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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, October 16, 2007, 2007, 4:00 PM**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501**

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3. Approval of August 21, 2007 minutes
4. New Business:
  - A. Proposed ordinance amending section 24-1.1 SFCC 1987 regarding the City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code; and amending various sections of the City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code. (Councilor Heldmeyer and Councilor Bushee) (Police Chief Eric Johnson)
  - B. Update on reported burglaries in the City of Santa Fe. (Police Chief Eric Johnson and Police Crime Analyst Miquela Gonzales)
  - C. Update on the Santa Fe Coordinated Community Response Council Activities. (Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coordinator Carol Horowitz)
5. Matters from Municipal Court
6. Matters from Fire Chief Chris Rivera
7. Matters from Police Chief Eric Johnson
  - A. Update on DWI Forfeiture Ordinance
  - B. Progress Report on Santa Fe Police Property Tax
8. Matters from Committee Members
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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

OCTOBER 16, 2007

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**MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF SANTA FE  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Santa Fe, New Mexico**

**October 16, 2007**

A scheduled meeting of the City of Santa Fe Public Safety Committee was called to order by Chair Heldmeyer on this date at approximately 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**Roll Call Indicated the Presence of a Quorum as Follows:**

Councilor Dr. Karen Heldmeyer, Chair  
Mr. Herb Harris, Vice-Chair  
Dr. Mike Mier  
Mr. Frank Stuto  
Mr. Pete Mizrahi  
Mr. Michael Bowen  
Mr. Henry Valdez

**Members Excused:**

Dr. Mike Mier  
Dr. Nancy Owen-Lewis

**Staff Present:**

Chief Eric Johnson, Santa Fe Police Department  
Deputy Chief Ben Montaña, Santa Fe Police Department  
Fire Chief Chris Rivera, Santa Fe Fire Department  
Assistant Chief Ted Bolleter, Santa Fe Fire Department  
Lori Andrews  
Shannon Cantu, Santa Fe Police Department

**Others Present:**

Gabriel Taylor, stenographer

**Approval of Agenda:**

Chair Heldmeyer said that there are some comments from the Finance Committee concerning public safety, and specifically with a mobile trailer and equipment from a grant fund that should be included under "Matters from Chief Johnson."

Ms. Cantu said that Carol Horowitz would not be at the meeting to present Item C. She explained that Lori Andrews would be presenting on Ms. Horowitz's behalf.

**Mr. Bowen moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Mizrahi seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**Approval of August 21, 2007 Minutes:**

**Mr. Mizrahi moved to approve the August 21, 2007. Vice-Chair Harris seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

**A. Proposed Ordinance Amending Section 24-1.1 SFCC 1987 regarding the City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code; and amending various sections of the City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code**

Chief Johnson said that every year changes are made to the city code that match state statutes. He explained that the majority of the changes are language changes relating to the DWI ordinances.

Mr. Stuto said that on page 15, paragraph A, lines 12 and 14, there was repetitive verbiage.

Chair Heldmeyer asked if this is the language that the state uses, is being adopted by the city. Chief Johnson said that was correct, and that the language is changed to match what is in the state statute.

Mr. Stuto said that the phrasing in line 17 on page 19 was confusing.

Chief Johnson said that these changes are pretty standard each year.

Chair Heldmeyer discussed the language on page 5 #4 regarding a presumption of impairment.

Mr. Valdez said that the state legislature passed a law, which is referred to as the “day fix.” He added that this proposed ordinance matches the state law.

Mr. Bowen asked if there could be a correction made on page 5, line 19.

**Mr. Bowen moved to recommend approval of the Proposed Ordinance Amending Section 24-1.1 SFCC 1987 regarding the City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code; and amending various sections of the City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code as amended. Mr. Stuto seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**B. Update on Reported Burglaries in the City of Santa Fe**

Mr. Mizrahi asked if there is a way to get a more specific idea of what areas are being referred to. Chair Heldmeyer asked if in future the Committee members could be given that map to refer to.

Michaela Gonzales said that there was some confusion with stats with the FBI statistics. She said that the Police Department has statistics based on 71,000. She said that the statistics are reviewed every month. Patrols are done in the areas that are designated as problem areas.

Ms. Gonzales said that the Department is working on rounding up burglary absconders. Ms. Gonzales said that there is an increase in burglaries, but the Department is working to curb the number of burglaries.

Chief Johnson said that these burglaries are a focus at the Department's weekly Comstat meeting. He explained that the Department is in the process of getting operations underway to prepare for the upcoming holiday season. He said that typically during the holiday time, there is an increase in burglary incidents.

Chief Johnson said that the Department is also looking into ways of adjusting their resources.

Mr. Valdez asked if the Department is planning to start up the warrant task force. Chief Johnson said that the Department would be working with several probation officers to round up some of the warrant absconders. He added that the Department is also looking into organizing some joint operations with the state police and Sheriff's department.

Chief Johnson explained that he attended the New Mexico Gang Task Force last week in Albuquerque. He said that it appears that these issues are appearing statewide.

