

# MINUTES

CITY OF SAN DIMAS  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2014 5:30 PM  
FIRE STATION 64  
164 SOUTH WALNUT AVENUE  
SAN DIMAS, CA

## ATTENDANCE:

### Members:

### Staff/City Representatives - Guests:

Karol Curtis	Mayor Curt Morris – excused
Alan Nash, Chair	City Council Emmett Badar – excused
Jim McCants	City Manager Blaine Michaelis
Patrick Jones	Duane Harris, San Dimas Station
Fred Ortiz – excused	Alicia Mejia, LA County Fire
Dawna Marshall	Jim Enriquez, Acting Regional Chief
Roger Therien	Battalion Chief Sierto
Cheryl Avelar	
Charles McGown	
Vern Van Voorst – excused	
Kevin Burke	
Josh Hibbard	

- I. Welcome and Call to Order  
Meeting called to order by Chair Nash at 5:35 pm. Introduction of Captain Harris and new members of the Commission Kevin Burke and Josh Hibbard.
- II. Business from the public not on the agenda – none
- III. Approval of the Sep. 16, 2014 Minutes – Commissioners absent abstained from approval.
- IV. Annual Report from the Los Angeles County Fire Department – San Dimas Stations.

Chief Enriquez introduced himself and Department personnel. He provided an overview of the Departmental operation – providing services to 58 cities and the unincorporated county area – 4 million people; 1.2 million homes, 2,305 square miles, 4,834 personnel, 171 stations, 9 suppression camps, 4 air ops facilities, 163 engines, 68 paramedic squads, 4 hazmat crews. They handle 300,000 dispatched calls for service in a year – 85% of them are medical calls.

Chief Enriquez explained how mutual aid works and reviewed the local resources and command staff. He reviewed the process to coordinate resources in a region when there are major needs like a brush or wild land fire that threatens life and property. From Jan-Oct 2014 San Dimas experienced 9 structure fires; 1,996 EMS/Rescue calls and 2,548 total calls for service.

The Department also administers brush inspection and management services – 633 properties are involved. They complete annual fire safety inspections 1,255 per year. San Dimas Stations also cover Bonelli Park calls for service.

Chief Enriquez also spoke about the experience of the Colby Fire of January 2014 – the fire that affected Glendora. He summarized the success of the Explorer program and noted that the Department sponsors and conducts CERT classes focused on emergency response and preparation.

Chief Enriquez also emphasized the focus of the Department to participate in community activities and events. They have a perspective of community service and conduct several public outreach and services such as station tours, blood pressure checks, safe haven for unwanted babies, snake removal, fire prevention, and educational efforts.

The Commissioners thanked the Department for hosting the meeting and the information provided.

#### V. Reports from Staff

City Manager provided an update on various city projects and activities.

#### VI. Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Jones encouraged greater participation in Nixle and other means to provide information to residents. He also expresses an interest in additional general information on Sheriff's Departmental activity in addition to the weekly crime reports. Alicia Mejia noted an app called Pulse Point as another means to be notified of 911 information in our region.

Commissioner McCants noted the lack of security cameras at the Civic Center considering the theft of an art piece from the fountain. He encouraged the city to install and use cameras. Also, he noted his observation of a blind spot for busses crossing the Metrolink track northbound on San Dimas Avenue. There is a wall close to the tracks which makes it difficult for drivers to see westbound trains.

VII. Adjournment at 7:30 pm - next Commission responsibility will be the Public Safety Holiday Food Delivery December 9, 2014 at 5:00 pm City Hall – the next activity of the Commission will be the Homeless Count January 27, 2015. The next regular meeting of the Commission will be March 17, 2015 at the Mountain Rescue Building 5:30 pm.