

# MINUTES

CITY OF SAN DIMAS  
 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
 TUESDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2013 5:30 PM  
 LA COUNTY FIRE STATION 64  
 164 SOUTH WALNUT  
 SAN DIMAS, CA

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members:**

**Staff/City Representatives - Guests:**

Karol Curtis	
Alan Nash, Chair	City Council Emmett Badar
Ted Ross	City Manager Blaine Michaelis
Randy Alva - absent	Alicia Mejia, CSR LA Co. Fire
Fred Ortiz	Mike Padilla Battalion Chief
Jim McCants	
Patrick Jones	
Dawna Marshall - absent	
Roger Therien	
Cheryl Avelar	
Charles McGown	
Vern Van Voorst	

- I. Welcome and Call to Order  
 Meeting called to order by Chair Nash at 5:32 pm
- II. Business from the public not on the agenda – none
- III. Approval of the September 17, 2013 Minutes – those absent abstaining from the approval

IV. Fire Department's Annual Report

Alicia Mejia Community Services Representative welcomed the commissioners and introduced Battalion Chief Mike Padilla to make the presentation. Chief Padilla provided an overview and history of the Los Angeles County Fire Department – the development of the Department and the evolution of their services through the years. The Department is respected throughout the nation and parts of the world. Chief Padilla reviewed the Department's mission and vision statement. The Department serves over 4 million residents, 1.3 million homes, 58 cities, and 2,305 square miles of area. There are 4,834 total personnel including 1300 firefighters, lifeguards, hazmat crews, pilots, mechanics, dispatchers etc. There are 171 fire stations, 9 fire suppression camps, 12 fire offices, 4 air operations, 5 forestry/nursery operation. Overall the department has 163 Engines; 4 foam units; 25 quints (fire engine/trucks), 32 truck companies (to bring firefighting supplies and equipment to fire scenes), 2 Urban Search and Rescue squads, 12 water tenders, 68 paramedic squads handling advanced life support, 52 crew carriers, 5 light force units, 4 swift water rescue, 10 dozers, 11 transport trucks, and 4 hazmat task force units. Department wide in 2011 there were 7,549 fires; 216,576 rescues, and 72,179 misc. calls for service = 297,304 total calls.

The Department is divided up into 3 service areas – San Dimas is part of the East Region with Chief Steve Martin in charge. The San Dimas operation includes stations 64 and 141; a BC unit, 3 engines, Paramedic squad, utility truck and reserve engine. In 2013 the calls for service for San Dimas were as follows:

Structure fires	20
Other fires	43
Explosions	6
EMS calls	1890
Haz materials	22
Service calls	319
False alarms	182
Other	12
Total	2492

The San Dimas stations also conduct 620 brush inspections and 1030 business inspections each year. They cover Bonelli Park; operate an Explorer program; completes CERT training sessions, and support many community activities and provide many informal services to the public.

The Commission thanked Alicia and Chief Padilla for the presentation.

V. Reports from Staff

City Manager Michaelis provided an update on city matters. He explained the recent unauthorized opening of a Medicinal Marijuana Dispensary at 146 East Bonita. The city is proceeding to secure an injunction to close the facility.

VI. Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Van Voorst distributed information regarding the dangers of spice and bath salts.

VII. Adjournment 7:22 pm - next Commission responsibility will be the Public Safety Holiday Food Delivery December 10, 2013 at 5:00 pm City Hall – the next regular meeting of the Commission will be March 18, 2014 at City Hall 5:30 pm.