

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND SERVICES
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2017
11:00 A.M.
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, B ROOM**

Members Present: Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, Chair, *District 3*
Councilmember Roberto Treviño, *District 1*
Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, *District 5*
Councilmember Ray Lopez, *District 6*
Councilmember Mike Gallagher, *District 10*

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Erik Walsh, *Deputy City Manager*; Eric Friedland, *Assistant City Attorney*; Jim Kopp, *Assistant City Attorney*; William McManus, *Police Chief, SAPD*; Carl Wedige, *Deputy Fire Chief, SAFD*; Jeff Coyle, *Director, Department of Government and Public Affairs*; Edward Gonzales, *Assistant Director, Department of Human Services*; Andrew Solano, *Office of the Mayor Policy Advisor/Liaison to Council*; Denice F. Treviño, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Rigo Villalobos, *Reporter, Telemundo*; Garrett Brnger, *Reporter, KSAT*; Scott Ball, *Photographer, Rivard Report*; Camille Garcia, *Reporter, Rivard Report*

Call to order

Chairperson Viagran called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the December 8, 2016 Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Gallagher moved to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2016 Criminal Justice, Public Safety, and Services Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Items for Consideration:

2. Briefing on the San Antonio Police Department's 2016 End of Year Crime Report and 2017 Strategic Plan. [Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police]

Chief McManus stated that in 2016, a total of 151 murders were committed in San Antonio. He noted that major cities across the nation experienced a significant crime increase. He stated that in 2016, violent crime increased by 9% and property crime increased by 6%. He noted that in February 2016, the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) implemented the Eastside Initiative to reduce drug and gang violence. He stated that this initiative was comprised of various local,

State, and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies to proactively reduce criminal activity. He reported the following results of this effort:

ACTIVITIES	TOTAL (FEB. 21 – DEC. 29)
Firearms seized	90
Gang/field contacts	670
Felony warrants cleared	300
Misdemeanor warrants cleared	1,058
Class C Traffic	4,716
Class C Non-Traffic	774
Felony arrests	743
Misdemeanor arrests	1,229
Unit man hours	15,877
Evidence seized (grams)	
Heroin	6,772.22
Cocaine	11,094.70
Meth	18,191.48
Marijuana	35,247.78
Confiscated cash	\$256,877.20

Chief McManus stated that the Mental Health Unit/Impact Team would identify homeless persons in need of attention and would take them to facilities for treatment. He noted that the following results were achieved by the IMPACT Team:

Number of contacts	1,119
Refused service	368
Referrals	466
Emergency detention	164
Detoxification	201

He stated that the referral agencies for the homeless were: 1) Haven for Hope; 2) Salvation Army; 3) Crisis Health Center; 4) Downtown Baptist Hospital; and 5) Methodist Hospital. He noted that SAPD supported Legislation submitted by Bexar County to fund 300 beds to enhance Long-Term Rehabilitation Efforts. He reported the following SAPD Investigations related to Human Trafficking:

YEAR	INVESTIGATIONS	VICTIMS	SUSPECTS
2014	50	58	51
2015	46	28	29
2016	38	43	50
Total	134	129	130

Chief McManus stated that January was Human Trafficking Awareness Month and SAPD was providing information on identifying, reporting and preventing Human Trafficking across the City. He noted that SAPD had two Detectives assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigations

(FBI) Human Trafficking Task Force. He noted that 16 SAPD Officers completed Homeland Security Investigations Task Force Officer Cross Estimation Training and the Task Force Officers could be assigned to work with Homeland Security Work Group on a full-time or part-time basis. He read a letter submitted to SAPD from two FBI Agents displaying efforts by SAPD which led to an arrest related to Human and Sex Trafficking. He stated that the Group Violence Intervention (GVI) Program initiated a pilot program operated out of the Eastpointe Community and was performed by San Antonio Fighting Back. He noted that the goals of GVI were:

- Reduce violent crime
- Strengthen relationship between SAPD and the community
- Provide legitimate path to exit criminal lifestyle

