

MINUTES

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2010 5:30 PM
STATION 64
164 SOUTH WALNUT
SAN DIMAS

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

Staff/City Representatives - Guests:

Karol Curtis	Mayor Curt Morris
Alan Nash, Chair	Councilmember Emmett Badar
Dave Campbell	City Manager Blaine Michaelis
Bob Olander	Vince Pena, Chief LA Co Fire
Tom Molina	Alisha Mejia, LA Co Fire
Paul Kirby	Charles McCants, guest
Ted Ross	Robert Hardcastle, public
Randy Alva excused	
Norm Wiles	
Fred Ortiz	
Jim McCants, Vice Chair	
Patrick Jones	

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
Meeting called to order by Chair Nash at 5:30 pm.
- II. Business from the public not on the agenda
Robert Hardcastle – spoke about a recent call for service and the challenges of having response personnel going to the right location near the Sycamore Canyon Equestrian Center regarding possible weapon’s fire. It ended up being a device that simulates weapons fire for the training of a dog. Mr. Hardcastle offered to write up the details of the incident so that public safety personnel could review potential adjustments in future dispatch for public safety calls in that area and other areas.
- III. Approval of the September 21, 2010 Minutes – Commissioners absent from the meeting abstained from the approval.
- IV. Fire Department Annual Report
Chief Pena reviewed the statistics for fire service calls from the last 12 months (attached). San Dimas stations responded to 2,720 calls for service – 2056 of them were for rescue and emergency medical needs.
Alisha Mejia provided an overview of the CERT program. The purpose of the program is to promote hazard identification and mitigation in an effort to minimize the effects of a disaster on a community and to facilitate recovery efforts. The program started in 1985 and provides training for interested individuals and organizations. The training helps residents from being potential victims of emergencies or disasters to helping them be in a position of being a resource or front line responder to these events. The training helps participants develop skills and receive helpful preparedness information and action plans. Alisha can be contacted at 626-732-3531 amejia@fire.lacounty.gov
Chief Pena reviewed a recent fire in San Dimas along the 57 freeway in September 2010. He provided a chronology of the event, the response, strategy, and resources deployed and used in the incident. Chief Pena also reviewed the Department’s Wildland Fire

Prevention Strategies for residents. The Commission expressed appreciation for the presentation.

V. Reports from Staff

City Manager provided an update of various city projects and reviewed the plan to provide holiday wishes for on-duty public safety personnel December 14, 2010 at 5:30 pm

VI. Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner McCants noted that the cleanup at 430 W. Gladstone is nearly 90% complete.

Commissioner Curtis noted the benefits of the new Nixle program which sends text messages regarding public safety matters to those who sign up for the information by specific geographic areas. More information to come from the Sheriff's Department on this new program.

VII. Adjournment at 7:10 pm. Next gathering Holiday Drop-in (Commissioners visiting Station 64, Via Verde Station, and Sheriff's Station with holiday wishes and food December 14, 2010 5:30 pm).

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
CITY REPORT TOTALS
SAN DIMAS**

TYPE	Nov. & Dec 2009			Jan.-Oct. 2010		
	# OF INC			# OF INC		TOTAL 12 Months
Structure fire	3			10		13
Mobile property fire	2			11		13
Natural vegetation fire	2			11		13
Outside rubbish fire	0			5		5
Special outside fire	0			3		3
Cultivated vegetation fire	0			0		0
Other fires	0			1		1
Overpressure rupture, explosion	1			5		6
Rescue & emergency medical	331			1725		2056
Haz Mat	3			7		10
Hazardous condition (no fire)	0			9		9
Service calls	25			86		111
Good intent calls	44			242		186
False alarm False calls	36			249		285
Severe weather Natural disaster	0			0		0
Special incident	0			1		1
Incidents with no specified type	3			5		8
Grand Total						2720