

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

February 15, 2008

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **2**

Action Requested: APPROVE

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS

Meeting of January 18, 2008

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Mark Lewis (East County) called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. See last page for attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion by Chief Augie Ghio (Regional Fire/Emergency Medical Services) and a second by Chief Adolfo Gonzales (County Chiefs'/Sheriff's Association), the minutes of November 16, 2007 were unanimously approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Keith Slotter, Special Agent in Charge of the San Diego FBI Office presented the FBI Director's Award to Ms. Pam Scanlon and ARJIS for the Division's outstanding work in providing support for law enforcement entities and communities in San Diego County. Ms. Caroline Hough from the Agency nominated ARJIS and it was the pleasure of Mr. Slotter to present the prestigious award to ARJIS for the work the agency had done over the years. Ms. Scanlon accepted the award and in her thank-you speech, publicly acknowledged the efforts of her team and the unprecedented collaboration among the region's law enforcement agencies for making this award possible.

REPORTS

4. REPORT FROM CHIEFS'/SHERIFF'S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (INFORMATION)

Vice Chair Tom Zoll (County Chiefs'/Sheriff's Association), speaking on behalf of Chief Clifford Diamond (Chair, Chiefs'/Sheriff's Management Committee), mentioned that most notable item that he wanted to share was the update on the status of the intelligence center. It had been locked up in the federal bureaucratic process of securing a building, but parties who would occupy the premises have already started working together. Since the Intelligence Center, known as the Law Enforcement Coordination Center (LECC) was one of four key priorities for the Public Safety Committee identified in the needs assessment workshops, this topic may be brought up later this year.

Undersheriff Bill Gore (San Diego County Sheriff) reported that the Regional Terrorism Threat Assessment Center, which was going to be part of the LECC, was unable to bring in added personnel due to limited space in the County Annex. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) had graciously offered space in their facilities and County staff had taken up on the offer.

5. REGIONAL PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST (APPROVAL)

Ms. Scanlon introduced John Kirk, Deputy Counsel for SANDAG, to discuss the above item. Mr. Kirk began by saying that SANDAG wanted to remain mindful of privacy concerns of victims while balancing the rights of the public towards access to public records. A number of committee members had met over the course of the last year to discuss on a regional level, the recommended approach for ARJIS in the dissemination of information since ARJIS held information from a number of jurisdictions represented here. This resulted in a draft document to be presented to the Committee today by a recognized expert on the subject, Bill Pettingill, Senior Deputy Counsel for the County of San Diego.

Mr. Pettingill provided the committee with an overview of how the Public Records Act works in general and specifically, how criminal data would be dealt with under this Act. Mr. Pettingill then presented the draft before the committee to approve as an ARJIS policy.

Supervisor Pam Slater-Price, (County of San Diego), praised Mr. Pettingill's presentation and reminded the audience how convoluted laws could sometimes be. She made the motion to approve the item, which was seconded by Councilmember Bob Campbell (North County Inland). The item was unanimously approved.

6. ARJIS ENTERPRISE: AN UPDATE AND OVERVIEW (INFORMATION)

Ms. Scanlon introduced Bob Kaelin from MTG Management Consultants, the consulting firm which is assisting ARJIS in the replacement of the legacy ARJIS system and the development of the ARJIS Enterprise. Mr. Kaelin gave the Committee a project status review for the ARJIS Enterprise project. Accomplishments for this quarter included the creation of the Enterprise Core Working Group and the issuance of three Requests for Information. Deliverables included the completion of the ARJIS Business Needs Accomplishments and Business Case. Current activities include the development of three Requests for Proposals and communication with the ARJIS Technology team.

7. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TRAINING: NEXT STEPS (DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION/POSSIBLE ACTION)

Vice Chair Zoll stated that as a result of the three previous workshops, there existed a need to locate a permanent facility for training for Law Enforcement and Fire/Emergency Medical Services personnel. Miramar College, the current premises for law enforcement in-service training with host instructors from San Diego Police and Sheriff's Departments, is unable to keep up with the enrollment growth and the changes in curriculum. The long term goal is to house this facility at the Naval Training Center (NTC).

Ms. Jill Olen (Homeland Security) noted that the various districts had already made the decision for the NTC to be the public safety institute. The Executive Committee of the combined boards is putting together an options and considerations list for further

discussion. The Emergency Vehicle Operations Center (EVOC) is still an outstanding consideration.

Chief Ghio reiterated this need for training on the side of the Fire/Emergency Medical Services. Currently, there is very little methodology regarding standardized training for Fire Emergency personnel. The closest facility is in San Bernardino and it is simply too costly and labor inefficient for such training to continue in that manner in the long run.

