



AGENDA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 – 5:30 P.M.
COMMUNITY ROOM
SAN DIMAS SHERIFF'S STATION
270 SOUTH WALNUT
SAN DIMAS

NOTE – MEETING IS AT THE SHERIFF'S STATION

- I. Welcome and Call to Order – Flag Salute
- II. Business from the public not on the agenda
- III. Approval of the August 21, 2018 Minutes
- IV. Presentation – San Dimas Sheriff's Station annual report of the Community Action Team.
- V. Reports from Staff
- VI. Reports from Commissioners
- VII. Adjournment – the next meeting November 20, 2018 at Fire Station
64 5:30 pm



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MINUTES

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
AUGUST 21, 2018 5:30 PM
SAN DIMAS CITY HALL
SAN DIMAS, CA

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

Staff/City Representatives - Guests:

Karol Curtis	Mayor Curt Morris
Kevin Burke - absent	City Council Emmett Badar
Gil Gonzales	City Manager Blaine Michaelis
Alan Nash	
Emma Ramirez	Cpt. Andy Berg, San Dimas Station
Larry Giannone, Chair	Lt. John Gannon, LASD - MET
Michael Gregory	Sgt. Anna Briz MET
Morgan Kostolefsky	Sgt. Robert Galbraith
Tony Tachias	Dep. Kristine Corrales
Robert Olander, Vice Chair	
Sylvia Chapman	
Albert Behr	

- I. Welcome and Call to Order – Flag Salute
Meeting called to order by Chair Giannone at 5:31 pm.
- II. Business from the public not on the agenda – None.
- III. Approval of the May 15, 2018 Minutes – Minutes approved as corrected.

IV. Presentation – Sheriff's Department Mental Health Evaluation Team
Lt. John Gannon of the Mental Health Evaluation Team of the Sheriff's Department introduced the background and need for this Division of the Department. He summarized the details, background, and characteristics of mental health challenges faced by 20% of the population and how those challenges can express themselves as public safety concerns and involvement. Mental Health issues are manifest with physical changes in the brain. He noted that the largest populations of mental health individuals are jails – including Los Angeles County's jail system. He noted the increasing trends of mental health issues showing up in calls for service – overall the calls have increased 60% over 2 years, in our Division they are up 108%.

Responding to these calls requires a different approach – near opposite of what officers are trained to do. The focus is to decelerate, de-escalate, and divert the focus of the issue. The development of Mental Health Evaluation Teams is to better address these issues in the public safety setting. There are 24 teams now – with a potential need for 45 and 10 dispatch locations (San Dimas Station could be a location in the future).

The success of the MET program is evident with significant de-escalations, and avoiding the use of force. Success has also been found in the Jail setting and post intervention efforts to follow up on cases and situations.

Sgt. Briz provided an overview of Mental Health conditions and issues. The objective is education and better understanding of behaviors, approach, and protocols in addressing those affected by Mental Health issues in the field. Mental Health is a life-long challenge – the symptoms can be mitigated somewhat, but challenges are always present. Genetic and environmental conditions can be the source. It affects the way people feel and act – they hear voices that are real to them. Hallucinations and delusions are also symptomatic.

MET teams are dispatched at the request of law enforcement, not 911. MET teams can also transport which frees up radio cars to return to patrol. Lt. Gannon and Sgt. Briz responded to Commissioner questions.

V. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Michael Gregory and Larry Giannone were nominated to serve as Chair. Mr. Giannone received 6 votes; Mr. Gregory received 2 votes. Bob Olander was nominated to serve as Vice Chair. Mr. Olander received 9 votes.

VI. Reports from Staff

General overview of city activities provide by Blaine Michaelis and Captain Berg.

VII. Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Gregory asked the Commission to look at establishing by-laws and procedural summaries; training for commissioners; operations manual; more communication between commission meetings; community outreach; law enforcement week. People do not know that the Public Safety Commission exists. Issues to talk about; digital speed feedback signs; vehicle speed in various locations of the city; traffic speed information; emergency readiness; communication redundancy. Mr. Gregory sent an email to the City Manager listing these and other items he would like for the Public Safety Commission to address.

Commissioner Chapman reported that the Boosters will be hosting the September Chamber mixer at the Mt. Rescue facility.

Commissioner Olander expressed good work on the Car Show this past weekend. And noted that the duties of the Commission are listed on the city's web site.

Commissioner Nash expressed appreciation for Laura Alvarado (and the work of her team) with the Car Show – it was a great success and Laura does a great job.

VIII. Adjournment 7:17 pm – next meeting September 18, 2018 5:30 pm at San Dimas Sheriff's Station.