

MINUTES

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
 TUESDAY MAY 20, 2014 5:30 PM
 SAN DIMAS SHERIFF'S STATION
 270 SOUTH WALNUT AVENUE
 SAN DIMAS, CA

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

Staff/City Representatives - Guests:

Karol Curtis	Mayor Curt Morris
Alan Nash, Chair	City Council Emmett Badar – excused
Jim McCants	City Manager Blaine Michaelis
Patrick Jones – excused	Don Slawson, San Dimas Station
Fred Ortiz	Greg Parks, LA-RICS
Dawna Marshall – excused	Sgt. Al Ortega, LA County Sheriff
Roger Therien	Other representatives of LA-RICS
Cheryl Avelar – excused	
Charles McGown – absent	
Vern Van Voorst	

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Nash at 5:35 pm

II. Business from the public not on the agenda – none

III. Approval of the March 18, 2014 Minutes – those absent abstaining from the approval

IV. Presentation from LA-RICS – Regional Interoperable Communication System.

Sgt. Ortega provided a summary of the current emergency communication system in Los Angeles County – 34,000 first responders, 10 million residents; 4,000 square miles, and 86 jurisdictions. The purpose of the LA-RICS effort is to consolidate and coordinate all of the various communication systems into a coordinated simultaneous communication system with data and access to information. This will allow for coordinated communication during emergencies and public safety events – even with out of county public safety participation. The system will be rebuilt to provide more effective communications with backup and redundant features that will be resistant to earthquake and other events.

The program includes LTE capability – Long Term Evolution systems that will enable data to be sent and received including streaming video. The LMR – Land Mobile Radio system will also be interoperable across contract and independent public safety organizations. The system will improve coverage and reliability of communications equipment.

The system will require the installation of 229 monopoles throughout LA County for LTE service. 16 of those sites will be in our area, 2 will be located in San Dimas – one at the Sheriff's Station, and one at Fire Station 141. The LMR system will require upgrades to

Johnstone Peak facilities and the current communications equipment in Via Verde. The next step is to complete site design. Ultimately the goal is to have the system completely operational within 4 years. The initial costs are anticipated to be covered by grant funds. The grant for the LTE program needs to be wrapped up by August 2015. The ongoing maintenance costs of the system will be shared between the participants based on a formula – the main element of the formula is determined by the number of radios that agency will have in the system and their data usage. The commissioners had their questions answered by the LA-RICS representatives.

V. Reports from Staff

Reminder that our next meeting will be July 15th. The city will be recognizing the Public Safety Personnel of the year at the city council meeting June 24, 2014.

VI. Reports from Commissioners

None

VII. Adjournment at 6:35 pm - next Commission meeting will be Tuesday July 15, 2014 at 5:30 p m.