

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

February 20, 2009

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **2**

Action Requested: APPROVE

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS

Meeting of December 12, 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 Councilmember Bob Campbell (North County Inland) and a second by Jill Olen (Homeland Security), the minutes of October 17, 2008, were unanimously approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Teresa Barth (North County Coastal) stated that she attended both Golden Guardian days and was very impressed with the operations.

Chair Lewis noted that every member should have received a new 2009 calendar of SANDAG meetings. SANDAG will e-mail the schedule again to members.

Jill Olen from the City of San Diego representing Homeland Security for the region noted that this will be her last meeting to the PSC. Ms. Olen thanked everyone for their support. Chair Lewis thanked Ms. Olen for serving on the Committee.

Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (County of San Diego) wanted to bring up an item concerning the state looking to cut \$10 million from CAL FIRE's budget. Dianne Jacobs and Ron Roberts have sent a letter to Governor Schwarzenegger asking him to reconsider and not cut public safety, the number one charge of government. She asked that a copy of the letter be passed on to committee members that might want their agencies to send a similar letter.

REPORTS

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

Vice Chair Tom Zoll (County Chiefs'/Sheriff's Association) noted the committee met on December 3, 2008. The two main agenda items were the Regional Data Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the grant funded license plate reader (LPR) project. The updated MOU will protect our interest with requests for ARJIS data. The LPR

project is in testing at this time. The technology is working well, but is not wide spread yet. The goal is to expand its use.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY-RELATED GOALS FOR THE 2009 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM (RECOMMEND)

Genevieve Morelos (SANDAG) gave an update on the public safety-related goals for the 2009 calendar year for the Legislative Program. Last year, the PSC recommended the inclusion of three public safety-related goals in the 2008 Legislative Program. These same goals are recommended for inclusion in the 2009 Legislative Program. Upon a motion by Ms. Olen and a second by Supervisor Slater-Price, the PSC unanimously recommended the Executive Committee include these goals in the SANDAG 2009 Legislative Program.

6. FORMALIZING THE ARJIS/NLETS PARTNERSHIP (APPROVE)

Pam Scanlon (ARJIS Executive Director) and Frank Minice (Chief Technology Officer, The International Justice and Public Safety Network/Nlets) gave a PowerPoint presentation on Nlets and are requesting approval for ARJIS to become the first regional member of Nlets in the nation. The core mission of Nlets is the interstate exchange of justice and public safety information in the United States and Canada. The California Department of Justice (Cal DOJ) in Sacramento has agreed to this membership. The Chiefs'/Sheriff's Management Committee has recommended that the PSC approve this request. The Chiefs'/Sheriff's Management Committee is recommending a two year commitment of this membership. The cost of \$2,500 a month for two years would be covered by the State, Regional, Federal Enterprise Retrieval System (SRFERS) grant. The Chiefs'/Sheriff's Management Committee is requesting after two years an assessment be conducted to measure the success of the partnership.

Supervisor Slater-Price stated she believes this is great for a regional approach. She asked if law enforcement-wise the country and/or the state is divided into quadrants to work together to get more partners. For example, four centers in California to tie into Arizona and Nevada. She would encourage Nlets to connect with California State Association of Counties (CSAC) as well as the League of Cities to use their resources. Mr. Minice stated the strategic goal of Nlets is to reach out and be that interstate exchange of regional information across the country. Nlets has divided the country into regions.

Councilmember Campbell stated he believes that \$2,500 is a bargain if properly used.

Vice Chair Zoll stated one of the reasons that ARJIS is one of the first agencies is because ARJIS is the most advanced at regional sharing. It will be tougher in other areas because they don't talk to each other as well as we do here. Capital Wireless Information Net (CapWIN) is very much like ARJIS but on the East Coast. The two agencies have always collaborated. It sets a model for other areas.

Chief William Lansdowne (City of San Diego Police Department) asked if the officer runs a check separately or does he/she run the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) and it automatically checks Nlets?

Mr. Minice replied that it would be seamless to the users here; the officer will not see a difference. There will be more data choices available to search against and more information available to the officer.

Upon a motion by Supervisor Slater-Price and a second by Vice Chair Zoll, the PSC unanimously approved ARJIS membership in Nlets.

7. SAN DIEGO COUNTY MULTI-DISCIPLINE GRAFFITI ABATEMENT PROGRAM (INFORMATION)

Commander Ed Prendergast (San Diego County Sheriff's Department); Sergeant Mike Kearney (Escondido Police Department); and Jamie Corbin (San Diego County District Attorney's Office) gave a PowerPoint presentation with an update on the "Graffiti Tracker" program that is used as a center piece of its anti-graffiti efforts.

Assistant Chief Steve Lykins (State Public Safety) asked Sergeant Kearney that since Escondido is near several freeways and you have the access points with the on-ramps and off-ramps, if that graffiti is being collected or is it a loop-hole or area that we (California Highway Patrol/CHP) need to address to collect the additional graffiti that is being done on state property?

