

**PUBLIC SAFETY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MAY 6, 2015
11:00 A.M.
MUNICIPAL PLAZA ROOM B**

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

Members Absent: Councilmember Cris Medina, *District 7*

Staff Present: Erik Walsh, *Deputy City Manager*; James Kopp, *Assistant City Attorney*; Anthony Treviño, *Interim Police Chief*; Yvette Granato, *Deputy Fire Chief, SAFD*; Anthony Muro, *Deputy Chief of Police, SAPD*; Steve Baum, *Assistant Director, SAPD*; Andrew Estrada, *Assistant Fire Chief, SAFD*; Denice F. Trevino, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others present:

Call to order

Chairperson Viagran called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes of the April 1, 2015 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Gallagher moved to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2015 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Treviño seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens registered to speak.

Items for Consideration:

Item 3 was addressed at this time.

3. Briefing and Update on the Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) Pilot Program [Presented by Charles Hood, Fire Chief]

Chief Hood stated that the San Antonio Fire Department has expanded its public awareness of the MIH Pilot Program (Pilot Program) throughout the community via:

- Local Media
 - KENS5
 - KSAT

- KMOL
- Public Television
- Social Media
 - Twitter: @SAFDMobileHealth
 - Facebook: Facebook.com/SAFDMIH
 - SA Medical Director Youtube Account

Chief Hood provided the following MIH Program Update:

- Preliminary data was exchanged with several area hospitals through the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council's (STRAC's) Business Associate Agreement (BAA).
- SAFD collaborated and held discussions with area hospital Chief Financial Officers (CFOs) to establish payment models for MIH.
- SAFD, Hospital CFOs and Medical Data Management Personnel were scheduled to meet at STRAC monthly.
- All parties have made a verbal commitment to participate in the MIH Consortium.

Chief Hood stated that 55 individuals that had made repeated calls for Emergency Medical Services for Non-Emergencies were contacted for participation in the Pilot Program. He noted that six of these individuals had graduated from the Pilot Program and 21 individuals were currently enrolled. He reported a 65.38% reduction in calls for the SAFD by participants to date which equaled 508 fewer calls. He noted a 73.21% reduction in calls for the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) by participants to date which equaled 399 fewer calls. He stated that the decrease in calls would enhance response times for SAFD and SAPD. He reviewed the following plan for continued success of the Pilot Program:

- MIH Paramedics enrolled at Northwest Vista College for State Certification of Community Health Worker (17 hours)
- Focus on Patient-Centered Care with an emphasis on quality and value, rather than quantity in conjunction with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Utilize existing infrastructure in new and innovative ways
 - Shared Participant information via City of San Antonio (CoSA) Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD)
 - Utilization of Fire Prevention Division Software Application for MIH Participant scheduling
 - Testing Zoll Software specific to MIH

Chief Hood identified the next steps for SAFD MIH:

- SAFD will track Participants from transport to discharge
- Benchmarks with Area Hospitals will be established to determine the need for a Follow-Up Home Visit by the MIH Team
- Increase Immunization Opportunities and Community Outreach

Chairperson Viagran asked when the Pilot Program began. Chief Hood replied that the Pilot Program began on October 1, 2014 and the MIH Team would continue to follow-up with Participants.

Councilmember Gallagher asked of other areas of focus provided by the MIH Team. Chief Hood stated that the MIH Team provided: 1) Education; 2) Nutritional Information; and 3) Assistance in navigating the Healthcare System.

Councilmember Gonzales asked of the savings realized due to the decrease in calls. Chief Hood stated that he would provide that information and that a Budget to sustain the Pilot Project would be discussed during the Budget Process.

Chairperson Viagran asked if the SAFD could present the full menu of services that they offered to Neighborhood Associations. Chief Hood replied that the SAFD could provide a list of all services provided by the SAFD to Neighborhood Associations of which Fire Prevention was the most important.

Item 2 was addressed at this time.

2. Briefing and Possible Action on a Request from Councilman Warrick regarding Waiver of Alarm Permit Fees for Victims of Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, Sexual Assault and Stalking [Presented by Anthony Treviño, Interim Police Chief]

Interim Police Chief Anthony Treviño stated that the issuance of Alarm Permits was governed by Municipal Code (Code), Chapter 25, Section IV. He noted that the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) Alarm Investigation Office (AIO) was charged with implementing the Code. He reported that currently, there were 65,900 active Residential Alarm Permits. He stated that Annual Residential Alarm Permit Fees were \$40 and \$35 for Senior Citizens. He noted that Councilmembers have requested possible waivers of Alarm Permit Fees for victims of certain crimes and for Senior Citizens. He noted the following issues for consideration:

- 54.6% of Domestic Violence Victims live with the Offender.
- 45.3% of Sexual Assault Victims were related to the Offender.
- Over 1,000 Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault incidents were reported monthly.
- No data was available on the number of victims with Alarm Permits.

Chief Treviño noted the following issues for consideration:

- Senior Citizens Waiver
 - Age 65 or older
 - Homestead Exemption (Renter's not eligible)
 - 16% (\$408,065.00) Total Revenue received in FY 2014 from Senior Citizens.No data was available on the number of Senior Citizen Renters with Alarm Permits.

- Texas Cities without Exemption or Waiver Programs for Senior Citizens: Houston, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Austin, and Corpus Christi

Chief Treviño stated that staff recommended reducing the Alarm Permit Fee for Senior Citizens rather than waive it to minimize the fiscal impact. He noted that staff recommended:

- Implementation of a One-Year Moratorium (Moratorium) of Alarm Permit Fees for victims of Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, Sexual Assault, and Stalking which would be reviewed after one year
- Reduction of the Senior Citizen Permit Fee as part of the FY 2015-2016 Budget Process

Councilmember Gallagher asked of the rationale for establishing Alarm Permit Fees. Chief Treviño stated that the purpose for establishing Alarm Permit Fees was to:

1. Track Alarms in the Community
2. Manage Residential and Business Alarms to reduce the number of False Alarms

Chief Treviño stated that there were 90,000 Police-Related False Alarms annually. Councilmember Gallagher suggested that fees be assessed as False Alarms occur.

Chairperson Viagran requested that staff provide the number of annual Residential False Alarms. She asked of the criteria for the implementation of the Moratorium. Chief Treviño stated that said criteria would be assessed and reviewed during and after the stated Moratorium.

Councilmember Gallagher expressed concern that criteria for the One-Year Moratorium had not been established.

Chief Treviño stated that additional information would be provided on this item when presented to the full City Council.

Councilmember Treviño moved to approve and forward implementation of a One-Year Moratorium of Alarm Permit Fees for victims of Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, Sexual Assault, and Stalking and a reduction of the Alarm Permit Fee for Senior Citizens as part of the FY 2015-2016 Budget Process to the full City Council for consideration. Councilmember Gonzales seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Consideration of Items for Future Meetings

Erik Walsh stated that an update would be presented on the Use of the Hand-Held Mobile Communication Devices while Driving Ordinance and the Transportation Networking Companies Ordinance at the next meeting. He added that a Council Consideration Request submitted by Councilmember Nirenberg regarding a Safety Strategy for the Linear Creekways would be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Rebecca Viagran, Chair

Respectfully Submitted,

*Denice F. Trevino, Office of the City
Clerk*