Chair Heldmeyer asked why there's a disconnect between what is actually happening in the areas, and what is being reported. Chief Johnson said that these incidents are dealt with daily, and information is distributed almost immediately.

Chair Heldmeyer asked if there is a way for the Police Department and the District Attorney's office to coordinate any recovery of evidence. Chief Johnson said that this is a standard issue that the Department deals with on a day-to-day basis. He added that one idea that was brought up at today's Comstat meeting was to have someone on hand from Investigations to debrief the person who's been arrested and see what other, if any, arrests these individuals have been involved in.

Chair Heldmeyer asked if there was a way to fix this disconnect between the DA's office and the Police Department. Mr. Valdez said that the only way to search the vehicle, by New Mexico state law, would be to get a search warrant issued for the search of that vehicle. He explained that there is an on-call list available of attorney assigned to be on-call that week is given to the dispatchers, who can reach the assistant DA for approval of that warrant. He added that having the detective division involved in these types of cases could help in these situations.

Chief Johnson said that he would research the matter and see what the issue was.

Chair Heldmeyer asked what the Police Department is doing to deal with the burglary increases. Chief Johnson said that the Police Department would be running some special operations to deal with these issues, and opening the lines of communication within the Police Department to ensure that the information is getting out.

Chief Johnson said that the Department has made 58 arrests relating to these burglaries. He added that several indictments have also been handed down.

Mr. Valdez said that he met with Capt. Johnson and Deputy Chief Montano concerning processes in terms of prioritizing people to be indicted. He added that there is a "rather short window" to proceed with getting people indicted before they are released from jail. He commended the Deputy Chief and Capt. Johnson for working with the attorney's staff to ensure that those cases that need to be done get done.

Chair Heldmeyer said that people she has talked to felt that drugs were a primary cause of a number of the burglaries. She asked if there is a philosophy that the District Attorney's office has in how to prosecute people to ensure that the right thing is done. Mr. Valdez said that this is why that it's important for the District Attorney's office to work closely with the Detective Division because the Detectives are the ones who bring the information to the District Attorney's office. He said that it's their philosophy to hold these individuals accountable and prosecute these individuals

Chief Johnson said that there is another issue with an increase of juvenile offenders relating to these property crimes.

Of the 70 indictments handed down, 19 were drug related.

Chief Johnson said that Captain Johnson would be taking a change of assignment to oversee some of the burglary operations. Captain Johnson said that he would be working with the burglary unit detectives with some day-to-day operations. He said that the Department has plans that they will be put into operation. He explained that the Department has not had a stand-alone narcotics unit and a stand-alone burglary unit.

Captain Johnson said that the Department is seeing a lot of burglary incidents that are directly tied to crack-cocaine addiction use.

Captain Johnson said that the Department is hoping to establish a burglary unit and a narcotics unit in the future. He explained that once those units are established, the problems would begin to improve. He said that hopefully his working with the young detectives in the burglary unit on a day-to-day basis would help in addressing these issues.

**C. Update on the Santa Fe Coordinated Community Response Council Activities-  
Lori Andrews**

Ms. Andrews said that some public awareness campaigns were done in September and are currently being played in local movie theaters. Display ads are also being featured.

The Santa Fe Rape Crisis and Trauma Center did an Immigration Women's Summit on Violence and Sexual Assault. The funding for the Summit was provided by the City of Santa Fe.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mayor Coss proclaimed October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Ms. Horowitz will be presenting an award to Shannon Brady, who is an officer and domestic violence advocate.

Ms. Horowitz is participating in radio programs on KSFR. She is also making a presentation today at the Chamber of Commerce on her goals.

Ms. Horowitz will be a guest on the Que Suave Radio program with Mayor Coss and Esperanza Shelter. On Friday, October 26, Ms. Horowitz will be taking part in the Faith Summit.

Chief Johnson said that Ms. Horowitz has done an outstanding job on domestic violence awareness.

**Matters From the Municipal Court:**

None

**Matters From Fire Chief Chris Rivera:**

Chief Rivera said that the Department is still going through their hiring process. Only 84 applicants showed up for the written test.

Twenty-four candidates are continuing on through the hiring process. The Department is currently in good shape, but Chief Rivera said that the Fire Department has to step up their recruiting process.

Chief Rivera said that this month is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The local firefighters have agreed to wear pink t-shirts for the next 12 days. The t-shirts will be on sale to the public for \$10 each at the Department's Siler Road station and in the City Manager's office.

Chief Rivera said that it's estimated that there will be a lot of funding raised through the breast cancer awareness campaign.

Ted Bolleter said that all the money raised through t-shirt fundraiser would stay in New Mexico. He added that the Las Cruces Fire Department is also participating in this fundraising effort.



Deputy Chief Bolleter said that the Department is hoping to raise \$10,000 through this fundraising effort.

The shirts are available now. 1,000 additional shirts will go on sale tomorrow.

**Matters From Police Chief Johnson:**

**A. Update on DWI Forfeiture Ordinance**

Chief Johnson said that the Department agreed to give \$70,000 to the City Attorney's office so that they could hire a legal assistant to assist with the processing of paperwork until the program gets off the ground. There is a job offer that has been made to a particular person for that position. The Department is also locating a place to store these vehicles. Chief Johnson said that Sheriff Solano is working on a similar plan.

