

# PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

April 18, 2008

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **2**

**Action Requested: APPROVE**

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS

Meeting of February 15, 2008

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Mark Lewis (East County) called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 1:05 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 Deputy Mayor David Roberts (North County Coastal) and a second by Council President Pro Tem Anthony Young (City of San Diego), the minutes of January 18, 2008, were unanimously approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Roberts introduced Judi Strang and Barbara Gordon from the San Dieguito Alliance for Drug Free Youth, who attended to learn and see what the Public Safety Committee is about and perhaps bring an issue in the future to the Public Safety Committee.

### REPORTS

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

Chief Richard Emerson (County Chiefs'/Sheriff's Association) reported on the Chiefs'/Sheriff's Management Committee meeting held on February 6, 2008. The Committee heard a report on the Star Project, which will be presented at today's meeting. Rich Gorman (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program [HIDTA] Director) gave a presentation on License Plate Readers (LPR). There was discussion on the possibility of using ARJIS as the "centralized server." The goal would be to get the LPR to allow law enforcement to capture license plate information to use to further public safety. There are federal dollars available to support fixed LPR. ARJIS also gave a presentation on an investigative tool called COPLINK 4.0. Chief Emerson also reported that he received a letter from Miramar Air Station turning down the request for land to use as an Emergency Vehicle Operating Center (EVOC) at the base. What is needed is about 20 acres of land for the center.

5. QUARTERLY REPORT ON THE REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER (INFORMATION)

Bob Welty (Director of the Regional Technology Center [RTC], San Diego State University) gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the quarterly report on the Regional Technology Center. The RTC has been conducting reviews, giving support to the community, and looking at different types of technologies that could be used by the community. The RTC has established relationships with federal and state level organizations. They are now a member of the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) First Responder Technologies Program set up by the UASI cities in direct support of the Department of Homeland Security to look at technologies that best fit the needs on a regional basis. A clearinghouse project manager will be hired within the next few months.

Council President Pro Tem Anthony Young (City of San Diego) inquired how policymakers interact and obtain information from the RTC and whether the RTC is a federally funded or non-profit program?

Mr. Welty replied that they have had several different types of requests for the RTC to present to local municipalities. These requests have mostly come from the City or the County, or within the Regional Technology Center. The RTC has worked closely with local jurisdictions in exercises throughout the region for the last several years. They have worked with the City during the Super Bowl, Mardi Gras, San Diego County Fair, and the Mission Bay area during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. They demonstrate technology that will help law enforcement do their job better. They set up capabilities that work in the background of where they are so that they can see how these technologies can help them do their job better.

Council President Pro Tem Young asked if they just demonstrate or actually use them to make those events safer.

Mr. Welty stated they use them to the extent that they can. Sometimes the technologies are pretty leading edge and not quite there yet. They are not in the position to get into the critical path and have something fail that would lead to having someone get hurt or killed. They can use them in the background. For example, it could be radios or surveillance cameras. The clearinghouse is funded through UASI grant monies. It was approved by the Unified Disaster Council (UDC). The Clearinghouse operates out of the San Diego State University Research Foundation, which is a 501C3 non-profit corporation. The RTC is just a center, but is funded through as a contract vehicle working for a non-profit organization.

Council President Pro Tem Young wanted to clarify Mr. Welty works for a non-profit organization and the intent is to provide information to the organizations that we represent to help us in our law enforcement endeavors; in other words, act as a consultant.

Mr. Welty confirmed. The RTC has subject matter experts and also has access to more experts from the University.

Council President Pro Tem Young asked how it was working out. How are you doing in regard to your outreach with the organizations with the City and County?

Mr. Welty stated he believes they are doing fairly well. They have gotten out to many cities and the County and will continue to do that.

Council President Pro Tem Young asked when they go out and work with them, what actually happens?

Mr. Welty stated that they do a combination of things. They give presentations about what they are, what they do, and how they can access the RTC. They went to the Fire District of San Miguel to look at standardization and what the Fire District should be buying when they put together their command vehicle. They have worked with the City in selecting camera systems and placement to put down by the Mission Beach Area.

Council President Pro Tem Young asked if the cities pay the Clearinghouse for their consultation.

Mr. Welty said they are paid by grant funding. He supplied his office number of (619) 594-8991 if anyone needs any further information.

Vice Chair Zoll (County Chiefs'/Sheriff's Association) asked Mr. Welty to give some examples of some of the things done in the past.