Sergeant Kearney stated that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) areas on the freeways are currently a loop-hole. The graffiti that is being analyzed with the Graffiti Tracker is simply graffiti that is in the City of Escondido that is on public property or in view of the public. If graffiti is strictly on private property and you cannot see it from the street then that information is not going into the system. The freeways that Caltrans covers are not going into the system.

Assistant Chief Lykins stated he will forward this information to Caltrans. He believes there is a need to look at this county-wide, not just the Escondido area.

Sergeant Kearney stated it would help tremendously if this program went county-wide. It would help even the Sprinter corridor.

Councilmember Campbell stated that the City of Vista, just before the Sprinter went into the service, sent out four work crews with gas powered sprayers in the Sprinter corridor and used 243 gallons of paint in one day. It looked marvelous for at least six hours. You have a contract through the Sheriff's Department with North County Transit District (NCTD) for security purposes; will you be implementing this in that corridor? Does NCTD need to do anything? Will the officers have the GPS cameras?

Commander Prendergast stated they will be using Graffiti Tracker and will be taking the photos. The officers do not have the GPS cameras yet, but will be getting them.

Councilmember Barth stated that the City of Encinitas has a code enforcement department that mostly deals with graffiti. Will they be given the equipment to record this and when will the project be rolled out?

Mr. Corbin stated it will go city by city. Every city does it a little differently. The idea is to give the equipment to those that are going out there to clean it up. We don't want two bodies going out. If the clean-up crew is your code enforcement it would go to code enforcement. If it was your public works or public maintenance committee it would go there. There would be training for each of these committees and he would be involved to make sure all the data is collected so we could prosecute later on.

Commander Prendergast stated that Escondido and Oceanside are using Graffiti Tracker now. As soon as the training schedules are completed, the Sheriff's Department should go live by February 1, 2009, with cameras ready and out in the field.

Chief David Ott (Regional Fire/Emergency Medical Services) stated he believes this is a great program and inquired if there was anything the Board could help with concerning the Graffiti Abatement Program.

Commander Prendergast stated he would like members to support the program county-wide and encourage your colleagues to support the program. He would like to entertain the idea of starting a graffiti sub-committee. As new technology comes out and is available it would be nice to have someone look at those and see how they would work for the region. The other issue is a fiduciary agent. They are looking for a fiduciary agent and SANDAG may be able to help. They have some private enterprises that have expressed interest in donating money to an anti-graffiti program. However, our individual departments do not want to be in a position to accepting the money for that. The District Attorney is working on getting fine money and putting the monies into a fund to support these types of efforts. These issues are the types of help we would be looking for.

Supervisor Slater-Price stated that one area that is having problems with graffiti is Pacific Beach, City of San Diego. They have had issues with drinking and mayhems. They were using acid graffiti and destroying windows. She asked Chief Lansdowne if he foresees the City of San Diego participating in this program.

Chief Lansdowne stated the San Diego Police Department is looking at a graffiti program. It will come down to cost; and for the size of San Diego and the amount of graffiti, there will be significant costs involved.

Supervisor Slater-Price stated she believes that there are areas of the city that are impacted more than others. Chula Vista, National City, and Lemon Grove also have a lot of graffiti problems. This does need to be a county-wide effort to bring the resources of the Sheriff's Department and other enforcement agencies.

Supervisor Slater-Price stated if this is a county-wide effort, you would start to see patterns where they travel. This may lead to the costs going down over time. It would be beneficial if taggers are tracked all over the county so they can be identified and caught. She appreciates what Assistant Chief Lykins said about getting state resources from Caltrans.

Vice Chair Zoll stated this is typical of innovation at work. It would be better to go region-wide from the top down not the bottom up. You can then designate who will take care of the costs and mitigate out. In the future, perhaps the PSC needs to be one of leaders in recommending how that is done, through SANDAG, the County, or the City. That is one of

the big holes in our region. We collaborate very well together but we are not very well organized on how we are going to pay for these things. As a regional effort it probably will be cheaper on everybody if we all went together and said we want one contract for the entire county (covering the freeways, cities, everywhere). We are not set up for that yet. In the future, one of things we should do as a group is look at how we can bring one contract for the region.

Supervisor Slater-Price stated she thinks the cost is based on the number of analysis being done. It might be an opportunity on a cost-reimbursement basis if we could get a pot of money to start.

Councilmember John McCann (South County) asked what the estimated cost would be for the City of Chula Vista and what would the cost be based on.

Commander Prendergast stated the cost is based on the number of graffiti incidents. They would look at how many cases and how many photos you are likely to have. For the City of Vista it was estimated the annual cost (without the equipment) would be \$28,000 a year.

Sergeant Kearney stated that Escondido started with 1,100 to 1,800 incidents of graffiti a month. The contract started at \$37,000 and has since come down to \$30,000.

Councilmember McCann asked what the fixed cost investment for the hardware was.

