

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
February 8, 2016 AT 8:30 am
Fire Department EOC Room, 817 Mound Avenue, South Pasadena**

Call to Order and Roll Call. Chair Janet Braun called the meeting to order at 8:35 am. Present were Commissioners Braun, Daigle, Daley, Lieberman, Reinoso and Urquhart. Also present were Councilman Bob Joe, Council Liaison to the Public Safety Commission (the "Commission"), Fire Chief Rueda, Fire Captain Zanteson, Police Chief Miller, Police Captain Neff and Police Clerk Gonzales.

Presentation for Commissioner Chang. Chief Miller thanked outgoing Commissioner Chang and presented her with a plaque from Fire and Police for her outstanding service and contribution to the community and public safety.

New Commissioner appointed. Newly appointed Commissioner Luis Reinoso was welcomed and sworn in by Chief Deputy City Clerk Anthony Mejia and administered the Oath of Office.

Welcome newly appointed Fire Chief. Newly appointed Fire Chief Mario Rueda was introduced and welcomed. He retired from the Los Angeles Fire Department with close to 36 years and served the last 15 years in Operations. Chief Rueda is excited to serve in his new assignment supporting San Gabriel, San Marino and South Pasadena. An update was provided for Deputy Fire Chief Riddle who is successfully recuperating from surgery.

Approval of Minutes. Approval of the minutes of the Commission's January 11, 2016 meeting was moved to accept by Commissioner Lieberman and seconded by Commissioner Daigle.

Public Comments and Council Liaison Comments. None.

New Council Liaison. Councilman Bob Joe was welcomed and introduced as the new Council Liaison.

Active Shooter Training Report. Chief Miller advised that the Active Shooter event January 22nd was a successful training exercise. Over 75 SPPD/SPFD personnel and adjoining agencies participated in the exercise at the South Pasadena Middle School. Businesses and residents adjacent to the school were notified in advance. Two training exercises were conducted with marked improvement demonstrated in the second activity. Chief Rueda advised Active Shooter training is a newly learned skill for FD to integrate with PD in this type of event. He advised that an actual incident would include additional resources such as a Family Assistance Center, LA County Mental Health, the Red Cross and any other agencies as needed. Councilmen Daley and Lieberman attended and indicated

the exercise a worthwhile learning experience.

Chief Miller Liaison Report. Chief Miller advised of an arrest that occurred on February 6th of animal abuse to a small dog observed in the police lobby by Police Clerk Mendez. She notified dispatch and an officer arrested the suspect at the station. The animal is at Pasadena Humane Society recovering and a news briefing will take place this morning at 10:00 am. Four recruits are at academy, one cadet is putting himself through the academy and a newly appointed reserve is in the academy. Diligent effort is being put forth to resolve staffing and retention issues. Over 240 women have participated in the self defense class and a class for teen girls will be scheduled within the month. The community will begin assisting in coordination of classes and PD will continue to conduct the training. There was discussion of alcohol and drug abuse within the teen community – Captain Zanteson advised there is a “no judgement” policy when a teen needs emergency assistance for alcohol or drugs. Additionally, the SRO is available to the schools and students for assistance. Commissioner Daigle indicated Det. Corporal Sanchez was helpful in resolving a difficult person at her place of business.

Chief Rueda Liaison Report. Chief Rueda advised the winds over the last few days resulted in many calls for service that included trees down, wires down and other property damage. FD was close to resource depletion and activating the EOC. Commissioner Braun noted that approximately \$200,000 is designated for the EOC from last year’s budget with an expected \$100,000 to be allotted from this year’s budget totaling \$300,000.

CERT Team Report. Captain Zanteson advised there is a CERT class February 20, February 27 and March 5. Commissioner Braun indicated approximately 30 people are signed up for the class. To qualify to serve on CERT each volunteer must have a background check and be Livescanned. There is a CERT meeting on February 9 at 9:00am . The Commission is pleased with the successful growth of CERT and the building momentum.

Neighborhood Watch Report. Captain Neff advised Det. Lee continues to recruit block captains but it is difficult to grow in apartment locations. Additionally, he has a monthly booth at Farmers Market, publishes a weekly crime bulletin and a monthly newsletter. Det. Lee continues to do home inspections. Commissioner Braun noted Neighborhood Watch needs to be easier to find on the city’s website. Chief Miller will make arrangements for an annual meeting of block captains in 2016.

Strategic Goals 2016-17. Commissioner Braun noted that the PSC has not been queried for the 2016 strategic goals. Councilman Joe advised a meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2016 at 9:00 am in the Community Room. Commissioner Braun highlighted 2015’s goals which include the Community Emergency Preparedness Team, Expanded Neighborhood Watch and advocate for EOC funding. In 2016 the focus will continue to be priority setting and to improve and expand over last year’s goals.

Election of Officers. Commissioner Daigle nominated Commissioner Lieberman for Chair and Commissioner Daley seconded the nomination. Commissioner Urquhart nominated Commissioner Braun for Vice-Chair and Commissioner Lieberman seconded the nomination. Both Commissioners accepted the one year term.

Commissioner's Comments. Commissioner Daigle requested that Neighborhood Watch be placed on next month's agenda. Next month's meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2016 at 8:30 am in the EOC.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.



Janet Braun

Chairperson

Respectfully submitted,

Idessa Gonzales

Police Clerk