Chief McManus stated that in May 2017, a Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Initiative would begin. He noted that the TAG would seek to combat gang activity through coordinated investigations and operations. He stated that 12 Local, State and Federal Agencies would be involved to include approximately 120 personnel. He noted that deployment of the Body Worn Cameras (BWCs) had been successful thus far and all BWCs would be deployed by July 2017. He stated that BWCs would be deployed to each substation by February 2017 and all Officers would receive training and technical assistance related to same. He noted that a total of 2,200 BWCs would be deployed. He stated that the NENA Grade of Service (GOS) Standard was improved with 90% of emergency calls answered within 10 seconds. He noted that the NENA GOS Standard of 90% had been exceeded every month since June 2016. He stated that the average answer time for calls was 10.37 seconds and the Abandoned Call Rate was 16.56%. He noted that the majority of abandoned calls were abandoned within seven seconds. He stated that 42 personnel were funded for nine months in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Budget for the Call Center. He noted that a consultant would review Call Center Operations and develop a recommended action plan. He stated that additional call takers and expeditors would be hired to achieve sustainable improvement. He noted that the hiring of 35 personnel would be included in the FY 2018 Budget. He reviewed the GOS and Abandoned Call Rate for 2015 and 2016. He stated that in 2016, SAPD introduced and modified various programs, initiatives and training to enhance service delivery with:

- Citizens on Patrol
- SAFFE (San Antonio Fear Free Environment)
- Enhanced social media presence
- Implicit Bias Training

Chief McManus noted that SAPD was selected by the Department of Justice (DOJ) to participate in the Advancing 21st Century Policing Initiative. He stated that SAPD was the largest of 15 Law Enforcement Agencies selected and would serve as a National Community Policing Model. He noted that SAPD would receive technical assistance and training from the DOJ on how to implement recommendations regarding community engagement, training, and wellness for Police Officers. He stated that the 2017 Strategic Plan included a warrant round-up in specific areas and would also include services performed by:

- Violent Crime Task Force
- HOPE Team
- Fencing Interdiction Team

Chairperson Viagran asked of the geographic area of the Eastside Initiative. Chief McManus stated that the Eastside Initiative was conducted surrounding the New Braunfels Street Corridor. Chairperson Viagran asked of the public outreach regarding abandoned calls. Chief McManus stated that a public service announcement was forthcoming. Chairperson Viagran requested a quarterly memo with updated information on the Abandoned Call Rate. Chief McManus provided preliminary statistics for the following:

- 9.2% increase in violent crime
- 2% decrease in sexual assault
- 5% increase in property crime
- 4% decrease in burglary
- 6% decrease in vehicle burglary
- 2% decrease in theft

Councilmember Gonzales asked if the Eastside Initiative led efforts in policing on the Westside to decline. Chief McManus stated that such a decline was not occurring and policing continues in all parts of the city. Councilmember Gonzales asked if the work of the IMPACT Team could be accomplished by an entity other than SAPD. Chief McManus replied that this option could be explored. Councilmember Gonzales expressed concern that the work of the IMPACT Team required a tremendous amount of time.

Councilmember Gallagher asked of a comparison with other Texas Cities with SAPD regarding the number of Officers deployed. Chief McManus stated that for example, the City of Dallas had quite a few more Officers than San Antonio. Councilmember Gallagher stated that the City of San Antonio should consider adding more Officers.

Councilmember Lopez asked of options to increase the number of victims of human trafficking which request assistance. Chief McManus stated that partnering with other law enforcement agencies and providing public information in English and Spanish would enhance the number of victims of human trafficking requesting assistance.

Councilmember Treviño asked if public information was provided in Spanish. Chief McManus replied that all public information was provided in Spanish.

No action was required for Item 2.

3. Briefing on the 85th Legislative Session on Public Safety. [Presented by Jeff Coyle, Director, Government and Public Affairs]

Jeff Coyle stated that the Texas Legislature met every two years in odd numbered years. He noted that the 85th Session of the Texas Legislature began on January 10, 2017. He stated that as of January 17, 2017; 1,026 bills had been filed in the House of Representatives and 464 bills had

been filed in the Senate. He noted that the Government and Public Affairs Department would work with SAPD to monitor bills and determine the legislative strategy in alignment with the City's Legislative Program. He provided a summary of public safety related bills which had been filed.

Chairperson Viagran asked if SAPD Officers completed a psychological exam. Chief McManus replied that SAPD Officers complete a psychological exam once which was a State Requirement. Chairperson Viagran asked if fees associated with bills would be passed on to the city. Mr. Coyle replied that they would not.

Councilmember Gonzales asked of bills related to speed limits. Mr. Coyle stated that no such bill had been filed. He noted that the City's Legislative Agenda supported Legislation which supported Vision Zero.

Councilmember Lopez stated that it would be important to provide data collected by the city related to speed limits to Legislators at the appropriate time. He asked when the city would take a position on the proposed bills. Mr. Coyle replied that all bills would be brought before the Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee for discussion and then before the full City Council for discussion. He noted that the next Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee Meeting would be held on February 22, 2017. He noted that the next step would require an analysis of the proposed Public Safety Bills by SAPD.

No action was required for Item 3.