Sergeant Kearney stated the cameras were approximately \$1,000 a piece. They had about five or six cameras. It costs about \$8,000 to \$10,000 to get started.

Vice Chair Zoll stated that one of the reasons to come from the bottom up is the sole source issue. We need to be very careful that we don't focus in on one particular solution or agency and forget the rules on how we do bids. This is the problem with coming from the bottom up. If there needs to be a regional solution, it needs to come from the bottom down. In the future, we need to discuss a plan to handle that.

Chair Lewis asked if Graffiti Tracker is the vendor.

Commander Prendergast stated that Graffiti Tracker is the vendor. They are the only one out there that we are aware of that is providing the service at this time that does the actual analysis themselves. They get GPS cameras from a number of sources.

Sergeant Kearney stated there are other competing types of systems, which do it differently. Part of the reason they are here is to find out what we can do to work together. They are open to suggestions.

Chair Lewis stated he appreciates the information today. Each individual city will need to make a choice. He knows there are other vendors out there. The City of El Cajon paid around \$100,000 for their system, which is different from Escondido. This is an information item on the agenda today.

Councilmember Campbell asked if a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) mechanism can be employed to solve the problem. Ms. Diane Eidman (Chief Deputy Executive Director, SANDAG) stated that is a potential, primarily if you find a revenue resource such as fines, etc. It is not the right place under the auspices of SANDAG.

Chief Ott stated a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) could also work the same way and may be easier than a JPA.

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

Bob Welty (Director of the Regional Technology Center (RTC), San Diego State University) and Kim Spero (San Diego State University Research Foundation) gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the quarterly report on the Regional Technology Center. Ms. Spero talked about the RTC and clearinghouse and what has been done since March 2008.

Chief Augie Ghio (Regional Fire/Emergency Medical Services) thanked Mr. Welty and Ms. Spero for the presentation. When the County Fire Chiefs brought forward the conception for the evaluation and analysis of all the Fire Dispatch Centers in the County, they had already been going in Heartland on looking at a collaborative effort between North Com, Cal Fire, and U.S. Forest Service. Instead of duplicating efforts, they called Mr. Welty and together with the contract person doing the analysis, are teaming up with the Regional Technology Partnership (RTP) to make sure we are doing this in a collaborative nature and staying within the parameters of the regional project. When we do make a purchase on our own, we may not be making the best purchase for our agency or our region. Working with the RTP we don't make bad decisions. He commends Mr. Welty for a great job.

Ms. Olen stated this has been a fantastic regional program that needs to continue. It takes the political aspect of vendors away from the purchasing requirement. In the City of San Diego we reply if you have a product, we advise to contact Bob Welty and the Clearinghouse. They will assess it and figure how it fits into the regional technology strategy. If it fits, wonderful, if not, they will give you ideas on how to either make it fit or advise the vendor on other jurisdictions where they can go.

Vice Chair Zoll asked Bob Welty his thoughts on Graffiti Tracker and suggested that the RTP meet with Bob's group and have them look at the alternatives to graffiti tracking.

Mr. Welty stated they could do an analysis on what is out there to see if there are any competing products that are more cost effective or talk with other regions to see what they are using and how happy they are with their products.

Chair Lewis stated this is an information item only on the agenda today.

9. UPCOMING MEETING (INFORMATION)

The next meeting of the PSC is scheduled for Friday, February 20, 2009, at 1:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE

December 12, 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. David Roberts	Member	No	
	Hon. Teresa Barth	Alternate	Yes	
South County	Hon. Frank Parra	Member	No	
	Hon. John McCann	Alternate	Yes	
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	Yes	
	Supervisor Greg Cox	Alternate	No	
State Public Safety	Chief Gary Dominguez	Member	No	
	Assistant Chief Steve Lykins	Alternate	Yes	
County Chiefs'/Sheriff's Association	Chief Tom Zoll	Member-Vice Chair	Yes	
	Chief Kirk Sanfilippo	Member	Yes	
	Chief Richard Emerson	Alternate	No	
	Chief Adolfo Gonzales	Alternate	No	
San Diego Police Department	Chief William M. Lansdowne	Member	Yes	
	Executive Assistant Chief David Ramirez	Alternate	No	
County Sheriff	Sheriff Bill Kolender	Member	No	
	Undersheriff Bill Gore	Alternate	Yes	
Homeland Security	Jill Olen	Member	Yes	
	Ron Lane	Alternate	No	
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	No	
	David Papworth	Alternate	No	
ADVISORY MEMBERS				
County Public Safety	Mack Jenkins	Member	No	
	John Hensley	Alternate	Yes	
Department of Defense	Colonel James B. Seaton III	Member	No	
	Captain Eric Patten	Alternate	No	
Federal Public Safety	Keith Slotter	Member	No	
	Anthony Cerone	Alternate	No	
	Karen Hewitt	Member	No	Linda Frakes attended
	Vacant	Alternate	No	
Southern CA Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA)	Carlene Chamberlain	Member	Yes	
	Stephanie Spencer	Alternate	No	