

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA  
September 15, 2014 at 6:30 pm  
Fire Department EOC Room, 817 Mound Avenue, South Pasadena**

Call to Order and Roll Call. Chair Janet Braun called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present were Commissioners Daigle, Daley, Lieberman, Chang and Wing. Also present were Councilman Michael Cacciotti, Council Liaison to the Public Safety Commission (the “Commission”), Police Chief Art Miller and Deputy Fire Chief Paul Riddle. Also present were Michael Neff and Robert Bartl of the South Pasadena Police Officers’ Association.

Approval of Minutes. Upon motion by Commissioner Wing, seconded by Commissioner Chang, the minutes of the Commission’s June 16, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved by the Commission.

Public Comment. No public comments were presented to the Commission.

South Pasadena Police Officers’ Association Comments. Mr. Neff and Mr. Bartl presented information related to the Association’s recent salary survey and issues related to the hiring and retention of police officers in the City of South Pasadena. The Commission thanked Mr. Neff and Mr. Bartl for attending the meeting and for the information.

School Safety Report. Chief Miller reported on the recent situation regarding South Pasadena High School and the events leading up to the arrest of certain students in connection with an alleged plot to do harm at the high school. He explained the use of certain technology that assists the Police Department in its investigations and helps detect threats and potential crimes. Chief Miller distributed the Police Department’s Monthly Statistical Report for the month of August 2014 which reported a 50% decrease in robbery, a 62% decrease in burglary and a 57% decrease in motor vehicle theft for the year to date. The report also detailed the Department’s bike patrols, detectives’ report, predictive policing report and traffic report. The Commission thanked Chief Miller for a job well done and the significant decrease in crime. Chief Miller also reported that the Department continues its efforts to get the School District to fund crossing guards. The City provides 10 crossing guards at its expense and to date.

Neighborhood Watch Ad Hoc Committee formation/mission. Commissioners Braun and Lieberman reported that they had met with Chief Miller about forming an ad hoc committee of volunteers and block captains and police officers to study the Neighborhood Watch program and formulate strategies to improve participation. The committee is currently being formed.

CERT Program Update. Deputy Chief Riddle reported on the status of launching the City’s first CERT program and training. The first CERT training is scheduled for 3 Saturdays in

October (11, 18 and 25). The CERT ad hoc Committee has been organizing and overseeing the program and training, and it has been working well. Los Angeles County has donated training manuals and materials and CERT backpacks filled with emergency supplies for CERT members. Demand for CERT training has been extremely robust. The first CERT training class is full with 40 registered, and 80+ people on the waiting list.

Emergency Operations Center (“EOC”) Update. Deputy Chief Riddle reported that the Fire Department was investigating whether to purchase “virtual EOC” software in conjunction with 10 local cities. The virtual EOC would allow emergency personnel to help coordinate efforts remotely before they can make it to the actual EOC in South Pasadena. The virtual EOC would not replace, but rather supplement, the EOC in South Pasadena.

Public Safety Open House. The Commissioners remarked that Detective Richard Lee’s preparations for the City’s Public Safety Open House planned for September 20, 2014 were outstanding. Each Commissioner will attend the Open House and staff the Commission’s information booth. Efforts will be made to recruit residents into the Neighborhood Watch program. Commissioner Braun displayed a large City Map, marked to show all existing neighborhood watch groups. Detective Lee will create an overlay for the map showing the locations of recent crimes. The City map will be displayed at the Open House in conjunction with the Commission’s Neighborhood Watch recruitment efforts. In addition, the CERT committee will have a table and booth to recruit potential members and distribute emergency preparedness information.

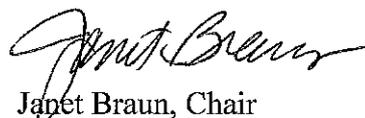
Council Liaison Comments. Councilman Cacciotti encouraged the Police Department to continue its community policing presence and noted that he had seen and been impressed with some of the bike patrols.

Staff Liaison Comments. Deputy Chief Riddle and Chief Miller gave brief status reports on their respective departments.

Commissioner Comments. The Commissioners confirmed their attendance at and duties for the Public Safety Open House

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm, motioned by Commissioner Chang and seconded by Commissioner Daigle.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Braun, Chair  
Public Safety Commission