4. Briefing on Human Trafficking Initiatives and Programs. [Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police]

Chairperson Viagran stated that January was Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

Chief McManus stated that since 2014, SAPD had participated in 134 Human Trafficking Investigations in coordination with Federal Law Enforcement Agencies including the FBI Human Trafficking Task Force and the Department of Homeland Security. He noted that under State Law, Trafficking of a person was a Second Degree Felony and continuous trafficking of a person was a First Degree Felony. He stated that prison sentences for these offenses ranged from 25-99 years. He noted that Federal Prison Sentences for Human Trafficking of victims age 14 and older ranged from 10 years to life and for victims under 14 years ranged from 15 years to life. He stated that the Federal Government required that at least 90% of a sentence be completed prior to release of an offender. He noted that the Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking Grant was received and provided SAPD and the Rape Crisis Center with additional resources to proactively identify victims and prosecute offenders. He mentioned that the grant would be utilized to:

- Train and assign additional Detectives
- Purchase equipment
- Conduct victim identification training
- Focus on sex trafficking of adults and labor trafficking

Chief McManus displayed three PSAs to be delivered this month in English and in Spanish. He noted that several Human Trafficking-Related Bills have been introduced in the Texas Legislature related to:

- Training for commercial driver's license applicants and government officials working in the border region
- Expunction of criminal records for victims of trafficking
- Instituting special immigrant status for undocumented victims
- Reporting requirement for coerced abortion of a child and designation as form of child abuse

He noted that runaways, children of single parents, and undocumented persons were a very vulnerable population and targets for Human Trafficking.

Chairperson Viagran spoke of the level of technology utilized by human traffickers and asked how the grant would assist in addressing same. Chief McManus stated that the grant would help train Detectives on technology utilized by traffickers and would assist in the purchase technology to combat trafficking.

No action was required for Item 4.

5. Briefing on the Mayor's Council on Police-Community Relations. [Presented by Andrew Solano, Office of the Mayor Policy Advisor/Liaison to Council]

Andrew Solano stated that the Mayor's Council on Police-Community Relations (Council) was created as the result of the number of shootings in the community. He noted that the Council has met five times since September 2016. He stated that at each meeting, the Council had identified key issues in the areas of recruitment, training, communication, and community collaboration. He noted that subcommittees were formed to address each of the key issues. He stated that the Council would explore and recommend solutions for the challenges facing San Antonio in the realm of police-community relationships. He noted that this would be accomplished by promoting understanding between community members and those whose responsibility it was to keep them safe in hopes of minimizing and eliminating deadly encounters between citizens and law enforcement. He stated that this process has been led by the community. He noted that the Council would meet again in March 2017 and a report would be made to the Criminal Justice, Public Safety, and Services Council Committee in April 2017.

Chairperson Viagran stated that each subcommittee would seek community input. She noted that a plan of action for each subcommittee would be submitted to the Task Force which would issue a report in April 2017. She stated that additional members of the Task Force would be welcomed.

Councilmember Gonzales asked of participation by Unidos on the Task Force. Mr. Solano stated that staff would explore this option.

No action was required for Item 5.

6. Briefing on the Emergency Services District (ESD)s #5 and #6. [Presented by Charles Hood, Fire Chief]

Carl Wedge stated that several parcels of land have been exempted out of the Southside Annexations through agreements with the city which was permissible by State Law for parcels with Agricultural Exemptions. He noted that this caused issues with jurisdictional recognition and dispatch of emergency services. He stated that to remedy this situation, the city would enter into "In Kind" Interlocal Agreements with Bexar County Emergency Services District (BCESD) #5, and BCESD #6, and Bexar County. He noted that said agreements would allow the San Antonio Fire Department to receive request for service calls and respond to the exempt parcels. He stated that any city request for "in kind" services would be accomplished through the format documented in current Mutual Aid Agreements. He noted that if any exempt parcels were developed in any way; they would be subject to Annexation. He stated that all parties were in agreement with this course of action. He noted that the City Attorney's Office was currently drafting said agreements and staff would recommend consideration of the agreements by the full City Council in February 2017.

No action was required for Item 6.

Consideration of items for future meetings

Erik Walsh stated that in February 2017 an update would be presented at B Session on the Homeless Impact. He noted that a presentation on the Meadows Report and Methodist Ministries and an update on Panhandling and Centro Donation Stations would be presented to the Committee. He stated that there were potentially four subjects to be discussed with SAPD regarding intersections. He noted that Police Relations with the Texas State Hospital would be discussed.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.



Rebecca Viagran, Chair

Respectfully Submitted



Denise F. Trevino, Office of the City Clerk