Mr. Welty stated that the Del Mar Fair was one of the first projects they got involved with. They went out and looked at what the Sheriff's Department personnel needed to be able to track each other around the fairgrounds. They developed capability on some handheld devices and put together some rudimentary skills so that they could go out and do tracking. They were then able to build it into a wireless network which has expanded to get the information to the Sheriff's Command Center in Kearny Mesa. They did personal and vehicle locator, camera surveillance, and fire detection which went to the Command Center to monitor. With the fires, they have camera placement and are looking at different types of sensors that will monitor for heat. The sensors would be able to detect when there is a fire in a certain location and start the cameras. A system like that could live on the new 3 Cs' system when implemented. It could also live on other systems; for example, the National Science Foundation Networks that are available to use. If cameras are up full time, they consume a lot of bandwidth, but if you have sensors that detect when a fire is happening and then turns the camera on, it is a more efficient operation. The Clearinghouse taps into what is available locally from the vendors and also nationally.

Council President Pro Tem Young asked if the Clearinghouse actually has access to this technology. He also inquired whether they purchase the equipment used to demonstrate.

Mr. Welty stated they already have some of the technology. They have done advanced things in regard to visualization capabilities and plotting. During the fires they were able to get predator data from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Predator is an unmanned air vehicle that gave data that showed the burned areas, hot spots, and fire boundaries. This data could then be plotted on Google Earth maps and was sent to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) directly so they could broadcast it to the public. He stated that some equipment is purchased and some is loaned to them for demonstration purposes.

6. CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE REPORT CARD (INFORMATION)

Paula S. Ingram (Report Card Project Director for Children's Initiative) gave a PowerPoint presentation on the San Diego County Report Card on Children and Families. This report was

produced in partnership with the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors. The study raises community awareness and links what is learned to a process for change with a review of established best practices in prevention/intervention. This report is available on the Children's Initiative Website. Ms. Ingrum stated that if anyone needs more specific data regarding a particular indicator to please call her.

Chair Lewis thanked Ms. Ingrum for the presentation. He noted that there are a number of agencies that deal with drugs, drinking, etc. He asked what kinds of data were used for this report.

Ms. Ingrum says she has a couple of kinds of data. The crash data comes from the California Highway Patrol's database that is publicly available. None of the data would be available in regard to the person involved.

Chair Lewis stated that for the other items, members can contact her and work with her to find out more information.

Ms. Ingrum confirmed that the members can contact her for more information.

Deputy Mayor Roberts stated that there is a wealth of information here. Some of the statistics are disturbing. He signaled out page 43 of the report and stated he hopes that the guests from the San Dieguito Alliance for Drug Free Youth will talk at a future Public Safety Committee meeting regarding an initiative they brought to Solana Beach on having mandatory training to look for the signs to prohibit the sale of alcohol to minors. Solana Beach is the first city in the County to pass the ordinance for both on- and off-site sales. He requested that at a future meeting the issue be put on the agenda so the San Dieguito Alliance for Drug Free Youth can share with this Committee. The Alliance is also bringing this to the League of California Cities. Deputy Mayor Roberts also noted the suicide rate for the County is mind-boggling to him.

Council President Pro Tem Young agreed there is definitely a lot of information in the report. In regard to the homicide rate, he wasn't clear on the indicators and if there are other indicators in addition to the new indicators that were identified in the presentation. In regard to the homicide rate, he asked if they attributed that to gang violence or is there any information on that type of data.

Ms. Ingrum stated there are 25 health indicators in the report card. There is information available on the homicide rate in regard to gang violence, but they have not done a deep study on that at present, but it would be a good topic for that.

Council President Pro Tem Young asked if they looked at homicide, why wasn't a study done on gang violence.

Ms. Ingrum stated that it is not that they are not looking at gang violence but, for that particular indicator, they have not done an in-depth analysis.

Council President Pro Tem Young asked how far the group went into homicides in regard to the data.

Ms. Ingram stated she has regional and ethnic data on homicides, but does not have the details as to whether they were gang-related or not.

Council President Pro Tem Young stated he doesn't understand why this was not done. He sees gang-related issues as one of the most important issues that many cities have.

Ms. Ingram agreed and she pointed out that the Children's Initiative looks at that and works closely with the Probation Department, District Attorney, Sheriff, and police departments.

