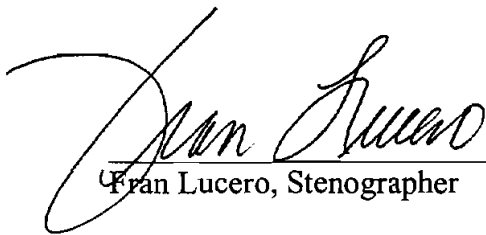
## **11. Adjournment**

*There being no further business to come before the Public Safety Committee, Mr. Harris moved to adjourn at 5:15 pm, second by Dr. Mier, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

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Councilor Ronald Trujillo, Chair



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Fran Lucero, Stenographer