

**PUBLIC SAFETY
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2019
10:00 AM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

Members Present: Councilmember Ana Sandoval, Chair, *District 7*
Councilmember Jada Andrews-Sullivan, *District 2*
Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, *District 3*
Councilmember Clayton Perry, *District 10*

Members Absent: Councilmember Melissa Cabello Havrda, *District 6*

Staff Present: Maria Villagómez, *Deputy City Manager*; Jim Kopp, *Assistant City Attorney*; William McManus, *Chief of Police, SAPD*; Robert Blanton, *Deputy Chief, SAPD*; Jimmy Reyes, *Deputy Chief, SAPD*; Karen Falks, *Captain, SAPD*; Michael Mosley, *Captain, SAPD*; Jesse Salame, *Lieutenant, SAPD*; Dean White, *Lieutenant, SAPD*; Craig Hopkins, *Chief Information Officer, ITSD*; Thomas Jenkins, *SAPD*; Denice F. Treviño, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: John Butchkosky, *Community Liaison, Texas Alliance for Human Needs*; Iris Dimmick, *Rivard Report*; Robin Jerstad, *San Antonio Express News*

Call to order

Chairwoman Sandoval called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the August 30, 2019 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Viagran moved to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2019 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens registered to speak.

Items for Consideration:

- 2. Briefing and Possible Action on the 2019 Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Crime Trends, the Efforts of the Violent Crime Task Force (VCTF), the Results of the SAPD Community Engagement Program, and the Results of a Repeat Offender Analysis.** [Maria Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

Chief McManus stated that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) created the Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Program in 1929 to collect and compile crime data from Law Enforcement Agencies. He noted

that the UCR focused on the most serious crimes and crimes most likely to be reported. He stated that Law Enforcement Agencies submitted crime data every quarter although not mandated to do so. He noted that the UCR Part I Crimes included:

UCR Part I Crimes	
Violent Crimes	Property Crimes
Homicide	Burglary
Rape	Larceny
Aggravated Assault	Vehicle Theft
Robbery	Arson

Chief McManus stated that only the arrests for other crimes were reported to the FBI. He noted that the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) collected data for 23 categories of offenses and 10 different crimes could be reported per incident. He stated that the FBI cautions against comparing statistical data of individual reporting units from cities, counties, metropolitan areas, and states. He noted that UCR data provides no insight on the variables which impact crime in cities and use of UCR data alone to rank cities would result in incomplete, and misleading analysis. He stated that the Violent Crime Task Force (VCTF) was created in 2017 and was comprised of State, Local, and Federal Agencies. He noted that the VCTF was responsible for a total of 22,732 arrests, 8,013 felony warrants executed, 2,894 firearms recovered, 2,045 gang members arrested, the seizure of over 1 million grams of drugs, and over \$3 million through August 23, 2019. He stated that the Community Engagement Team (CET) proactively established contact with individuals in high crime areas in an effort to facilitate delivery of support services and to prevent criminal activity. He noted that the CET provided violence intervention, victim advocacy, and community engagement. He reviewed the community engagement results for the CET. He stated that the purpose of the Repeat Offender Analysis was to determine the percentage of crimes committed in which the perpetrator and/or victim had a previous criminal record. He noted that the Repeat Offender Analysis revealed that:

- 67% of crime was committed by a person with a criminal record*
- 62% of violent crime was committed by a person with a criminal record*
- 43% of violent crime was committed by a person with a violent criminal record*
- 55% of individuals which have been both arrested and were a victim of crime first entered the system as a victim**

*Bexar County Crime Records (1999-2019)

**Record Management System data (2012-2018)

Chief McManus stated that since 2017, there was a significant citywide decrease in Part I UCR Crimes with a 4% decrease in 2017 and a 16% decrease in 2018. He noted that in 2018, every service area experienced a decrease in crime. He presented the number of property and violent crimes per 100,000 individuals in 2017 for various cities.

Councilmember Viagran asked why repeat offenders were released. Chief McManus replied that all were eligible for a bond. Councilmember Viagran requested a Repeat Offender Analysis for the last five years and citywide NIBRS data.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan asked if the Repeat Offender Analysis included mental health and demographic data. Chief McManus replied that it did.

Councilmember Perry suggested that the District Attorney engage in the process of data reporting. He requested data from other Texas Cities on UCR property and violent crime. Councilmember Perry requested a report on the number of Officers per 100,000 residents for San Antonio and other Texas Cities. He requested a strategy to address the homeless population and the possible creation of another committee to address this issue. Maria Villagómez stated that staff would present the existing internal efforts to address homelessness to the Committee at a future meeting. Chief McManus spoke of the current efforts to address homelessness in conjunction with Haven for Hope.

Councilmember Viagran requested an update on the results of stakeholder meetings regarding development of a homeless strategy.

Chairwoman Sandoval requested an annual report to the Committee on UCR data with the classification of crimes submitted to the FBI and data on open and closed cases. She suggested that an annual report and the methodology utilized be submitted to the committee and asked for data on the number of cases which were closed and which were open. She asked when data from 2018 would be available. Mr. Jenkins replied that it would be available in October 2019.

3. Briefing and Possible Action on the Update of the National Incidents Based Reporting System (NIBRS) and the Records Management System (RMS). [Maria Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

Chief McManus stated that the FBI would require Law Enforcement Agencies to report crimes utilizing the NIBRS by January 1, 2021. He noted that the department was in the process of selecting a new RMS that is NIBRS compliant. He stated that the current RMS was not NIBRS compliant and did not have the capability to become compliant.

Karen Falks stated that UCR collected data for only eight Part I offenses, whereas NIBRS collected data for 23 categories of 52 offenses. She noted that UCR collected data on the most serious offenses committed while NIBRS collected data on all offenses committed within a single incident. She stated that most agencies have observed what appears to be an increased crime rate, but was actually the reporting of additional crime data. She noted that to ensure consistency and understanding during the first year of transition to NIBRS, SAPD would generate both UCR and NIBRS crime data. She stated that the existing RMS which has been in place since 2010, did not interface well with other applications. She stated that interviews with the stakeholders, the Sworn Committee, the Technology Committee, and the Scoring Committee met with vendors to select the new system in August 2019. She noted that the vendor selection would occur today and a Statement of Work would be developed. She stated that this item would be presented to the Audit and Accountability Council Committee and the full City Council for consideration in October/November 2019.

Councilmember Perry asked if the Information Technology Services Department would alter the new RMS. Craig Hopkins replied that it would not.

Councilmember Viagran asked when the RMS would go live. Captain Falks replied that the RMS would go live in November 2020.

**Consideration of Items for Future Meetings
Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 am.



Ana Sandoval, Chair

Respectfully Submitted



Denice F. Trevino, Office of the City Clerk