

MINUTES

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
TUESDAY JANUARY 16, 2007 6:00 PM
CITY HALL
245 EAST BONITA AVENUE

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

Staff/City Representatives - Guests:

Bruce Colburn, Chair	
Bethany Gilbert-Jones, Vice Chair (absent)	
David Harbin	City Manager Blaine Michaelis
Karol Curtis	Lt. Gary Kimble, Co. Sheriff's Office
Robert Anderson	Battalion Chief David Gehr, Co. Fire
Alan Nash	Fire Officer Terry, Co. Fire
Francis Arocha (absent)	
Don Handley	
Dave Campbell	
Bob Olander	
James Sloniker	
Neil Oudejans	

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
Meeting called to order by Chairman Colburn at 6:00 pm.
- II. Business from the public not on the agenda
None
- III. Approval of the November 21, 2006 Minutes with the correction that Commissioner Handley's comment on the Via Verde trail was the need to compact the sand more – Commissioners absent from the meeting abstained.
- IV. Annual Report – Los Angeles County Fire Department

Chief Gehr reported that fire activity in San Dimas has been relatively quiet for 2006 – There were few fires – medical calls were adequately handled – the trauma helicopter was able to also help out with fire emergencies.

Chief Gehr reported that the Department has purchased 96 new engines – 1 was assigned to Station 64. Also 8 new truck companies (ladder vehicles) were purchased. New turnout gear was purchased for all personnel. New field and truck radios – standardized and uniform were purchased. Mobile Data Terminals are being replaced with lap tops. A new station is being constructed in Azusa.

Brush inspections will be starting soon – coordinating between weed and fire hazard abatement efforts. Commissioners appreciated the update and presentation.

V. Reports from Staff

City Manager Michaelis provided an update on various city development projects.

Lt. Kimble provided a summary of the recent success in the recovery of stolen merchandise from a sporting goods store. He also mentioned the department's concern with objects being intentionally placed in Gladstone Street.

VI. Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Campbell asked staff to look into the RV storage at 512 North Walnut – there are at least 5 stored there.

Commissioner Anderson noted the recent appreciation of a resident for follow through and contact from the Sheriff's Department on a matter of interest. He also mentioned the February 26 Walker House Golf Tournament sponsored by the Festival of Arts.

Commissioner Nash expressed interest in the safety of the Verizon contractors working on the fiber optic project. Staff will have the city inspectors remind the contractor to follow their safety procedures.

Commissioner Colburn noted bottle rockets and fireworks being set off in his neighborhood – every night around the first of the year. The Sheriff's Department encouraged residents to call under those circumstances so that a Deputy may respond.

VII. Reminder of February meeting to review meeting schedule for 2007 and conduct election of 2007 Commission officers.

VIII. Adjournment at 7:10 pm. Next Public Safety Commission meeting February 20, 2007 6 pm

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**Listing of annual events and meetings 2007
City of San Dimas Public Safety Commission**

We have 2 recognition events, 2 no meeting months, and 8 meetings

January 16 – Regular meeting;

February 20 – Regular meeting; Election of officers, meeting schedule for 2007

March 20 – Regular meeting;

April 17 – **No meeting Spring Break**

May 15 – Regular meeting;

*June 19 – Public Safety Recognition Breakfast

July 17 – Regular meeting – prepare for National Night Out in August – business and residential crime prevention report – Neighborhood Watch.

August 21 – **No meeting**

September 18 – Regular meeting – Annual report of the CAT team

October 16 – Regular meeting – Annual report of the Fire Department

November 20 – Regular meeting; 2007 mtg. schedule; Flood Control Folks?

*December 11 – Holiday reception

Potential meeting agendas:

- Receive Annual Report from Fire Department – statistics, trends, department activities (just like CAT presentation each year)
- Receive a presentation regarding residential and business crime prevention programs and efforts.
- Ways to increase public awareness of being more cautious – locking homes, cars, removing things from plain view, report suspicious activity, etc.
- Report on school safety planning and activity.
- Review of the city's contract for services with the Sheriff's Department.
- LA County Flood Control
- County Park Police