

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE, PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVICES COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING DECEMBER 2, 2015**

11:00 A.M.

PUBLIC SAFETY HEADQUARTERS

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*; William McManus, *Police Chief, SAPD*; Joseph MacKay, *Deputy Chief, SAPD*; Anthony Treviño, *Deputy Chief (Chief of Staff), SAPD*; Steven Baum, *Assistant Director, SAPD*; Jim Kopp, *SAPD*; Denice F. Trevino, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others present: None

Call to order

Chairperson Viagran called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes of the November 12, 2015 Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Services Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Gallagher moved to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2015 Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Services Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens registered to speak.

Items for Consideration:

2. Briefing on the Status and Use of the San Antonio Police Department's Three (3) Storefront Locations. [Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police]

Chief McManus stated that Police Storefronts were originally designed to improve accessibility and visibility of the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD). He noted that there were currently three storefronts servicing four City Council Districts (1, 3, 5 and 7). He reported that the Deco

District Storefront, located at 1800 Fredericksburg Road, opened in June 2008 and serviced City Council District 1 and 7/West Patrol San Antonio Fear Free Environment (SAFFE). He stated that said Storefront was: 1) Not staffed regularly due to the low level use by the public; 2) Primarily utilized for office and meeting space; and 3) Provided information to the public which was also available via the Internet and/or Police Substations. He noted that the Commerce Street Storefront, located at 4883 West Commerce, opened in March 2009 and serviced City Council District 5/West Patrol SAFFE. He stated that said Storefront was: 1) Staffed Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; 2) Staffed by SAFFE Officers which rotated through staffing duties; and 3) Staffed to handle walk-ins including any immediate action that may be required. He noted that approximately 652 citizen walk-ins and approximately 84 reports were processed per year at this location. He stated that the McCreless Storefront, located at 3850 S. New Braunfels Avenue opened in April 2009 and serviced City Council District 3/East and South SAFFE. He stated that said Storefront was: 1) Staffed Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; 2) Staffed by the East SAFFE Officer for the first four hours and the South SAFFE Officer during the last four hours of the day; 3) Shared space with Code Compliance; and 4) Contacted by approximately two citizens per day for copies of Police Reports. He noted that approximately 374 citizen walk-ins and approximately 51 Police Reports were processed per year at this location. He reported that the cost of establishing the Storefronts and their annual operating expenses were as follows:

	DECO DISTRICT	McCRELESS	COMMERCE STREET
Implementation	\$255,800	\$45,724	\$38,378
Operations	\$18,251	\$6,910	\$2,938

Chairperson Viagran stated that her constituents reported the McCreless Storefront was closed at times and asked of staffing at the McCreless Storefront. Chief McManus replied that the McCreless Storefront was closed when a SAFFE Officer was not available. Chairperson Viagran noted that her constituents reported Code Compliance would not open the Storefront unless a SAFFE Officer was present. Chief McManus stated that it was not necessary for a SAFFE Officer to be present for Code Compliance to open the Storefront. Chairperson Viagran asked if there were Volunteer Opportunities at the Storefronts. Chief McManus replied that there were.

Councilmember Gallagher asked if SAPD had explored the option of having the Deco District Storefront staffed by Code Compliance. Chief McManus replied that this option had not been explored. Councilmember Gallagher suggested that this option and the option of having volunteers staffing the Storefronts be explored.

Councilmember Treviño noted that many Neighborhood Associations utilized the Deco District Storefront for meetings.

Councilmember Lopez stated that the feasibility of utilizing Storefronts for multi-agencies should be considered for possible inclusion in a future Bond Program.

Councilmember Gonzales asked if the Park Police could take advantage of a future Storefront. Chief McManus replied that they could.

Chairperson Viagran requested that information on when and why a Storefront would be closed be provided to the Committee.

3. Briefing on the Status and Operation of the San Antonio Police Department's Southwest Texas Fusion Center. [Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police]

Chief McManus stated that Fusion Centers began as an initiative between the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice after 9/11. He noted that the Southwest Texas Fusion Center (SWTFC) was an all-threat/all hazard center for information and public safety analysis, collaborating with regional and national stakeholders throughout the Greater San Antonio Area and the South Texas Region. He stated that the SWTFC was utilized to respond to contemporary crime problems and more accurately predict future threat trends. He reported that in 2009, SAPD created the San Antonio Regional Intelligence and in 2010; the Texas Governor recognized the SWTFC as one of seven Fusion Centers in Texas. He noted that in 2011, the Department of Homeland Security recognized the SWTFC as a major urban area Fusion Center. He stated that the SWTFC Area was from San Antonio to Del Rio to Laredo and back to San Antonio and a little farther north. He reported that each year the SWTFC was funded and operated by SAPD with approximately \$3.9 million and this amount was supplemented by grant funding from the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). He noted that the SWTFC was staffed by 25 sworn personnel and 6 civilian personnel. He stated that representatives from the San Antonio Fire Department, Bexar County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety and the Department of Homeland Security were also housed at the facility. He noted that the hours of operation for the SWTFC were from 7:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. on weekdays and from 5:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. on weekends. He added that the following three entities operated at the SWTFC:

- Tactical Intelligence Operations Center (TIOC)
 - ❖ Real Time Crime Center
 - ❖ Support to Field Personnel
 - ❖ Liaison support role
- Intelligence Unit
 - ❖ Special Case Assignments
 - ❖ Collection
 - ❖ FBI JTTF
- Analysis and Support
 - ❖ Suspicious Activity Reporting
 - ❖ Threat Analysis
 - ❖ Case Support
 - ❖ Product Development

Chairperson Viagran stated that the Committee would tour the SWTFC following the meeting.


Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.



Rebecca Viagran, Chair

Respectfully Submitted,



Denice F. Trevino, Office of the City Clerk