

PUBLIC SAFETY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING APRIL 1, 2015
11:00 A.M.
MUNICIPAL PLAZA ROOM B

Members Present:	Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, Chairperson, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Roberto Treviño, <i>District 1</i> Councilmember Mike Gallagher, <i>District 10</i>
Members Absent:	Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, <i>District 5</i> Councilmember Cris Medina, <i>District 7</i>
Staff Present:	Erik Walsh, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Jonathan Kaplan, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Anthony Treviño, <i>Interim Police Chief</i> ; Denice F. Trevino, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Others present:	Councilmember Warrick, <i>District 2</i> ; Johnny Shannon, <i>Reporter, KTSA</i>

Call to order

Chairperson Viagran called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes of the March 4, 2015 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Gallagher moved to approve the minutes of the March 4, 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:

2. Briefing on Gunshot Recognition Devices Pilot Program [Presented by Anthony L. Treviño, Interim Police Chief]

Interim Chief Anthony Treviño stated that Gun Violence and the associated Gunfire were a top concern of the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD). He noted that tracking Gunfire could be challenging due to the following:

- Underreported by Citizens that:
 - Hesitated to contact SAPD
 - Assumed it had been reported by others
- Difficult to locate the source of Gunfire

Chief Treviño stated that there were currently two companies (Shot Spotter and SENTRI) which utilized Recognition Technology (RT), focusing on Gunshot Recognition (GR) in various cities across the country. He noted that GR aided Law Enforcement in identifying, locating, and reporting instances of Gunfire. He reported that Shot Spotter utilized microphones to detect Explosive Events and, by means of triangulation, could fix the position of the source of Gunfire. He stated that Explosive Event Data was transmitted to a Central Monitoring Facility where it was reviewed and analyzed by a Technician. He noted that when Gunfire was detected, and confirmed, the Central Monitoring System would inform and dispatch SAPD Officers through the Dispatch Center or directly to In-Car Computers in the area of the Gunfire. He reported that SENTRI utilized individual Recording Units containing Cameras. He stated that when Gunfire was detected the Camera would record activity in the area of the Gunfire and notify the Dispatch Center. He indicated that notification took less than a minute to reach Dispatch Centers for both companies. He noted that the City of San Antonio (CoSA) would be the first Texas City to utilize RT Technology. He added that Shot Spotter had been utilized in 47 cities across the country including Washington, D.C., Oakland, California, and New York, New York. He noted that SAPD had identified two areas in the City with the highest concentration of Shootings to be included in the proposed Pilot Program. He stated that if approved, SAPD, the Finance Department, and the Office of Management and Budget would release a Request for Offer (RFO) for RT Services. He noted that upon receipt of proposals, said departments would provide a cost estimate for the Pilot Program, which SAPD would present to the full City Council as part of the Mid-Year Budget Adjustment. He stated that upon approval, SAPD would negotiate a contract and produce a timeline for the Pilot Program. He noted that the two areas identified for the Pilot Program were located in City Council Districts 2 and 5.

Councilmember Warrick stated that he observed the GR Program which had been utilized by the District of Columbia (DC) Police Department since 2005. He reported that during his visit, the location of a Gunshot was identified in 30 seconds and DC Police Officers arrived at the scene of the source of the Gunshot in less than two minutes. He noted that RT Technology increased safety for Police Officers and identified the type of Firearm utilized.

Chairperson Viagran asked how the number of microphones utilized and their locations were determined. Chief Treviño stated that the number of microphones and their locations were determined by the geography of the covered area. He provided details on RT Technology. Chairperson Viagran asked of the Annual Cost for RT Technology Services. Councilmember Warrick replied that the Annual Cost for RT Technology Services was between \$30,000 and \$100,000 depending on the size of the area covered.

Erik Walsh noted that the City would leverage the fact that it would be the first in Texas to utilize RT Technology when negotiating costs. He stated that the estimated cost, based on conversations with the companies, was \$450,000 for both areas.

Councilmember Gallagher asked of Public Feedback in cities where RT Technology was currently utilized. Chief Treviño stated that Public Feedback in cities where RT Technology was currently utilized was positive. Councilmember Gallagher asked of the mobility of RT Technology. Chief Treviño replied that an option for mobility would be included in the RFO.

Chairperson Viagran requested that staff provide Public Feedback received by the DC Police Department to Committee Members.

No action was required for Item 2.

Consideration of Items for Future Meetings

Councilmember Gallagher requested data and feedback from Municipal Court on the Hands-Free Ordinance. Erik Walsh stated that said request would be addressed in a memorandum to Committee Members. Chief Treviño reported that 1,489 Warnings and 1,870 Citations had been issued for non-compliance with said Ordinance as of March 24, 2015.

Chairperson Viagran requested discussion of Alarm Fees for Victims of Domestic Violence and Senior Citizens and an update on the data requested at the last meeting.

Erik Walsh noted that a Council Consideration Request (CCR) would be brought before the Committee regarding the security and safety on Linear Creekways. He noted that a solicitation was being conducted for Body Cameras. He reported that a Public Hearing on the proposed Youth Curfew Ordinance would be held on April 8, 2015. He stated that said Ordinance would be brought before the full City Council for consideration on April 30, 2015.

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