Chair Heldmeyer said that she attended a meeting of the League of Women Voters, where a representative of the County spoke and said that the County was not planning on implementing their ordinance until July, and possibly as late as January 2009. Chief Johnson said that he had not heard about this from the County. He added that the County is almost complete with their impound lot.

Chief Johnson said that they are looking at a portion of land for the impound lot.

There is \$100,000 invested in this impound lot. The Department is hoping to provide an affordable office building on the lot.

Chief Johnson said that the goal is to have the impound lot established after the first of the year. Deputy Chief Montano said that the Sheriff's Office still has some work to do to establish their impound lot, but added that their goal is also to establish the lot after the first of the year.

Chief Johnson said that they would be working with Albert Walker from the City Attorney's office to make sure that everything is moving forward. He explained that the Department will be working up a PR campaign for the impound lot. He said things are moving along steadily with the program.

The Department obtained the grant for approximately \$48,000. The Department will use this funding to implement the MDT into the Department vehicles.

Mr. Valdez said that the mobile data terminals have certain encryption specifications that are included and are expensive.

Chair Heldmeyer said that the Council would need to see the breakdown as this moves forward. She said that the Department should provide justification for requesting this specialized equipment.

Chief Johnson said that the Department is requesting an additional 75 computers for the Department's patrol units.

Chair Heldmeyer said that the Councilors at the Finance Committee asked for a comprehensive policy on how the funding would be spent. She asked if the progress report is ready to take to Finance Committee.

Chief Johnson said that there would be a portable mobile command post for the Police Department. There was a donation made to purchase another trailer, which would be used for SWAT operations.

Chief Johnson said a majority of the equipment would be purchased through grants and donations.

Chair Johnson said that there was a priority made for communications equipment for the Police Department.

### **B. Progress Report on Santa Fe Police Property Tax**

Chief Johnson said that the report outlines some of the Department accomplishments. A recruiting budget was established with this funding. Out of this funding, \$160,000 was dedicated to implement a recruiting plan, which is currently underway. The Department is continuing to test on every third Saturday of the month.

Seventeen officers have been hired this year. Two officers are ready to be hired. There are higher turnouts during the Department's testing process. The goal is to continue hiring these officers, and having these vacancies filled by February. He said that these vacancies might be filled sooner.

Chief Johnson said that one thing he is trying to do with these hirings is to turn the Department into a "pro-active department."

Chief Johnson said that the Traffic Unit was reinstated this past year, which consists of one lieutenant and four officers. As the unit continues to evolve, another officer will be added to the Unit. An additional detective will be added to the Narcotics Task Force.

Chief Johnson said that one goal he has is re-implementing the Street Crimes Unit, which will consist of one sergeant, four detectives, and two existing gang detectives. He said that he's also added a Captain to each patrol division for accountability purposes. One detective will be also added to the Crimes Against Persons Unit, one detective to the Detective Unit, and one detective to the Crimes Against Children Unit.

Some of the property tax funding was used to adjust some of the Department's pay scale.

Chief Johnson said that some of the funding was used bring the Department's vehicle fleet "up to speed." Chief Johnson said that \$708,000 was used to purchase 39 new vehicles, which will be delivered in the next few weeks. An additional \$447,000 was

used to equip each one of these vehicles. \$60,000 was used to replace 35 computers in the Police Department.

Chief Johnson said that funding was used to purchase 100 digital audio recorders for the use by the Department's patrol officers as a tool for interviewing witnesses. He added that every single Department officer is equipped with a digital camera. The Computer Forensic Lab is up and running as well.

The Department has established a web site, which will cut down on the wait time for in-person police reports.

The Department has also broken ground on a new "state-of-the-art" impound lot. The project is 50% to 60% complete. It will be separate from the DWI impound lot, and bigger than the DWI impound lot.

Chief Johnson said that there is a new alarm security system with exterior and interior cameras throughout the Police Department Headquarters building. He added that the Department's main evidence vault is alarmed.

Chief Johnson said that the Department would be requesting is additional positions in the future to increase the staffing of patrols and investigation. As of 2005, 23 additional positions were needed. This is being looked at right now. Chief Johnson said that one focus for the Department is decreasing the response times.

Chief Johnson explained that the Department is working on the Department's 5-year plan through a strategic planning process.

Chief Johnson said that the Department is taking the burglary situation issue seriously. He said that he would have a progress report at the next Committee meeting on how the burglary operations are progressing.

Chief Johnson said that the Department is continuing to look at whatever grants would be helpful in addressing some of the Department's needs.

**Matters from Committee Members:**

None

**Communications From The Floor:**

None

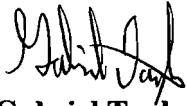
**Adjournment:**

Its business being completed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

**Approved by**

**Councilor Karen Heldmeyer, Chair**

**Submitted by**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gabriel Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and a long, sweeping tail.

**Gabriel Taylor, Stenographer**