Council President Pro Tem Young noted that he works with the Children's Initiative a lot. In regard to this information, it is used to justify spending of County and City dollars on issues relating to children. Council President Pro Tem Young stated that when looking at this report, if he was the person making a decision on where to allocate monies, he would not be able to look at homicides and gang-related issues as a funding priority. That is troubling to him. Many areas of the City are being destroyed by this violence and may not get the funding for it.

Ms. Ingram agreed that this is a big issue. The whole topic of child mortality is a big issue. They try to get indicators to get funding for and are always looking for getting feedback.

Council President Pro Tem Young stated his feedback relating to the need to use this as an indicator when looking for funding and opportunities for supporting prevention and intervention to help dissuade kids from getting involved with gangs. This would be a great way to back up those requests from the State of California, the federal government, and any other philanthropic organizations that could support those efforts. He does appreciate the agency's report.

Dr. Cynthia Burke (Director, Criminal Justice Research Division) stated that SANDAG has put out information from crime statistics from the San Diego Police Department looking at homicide motives when they could be determined and how that has changed over time. With the Public Safety Committee's direction, she is open to compiling more motive information for the City of San Diego as well as other jurisdictions so we don't need to wait two years for the next report. She agreed that gang issues are very important and she is more than happy to fulfill that information need in-house also.

Chair Lewis agreed with Council President Pro Tem Young and stated that El Cajon has concerns with gang issues in regard to shopping centers, busses, trolleys, or anywhere gang members want to claim their turf. We want to take advantage of all the information from Dr. Burke's program and from the Children's Initiative to put together a profile to help all the municipalities and jurisdictions.

7. A PRIVATE/PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP: IMPROVING SITUATIONAL AWARENESS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (INFORMATION)

Pam Scanlon (ARJIS Director) introduced Dale Stockton (ARJIS Project Manager) and Officer Sandy Lehan (San Diego Police Department) who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Situational Awareness for Law Enforcement Officers (STAR) Project. The project was funded by a grant from the National Institute of Justice and ARJIS partnered with Qualcomm. The project involved using GPS technology and cell phones to improve and enhance situational awareness. This technology is targeted notification. Ms. Scanlon stated she staffed the crisis

intervention lines during the last Wildfire in San Diego and noted cell phones were not tied to the reverse 911 systems. There were a lot of people calling trying to find out if they needed to evacuate.

Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (County of San Diego) noted that the County set up a system to sign up for getting the reverse 911 attached to cell phones. She advised members to go to the San Diego County Office of Emergency Services (OES) Web page. It was intended to blanket cities that wished to use this service.

Ms. Scanlon recommended that, if it hasn't already happened, a media service message needs to be given to the schools (San Diego State University and University of California -UCSD). There were a lot of calls from students and their families during the Wildfires.

Mr. Stockton noted that Valerie Wentworth (Qualcomm Staff Product Manger) was also in attendance.

Captain Eric Patten (Department of Defense) asked if this device is provider specific.

Ms. Wentworth stated the application will work with any carrier.

Ms. Scanlon stated ARJIS is promoting the commercial carriers. ARJIS has about 900 ARJIS personal data assistant (PDA) hand-helds in the field that have been successful with positive identification. ARJIS was promised that the location-based services would be available on these PDAs, they were not available (vendor kept pushing out the rollout), and so they had to use smart phones that do have the location-based services. Now the location-based services are available on the ARJIS PDAs. ARJIS is submitting to NIJ to put it on one device. ARJIS has been awarded to move forward with the final solicitation to NIJ. They are supporting them on any windows mobile devices.

Supervisor Slater-Price inquired that even though developed with code division multiple access (CDMA), could it work with global systems for mobile communications (GSM)?

Mr. Stockton confirmed that they were interchangeable.

Mr. Bill Burke (Regional Transit Services) stated that the Metropolitan Transit Services (MTS) would volunteer to test with his people in the field that are first responders. MTS has involvement with law enforcement and homeland security.

Vice Mayor Frank Parra (South County) stated he believes the future of the device is relevant to everything we do but to be able to securely integrate it into an existing computer-aided dispatch (CAD) would be significant. They have the same issues on the fire and ambulance side.

Mr. Stockton stated the initial concept was using the specific Web to try out the application. It is essential to be able to use the existing CAD.

Supervisor Slater-Price asked if this system could be run through OES and applied to all the agencies?

Mr. Stockton stated there was nothing that indicated a problem with scale that would preclude a number of devices. It might be a challenge for the person viewing the information, if they could manage that much. To help with that problem is layering of information (you only see what you want to see).

