

San Diego Association of Governments

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

October 17, 2008

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **2**

Action Requested: APPROVE

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS

Meeting of September 19, 2008

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Mark Lewis (East County) called the Public Safety Committee (PSC) meeting to order at 1:00 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 Bill Burke (Regional Transit Service) and a second by Mayor Dave Roberts (North County Coastal), the minutes of July 18, 2008, were unanimously approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no public or member comments.

REPORTS

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

Vice Chair Tom Zoll (County Chiefs'/Sheriff's Association) gave a report on the Management Committee meeting on September 3, 2008. There was a presentation by National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS), which is the law enforcement 'hub' between states. ARJIS has been selected as the first regional partnership for sharing, which will result in more data for San Diego law enforcement. This is an exciting opportunity and a tribute to the region's reputation.

In addition, the San Diego Police Department shared information about a 90 day pilot they will be doing with a citizen e-mail alerting system called Nixle. If the pilot proves to be successful, it could become a regional asset.

Finally, Sandy McBrayer from The Children's Initiative made a presentation on the need for gathering additional information at domestic violence incidents regarding the number, gender and age of children present. These data will help to measure the effect of this problem on juveniles.

5. FY 2008 ARJIS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION ACCOMPLISHMENTS (INFORMATION)

Pam Scanlon did a PowerPoint presentation on the accomplishments at ARJIS during the last fiscal year. It was a very busy year with progress made in the areas of mapping, system interfaces, enhanced web pages, network infrastructure, security enhancements and grant funded projects.

Mayor Teresa Barth (North County Coastal) asked when the regional eWATCH system would be completed. Ms. Scanlon explained that it would be accomplished during the first half of the year and that it would be tested thoroughly by user committees. The Chiefs'/Sheriff's Committee and the PSC will be briefed again when the program is ready to launch.

Dr. Cynthia Burke did a PowerPoint presentation on the accomplishments of the SANDAG Criminal Justice Research Division during the last fiscal year. Dr. Burke outlined progress on gang issues, providing statistics on drug use, and informing the juvenile justice community. The Division continues to improve design techniques and to provide the best possible services at the lowest possible cost. The Division also received recognition this year from several national organizations.

6. OVERVIEW OF HOMELAND SECURITY EFFORTS FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA (INFORMATION)

Chair Lewis introduced Mr. Matthew Bettenhausen, Director of the California Office of Homeland Security. Mr. Bettenhausen congratulated the San Diego region on recent accomplishments. During the fire siege, San Diego saw an overwhelmingly positive response, with citizens helping citizens, and the success of the Reverse 911 and the 211 systems.

The California Office of Homeland Security is built "from the bottom up" and realizes that all incidents are local. As such, it is critical to have good mutual aid at the local and statewide levels and with federal partners. The Office's first priority is terrorism prevention. This is best accomplished through sharing and information analysis via the regional Fusion Centers. Citizen cooperation is also critical. Mr Bettenhausen applauded San Diego for the work done locally with citizen involvement and by creating a disaster corps.

Infrastructure protection is another key issue. San Diego's proximity to the Mexican border makes the city particularly important in this effort. Progress has been made with the border fence project that has resulted in less crime. Training efforts are focusing on exercises and partnerships with federal resources and FEMA. The Office has taken an active role in intergovernmental and legislative affairs, working in Washington for continued funding for California to prepare for catastrophic events. Grant funding for California is now 15 percent of the total federal Department of Homeland Security budget (the state has 12 percent of the nation's population). San Diego most recently received \$12 million in Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grants, a 70 percent increase from the previous year. It is important to restore the Bryne Grant program for law enforcement efforts.

7. SAN DIEGO REGION HOMELAND SECURITY UPDATE (INFORMATION)

Jill Olen (City of San Diego Public Safety and Homeland Security) and Ron Lane (County of San Diego Office of Emergency Services) did a PowerPoint presentation about local accomplishments. Locally, partners have worked together closely to leverage available resources across the region.

Mayor Roberts asked about the relationship between the County and public transit providers. Mr. Lane said that they partner closely with transit providers and that North County Transit District provided buses for emergency services and evacuations during the wildfires. Mayor Roberts said that there have been funding cuts in this area and that it is important to realize how important it is to protect public transit in San Diego – for daily service and for emergency evacuations.

