1. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Padilla (South County). See last page for attendance. Chair Padilla introduced a special guest from Mexico, Deputy Consul General Javier Diaz. Mr. Diaz stated that it is important that liaisons on both sides of the border know each other and are coordinating effectively. Mexico and the U.S. have common concerns.

2. **APPROVAL OF JULY 9, 2004 MEETING MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Undersheriff Zuniga (County Sheriff’s Department) and a second by Chief Ott (Homeland Security), the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved the minutes of July 9, 2004.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

4. **CONSENT**

4. **EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE WORKSHOP (INFORMATION)**

Jeff Tayman (Department Director of Technical Services) announced that SANDAG will be co-sponsoring, with Caltrans District 11, an Emergency Transportation Operations Preparedness and Response Workshop. The workshop, scheduled for October 20, 2004, is intended to assess the San Diego region’s ability to respond to potential terrorist threats and catastrophic events and to recover critical transportation functions. It will be one of 22 workshops that the Federal Highway Administration is sponsoring around the nation.
5. REPORT FROM CHIEFS'/SHERIFF’S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (INFORMATION)

Chief Davis (County Chiefs'/Sheriff’s Association) stated the committee met on September 1st. Two of the projects discussed will be covered at this meeting (Motor Vehicle Theft and High Risk Sex Offenders). That committee also discussed the RMS (Regional Records Management System), which is continuing along with the cooperation of the Sheriff’s Department and other law enforcement agencies. He also noted that the Enterprise ARJIS project is progressing well and a comprehensive process involving 20 agencies is providing information to help decide its features and functionality.

6. AUTO THEFT IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY: PROBLEM SCOPE AND POTENTIAL STRATEGIES (DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION)

Cynthia Burke (Director of Criminal Justice) introduced Sergeant Andy Mills from the San Diego Police Department and Lieutenant Don Hunter from the Chula Vista Police Department. This panel made a presentation about motor vehicle theft and potential local and regional solutions. One of the reasons motor vehicle theft is important is due to the high cost to society. Over the past year, motor vehicle thefts have increased 18 percent, more than any other property crime. In 2003, $144 million worth of cars were stolen in the county, and while 72 percent of stolen vehicles were recovered, only 4 percent of these offenses were cleared. A crime is cleared when at least one person is arrested and charged with the offense. The motor vehicle theft rate is higher closer to the border, while the recovery rate is lower. Potential regional strategies, including implementing crime-reduction strategies in local and regional plans, education campaigns, and improved coordination were discussed.

Chair Padilla inquired about the percentage of vehicles going over the border. The officers estimated that 20 percent of stolen vehicles are going across the border.

Vice Chair Guerin (North County Coastal) inquired about stolen vehicles going north to Los Angeles. The officers stated that the exact percentage is difficult to determine.

Supervisor Cox (San Diego County) inquired about the frequency of thefts from single family homes versus apartments. The officers said that from their point of view, more thefts occur in malls and large parking lots because there is more opportunity. They also noted that controlling access to parking lots may help reduce motor vehicle thefts.

Vincent Iaria (County Public Safety) noted that we don’t have a quick enough response before the vehicle crosses the border. The officers agreed, noting that sometimes the vehicle has crossed the border before the owner knows the vehicle is stolen.

Chief Carter (State Public Safety) stated one method would be to move license plate readers north. His agency has portable readers and can check a license within three seconds.
Chief Davis stated that getting this information from the field into the system as soon as possible is crucial. This can be accomplished through the use of computers that officers take into the field.

Chief Lansdowne (County Chiefs'/Sheriffs Association) stated he would like license readers at both ends of the county, but funding is an issue.

Chief Davis stated that the readers have been at the Mexican border for the last five years.

Supervisor Cox asked how many vehicles are stolen in Mexico and recovered in the U.S. The officers reported that these statistics are not tracked.

Mr. Diaz stated he has no figures with him, but knows it is a growing problem and will send figures to the committee members. The Mexican government is more than willing to help coordinate with U.S. authorities to increase recovery rates on both sides of the border.

Chief Carter also advised that there are other means of preventing thefts, including the LoJack system and another satellite device that works well. He did not endorse these particular products, but stated this kind of technology works well in the recovery of vehicles.