Ms. Scanlon stated that ARJIS wants to look at that and investigating polling. For example, if you move this far, then we want to locate where you are.

Vice Chair Zoll stated that this is hitting upon the other issues that we will interface with at some point. This is why we have an RTC to track who is doing what and how those will actually meet. For example, Fire is looking as a first effort a CAD-to-CAD project which will eventually go to law enforcement. There are a lot of other smaller pieces of technology that are being used to resolve problems. Every one of our agencies gets involved in a question about how they fix this or that. The reason the center was formed was to track these kinds of projects and allow other people to leverage what they have already learned. Also to look at what linkage there is to make smarter decisions moving forward and be able to afford technology that solves problems rather than something that looks good. Officer safety and personnel issues during a major incident are huge. Prioritization of public safety cellular will also be an issue because in a major incident, the first thing that loads up is cellular. This is the first step and he thanked Mr. Stockton and Qualcomm for this effort.

Paula Robinson (U.S. Attorney's Office) inquired on how fast the data is downloaded in regard to a foot pursuit.

Mr. Stockton replied that the refresh rate was set at one minute or two minutes (for battery to last). Ideally, the faster the individual is moving, the faster it would refresh.

#### 8. RESULTS OF THE 2007 CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLEARINGHOUSE SURVEY (INFORMATION)

Dr. Burke gave a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the results of the survey of stakeholders regarding the usefulness of the information, products, and services currently offered by the Criminal Justice Research Division. Over the next year Dr. Burke will be investigating new ways to compile useful safety information, utilizing technology to a greater degree using mapping technology, continuing with outreach and education, and evaluating the usefulness of SANDAG's current products. Dr. Burke stated that any feedback would be greatly appreciated.

Deputy Mayor Roberts asked if, on slide 10, PSC meant the Public Safety Committee.

Dr. Burke replied that it was.

#### 9. UPCOMING MEETINGS (INFORMATION)

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Friday, March 21, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE  
February 15, 2008**

<b>JURISDICTION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>MEMBER/ALTERNATE</b>	<b>ATTEND YES/NO</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
East County	Hon. Mark Lewis	Member – Chair	Yes	
	Hon. Jillian Hanson-Cox	Alternate	No	
North County Coastal	Hon. David Roberts	Member	Yes	
	Hon. Teresa Barth	Alternate	Yes	
South County	Hon. Frank Parra	Member	Yes	
	Hon. John McCann	Alternate	No	
North County Inland	Hon. Bob Campbell	Member	No	
	Hon. Hal Martin	Alternate	No	
City of San Diego	Hon. Anthony Young	Member	Yes	
	Hon. Toni Atkins	Alternate (1)	No	
	Hon. Ben Hueso	Alternate (2)	No	
County of San Diego	Supervisor Pam Slater-Price	Member	Yes	
	Supervisor Greg Cox	Alternate	No	
State Public Safety	Chief Skip Carter	Member	Yes	
	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	Yes	
	Chief Adolfo Gonzales	Alternate	Yes	
City of San Diego Police Department	Chief William M. Lansdowne	Member	No	
	Executive Assistant Chief David Ramirez	Alternate	Yes	
County Sheriff	Sheriff Bill Kolender	Alternate	No	
	Undersheriff Bill Gore	Alternate	Yes	
Homeland Security	Jill Olen	Member	No	
	Ron Lane	Alternate	No	
Regional Fire/Emergency Medical Services	Chief David Ott	Member	Yes	
	Chief Augie Ghio	Alternate	No	
San Diego County District Attorney	Bonnie Dumanis	Member	No	
	Paula Robinson	Alternate	Yes	
Regional Transit Services	Bill Burke	Member	Yes	
	David Papworth	Alternate	No	
<b>ADVISORY MEMBERS</b>				
County Public Safety	Mack Jenkins	Member	No	
	John Hensley	Alternate	No	
Department of Defense	Colonel James B. Seaton III	Member	No	
	Captain Eric Patten	Alternate	Yes	
Federal Public Safety	Keith Slotter	Member	No	Stewart Roberts Attended
	Karen Hewitt	Member	No	Linda Frakes Attended
	Anthony Cerone	Alternate	Yes	
	Vacant, U.S. Marshal	Alternate	No	
Southern CA Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA)	Carlene Chamberlain	Member	No	
	Stephanie Spencer	Alternate	No	