Vice Chair Zoll and Chief Ghio noted that the most pressing immediate need is for an EVOC. The San Diego Police Department took the lead in working with the Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar to allow military and law enforcement personnel to use the training facility jointly. However, this process is fairly slow as all requests have to be brought before the base committee for approval. To their knowledge, the request is on the desk of the Commanding Officer of MCAS Miramar with no status. Even if that went through, both sides would have to discuss issues of funding and a temporary location still has to be found if construction ever began. Qualcomm stadium and the Del Mar Fairgrounds have been suggested as alternatives, but there are issues with both of these locations. Vice Chair Zoll had not been aware if Camp Pendleton or Tribal lands were ever suggested as alternatives. Vice Chair Zoll asked the Committee for assistance in locating suitable land for a facility, as well as how we can get a response from the military.

Undersheriff Gore noted that his department is in negotiations to renew its lease and do improvements on the firing range it currently uses at MCAS Miramar. The military mentioned that they would like to hold off on the EVOC decision until the Sheriff reached a decision sometime next week. Undersheriff Gore noted that he is personally not optimistic on EVOC being at MCAS Miramar. Already, the San Diego Sheriff's Office (SDSO) had already been denied expansion in the restricted zone. Furthermore, the location falls within the flight path and the military does not want to be held responsible in the event of accidents.

Chief Ghio believed that the next step, which is the identification of other sites, would be the best way to go forward.

Councilmember David Roberts (North County Coastal) suggested for Congressman Brian Bilbray and Commanding General Michael R. Lehnert, Marine Corps Installations West, to get involved. However, Councilmember Jim Janney (South County) cautioned against it. He mentioned that it would not be fair to seek the attention at higher commands without giving a chance for local commands to respond. To ensure better partnership relations in the future, it is best to use the proper chain of command despite the delay.

Ms. Diane Eidam (Deputy Director, SANDAG) suggested that the issue be brought to the SANDAG Board of Directors to obtain their recommendations on next steps.

Vice Chair Zoll recommended the Public Safety Committee approve the motion to present the issue of the region's need for a law enforcement and fire emergency vehicle operations center to the SANDAG Board of Directors and obtain their assistance in finding a solution. Ms. Slater-Price seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS (INFORMATION)

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Friday, February 15, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE

January 18, 2008

JURISDICTION	NAME	MEMBER/ALTERNATE	ATTEND YES/NO	COMMENTS
East County	Hon. Mark Lewis	Member – Chair	Yes	
	Hon. Jillian Hanson-Cox	Alternate	No	
North County Coastal	Hon. Matt Hall	Member	No	
	Hon. David Roberts	Alternate	Yes	
South County	Hon. Frank Parra	Member	Yes	
	Hon. Jim Janney	Alternate	No	
North County Inland	Hon. Bob Campbell	Member	Yes	
	Hon. Hal Martin	Alternate	No	
City of San Diego	Hon. Anthony Young	Member	No	
	Hon. Toni Atkins	Alternate	Yes	
County of San Diego	Supervisor Pam Slater-Price	Member	Yes	
	Supervisor Greg Cox	Alternate	No	
State Public Safety	Chief Skip Carter	Member	No	
	Assistant Chief Steve Lykins	Alternate	No	
County Chiefs'/Sheriff's Association	Chief Tom Zoll	Member-Vice Chair	Yes	
	Chief Clifford Diamond	Member	No	
	Chief Richard Emerson	Alternate	No	
	Chief Adolfo Gonzales	Alternate	Yes	
San Diego Police Department	Chief William M. Lansdowne	Member	No	
	Executive Assistant Chief Bill Maheu	Alternate	No	
County Sheriff	Sheriff Bill Kolender	Member	No	
	Undersheriff Bill Gore	Alternate	Yes	
Homeland Security	Jill Olen	Member	Yes	
	Ron Lane	Alternate	Yes	
Regional Fire/Emergency Medical Services	Chief David Ott	Member	No	
	Chief Augie Ghio	Alternate	Yes	
San Diego County District Attorney	Bonnie Dumanis	Member	No	
	Paula Robinson	Alternate	Yes	
Regional Transit Services	Bill Burke	Member	Yes	
	David Papworth	Alternate	No	
ADVISORY MEMBERS				
County Public Safety	Mack Jenkins	Member	Yes	
	John Hensley	Alternate	Yes	
Department of Defense	Colonel James B. Seaton III	Member	No	
	Captain Eric Patten	Alternate	Yes	
Federal Public Safety	Keith Slotter	Member	Yes	
	Vacant	Alternate	No	
	Karen Hewitt	Member	Yes	
	Anthony Cerone	Alternate	No	
Southern CA Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA)	Carlene Chamberlain	Member	Yes	
	Stephanie Spencer	Alternate	No	