7. HIGH RISK SEX OFFENDERS ON THE INTERNET (APPROVE)

Pam Scanlon (Director of ARJIS) introduced Sergeant Kirby Beyer from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department who presented information on the Sex Offender Information Management System and the releasing of the high risk sex offenders on the Internet. Sergeant Beyer also did a demonstration of the proposed high risk sex offender Web page, which will be linked to the existing sex offender pin map.

Copies of two letters were distributed. One letter, dated September 10, 2004 from City of San Diego Councilmember Jim Madaffer, urged the Public Safety Committee to support posting of high risk sex offenders. Another letter, dated September 9, 2004 from Assemblyman George Plescia, also supported the implementation of the high risk sex offender application on the Internet. In addition, the Chiefs/Sheriff's Management Committee recommended the posting of the high risk sex offenders at their September 1, 2004 meeting. Jaymie Bradford, a representative from Councilmember Jim Madaffer's office, thanked Chief Lansdowne and Pam Scanlon for their efforts on this initiative.

San Diego County has the largest amount of sexually violent predators (56 or 57) being returned within the next two years. A Safe Task Force tracks every sexually violent predator and makes contact frequently. There are 4,472 sex offenders in San Diego County: 2,907 serious, 664 other, 34 high-risk, and 867 are unaccounted for (no known address). Information on other than high risk sex offenders is currently only available from local police departments. AB 488, which is pending approval, will provide for the release of information via the Internet on these other sex offenders.

Chair Padilla wanted to acknowledge Councilmember Jim Madaffer for his efforts in getting the public access to information on sex offenders.
Upon a motion by Chief Lansdowne, and a second by Chief Ott, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved the implementation of the high risk sex offender application on the Internet.

Chair Padilla then directed staff to coordinate with Councilmember Madaffer's office to announce the release of the high risk sex offenders on the Internet.

Vice Chair Guerin stated that next Friday (September 17th) Sheriff Kolender will be honored at the Public Safety Recognition Luncheon at USD. Since law enforcement and elected officials will be there, it would be a good time to announce the posting to the media.

8. SANDAG LAUNCHES LOCAL PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM (INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION)

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is a federal initiative to address gun violence. This initiative is administered locally through the U.S. Attorneys’ Offices. SANDAG’s Criminal Justice Research Division is helping to create a mass media strategy to curtail youth gun violence and has created three poster images to call attention to this life and death issue. These images will be displayed on bus shelters, billboards, and at selected schools: Lincoln Middle School in Oceanside, Chula Vista Middle School, Gompers Secondary and Horace Mann Middle in the City of San Diego, and Palm Middle School in Lemon Grove. Next steps will be a kick-off event, preparing public service announcements for television, and distributing book covers. Staff will monitor how this prevention message is received across the region and continue to keep this important safety issue in the public eye.

Vice Chair Guerin stated that middle schools are a good place to start. Youth want to use guns to elevate themselves to gangster level.

Vincent Iaria inquired whether primary suspect motivations were listed on the homicide reports and expressed it might be helpful to analyze the reasons.

Chief Lansdowne described current cases in which youths were involved in homicides and had a detached attitude and were “just doing business.” He also noted that in the City of San Diego the average homicide victim’s age is 26 and the average age of the shooter is 28 and that Friday, Saturday, and Tuesday (payback day) are the worst days.

Chief Davis stated that El Cajon has had four homicides recently. Of those, a primary motivation was a gang situation.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RETREAT (DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION)

Chair Padilla stated he discussed a possible retreat with Vice Chair Guerin and SANDAG staff. He solicited input from the Public Safety Committee on having a retreat in lieu of the October meeting.
Vice Chair Guerin expressed her desire to have a more informal meeting in a workshop format to plan out the Public Safety Committee's goals for next year. She urged members to go back to their agencies and talk with colleagues to find out what is important.

Chief Davis stated that he believes it would be time well spent to have the workshop.

Supervisor Cox agreed that it would be a good idea.

Chair Padilla said the location and format will be determined and members notified. He directed staff to organize a workshop for the next scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee.

10. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for October 8, 2004, at 12:00 Noon.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Padilla adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

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### CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
#### September 10, 2004

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