8. HOMELAND SECURITY PROJECTS AND LOCAL TRANSIT AGENCIES (INFORMATION)

Bill Burke (Metropolitan Transit System), David Papworth (North County Transit District), and Angela Miller (North County Transit District) did a PowerPoint presentation about the accomplishments in the region to ensure that public transportation is safe for riders and for the prevention of major incidents. They reviewed the installation of closed circuit TV systems at transportation centers and on buses, trolleys and trains and the hardening of equipment yards around the region.

Mayor Roberts asked if law enforcement had asked to see videos taken by the transit cameras. Mr. Papworth replied that there has been interest to gain access to these videos from offices or vehicles. The Transit Communication Center currently has control of these cameras. There will be collaboration with law enforcement in the future.

Mayor Roberts asked that SANDAG closely review the recently proposed legislation regarding rail safety. This will impose new expenses that are currently unfunded.

9. SAN DIEGO'S LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATION CENTER (INFORMATION)

Keith Slotter (Special Agent in Charge, FBI), John Kingston (LECC - Law Enforcement Communication Center) and Lt. Lee Yoder (RTTAC - Regional Terrorism Threat Assessment Center) did a PowerPoint presentation on San Diego's Fusion Center. The goal of the Fusion Center is collaboration between agencies to better address criminal and terrorism activities. Mr. Kingston reviewed the LECC's services and participating agencies. Lt. Yoder explained the functions of the RTTAC. The Center manages the Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO) Network, and provides critical infrastructure protection and information and analysis support.

Councilmember Bob Campbell asked if Code Enforcement and public works employees will be included in the TLO network. Lt. Yoder said that the future vision is to include these teams.

Augie Ghio (Regional Fire/Emergency Medical Services) said that the TLO network will expand to include fire departments and that the first two fire department officers have already been trained. He said that he appreciates the spirit of cooperation on this project.

Supervisor Greg Cox recognized the success of the 211 phone system that he considers to be indispensable.

10. UPCOMING MEETINGS (INFORMATION)

The next meeting of the PSC is scheduled for Friday, October 17, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE

July 18, 2008

JURISDICTION	NAME	MEMBER/ALTERNATE	ATTEND YES/NO	COMMENTS (Attended)
East County	Hon. Mark Lewis	Member – Chair	Yes	
	Hon. Jillian Hanson-Cox	Alternate	Yes	
North County Coastal	Hon. David Roberts	Member	Yes	
	Hon. Teresa Barth	Alternate	Yes	
South County	Hon. Frank Parra	Member	No	
	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	Yes	
	Hon. Toni Atkins	1 st Alternate	No	
	Hon. Ben Hueso	2 nd Alternate	No	
County of San Diego	Supervisor Pam Slater-Price	Member	No	
	Supervisor Greg Cox	Alternate	Yes	
State Public Safety	Chief Greg Dominguez	Member	No	
	Assistant Chief Steve Lykins	Alternate	No	
County Chiefs'/Sheriff's Association	Chief Tom Zoll	Member-Vice Chair	Yes	
	Vacant	Member	No	
	Chief Richard Emerson	Alternate	No	
	Chief Adolfo Gonzales	Alternate	No	
San Diego Police Department	Chief William M. Lansdowne	Member	No	
	Executive Assistant Chief David Ramirez	Alternate	No	
County Sheriff	Sheriff Bill Kolender	Member	No	
	Undersheriff Bill Gore	Alternate	No	Al Skoglund
Homeland Security	Jill Olen	Member	Yes	
	Ron Lane	Alternate	Yes	
Regional Fire/Emergency Medical Services	Chief David Ott	Member	Yes	
	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	Yes	
ADVISORY MEMBERS				
County Public Safety	Mack Jenkins	Member	No	
	John Hensley	Alternate	Yes	
Department of Defense	Captain Eric Patten	Member	No	
	Colonel James B. Seaton III	Alternate	No	
Federal Public Safety	Keith Slotter	Member	Yes	
	Vacant	Alternate	No	
	Karen Hewitt	Member	No	Linda Frakes
	Anthony Cerone	Alternate	Yes	
Southern CA Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA)	Carlene Chamberlain	Member	Yes	