



Agenda

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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, July 21, 2015**  
**4:00 PM**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501**

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of Tuesday, June 16, 2015 minutes
4. Old business:
  - A. NONE
5. New business:
  - A. Informational-Santa Fe Fire Department Fridge Facts (SFFD Sheila Beuler)
  - B. Proposed resolution directing the City of Santa Fe Fire Department to waive EMT standby fees for the SANTA FE Summer Series Equestrian Event at the Equicenter De Santa Fe; and authorizing the payment of said fees from a portion of the lodgers tax dedicated for public safety overtime costs (Councilors Rivera and Bushee) Chief Litzenberg and Randy Randall)
6. Matters from Municipal Court
7. Matters from Police Chief Eric Garcia
8. Matters from Fire Chief Erik Litzenberg
9. Matters from the Santa Fe Police Officers Association
10. Matters from the Santa Fe Firefighters Association
11. Matters from the Regional Emergency Communications Center-
  - A. Public Safety Committee tour of Regional Emergency Communications Center (Ken Martinez)
12. Matters from Committee Members
13. Communications from the Floor
14. Adjournment

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**MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Councilor Bill Dimas, Chair for the Public Safety Committee. Roll call reflects quorum.

**1. Roll Call**

**Present**

Councilor Bill Dimas, Chair  
Joe Arellano  
Dr. Nancy Owen-Lewis  
Peter Mizrahi  
Dr. Mike Mier  
Eric Johnson  
Mike Bowen  
Herbert Harris

**Absent**

David Trujillo

**Others Present:**

Chief Eric Garcia, Santa Fe Police Department  
Santa Fe Fire Department, Lt. Chief  
Lt. James Lamb, Santa Fe Police Department  
Sgt. Matthew Martinez, Santa Fe Police Union President  
Sheila Beuler, SFFD  
Captain Nava  
Randy Randall, Director, Santa Fe Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

Councilor Dimas, Chair for the Public Safety Committee informed the committee that they would take a tour of the Emergency Communication Center once the meeting was adjourned today. No formal business will be discussed it is clearly a tour of the facility hosted by Mr. Ken Martinez.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

*Mr. Harris moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Mr. Bowen, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

**3. Approval of June 16, 2015 Minutes**

No changes from staff or committee members.

*Dr. Mier moved to approve the minutes of June 16, 2015 as presented, second by Mr. Mizrahi, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

#### 4. Old Business

Remove from future agendas.

#### 5. New Business

##### A. Informational – Santa Fe Fire Department Fridge Facts (SFFD Sheila Beuler)

Ms. Beuler expressed her thanks for having an opportunity to provide information on a project that the Fire Department has been working on for a few months called 911 – Fridge Facts. Some of you may remember a campaign in the late 80's - early 90's called the Vial for Life. It was a community based program where we would distribute medication vials with a rolled up piece of paper. On that piece of paper would be information on a patient, it was known that the vial selected would assist the emergency responders and individuals would keep this vial in their freezer so 911 responders would know where to find it. The problem was that the rolled up piece of paper was very hard to read and very small so it made it hard to put information on it. What we have done is re-worked this whole concept in to something that would be user friendly for responders and also for the patient. Ms. Beuler said she uses this concept with her aging parents. (Ms. Beuler described the magnet portion which has a place for a family member name to assist 911 – there is also a window sticker to place at the entrance of their home and they will know that the magnet is on the fridge with the vital information). Described was the information that is included in a patient's chart that will assist the process. Ms. Beuler said that they would like to have this process and offer available on the city website. Marketing and advertising for this program is through community meetings. Captain Nava offered all of the members a sticker and made more available at their request.

The Chair asked if Santa Fe County is aware of this process. Ms. Beuler said that they are aware of and there are other counties throughout the US that have this same program with a different name already in effect.

Dr. Mier would like to see that program information be provided to the Senior Programs. Ms. Beuler said they are open to any ideas on how to get this sticker disseminated throughout the community. Thank you for this valuable presentation.

##### B. Proposed resolution directing the City of Santa Fe Fire Department to waive EMT standby fees for the Santa Fe Summer Series Equestrian Event at the Equicenter de Santa Fe; and authorizing the payment of said fees from a portion of the lodger's tax dedicated for public safety overtime costs.

Mr. Randall noted that this is a new equestrian event that is being held at the horse park. It will run for 3 weeks starting tomorrow. With Public Safety Committee approval today, it will go to the City Council on July 29<sup>th</sup> and approval will be retroaction. The show has requested 2 additional days of service for practice; they need this for the safety of the participants. This event has a significant tourism impact on Santa Fe. This is a first and they plan to do it in future years. Request is to waive the EMT standby fees and authorizing the payment of said fees from a portion of the lodger's tax dedicated for public safety overtime costs. There is no additional cost to the city, no overtime is involved there will be a need for one ambulance to be available.

Dr. Lewis asked if the fees were not waived would they still be paying. Mr. Randall said yes.

Mr. Randall said that the request he has received is for year he could speak about future years.

*Dr. Mier moved to approve the proposed resolution directing the City of Santa Fe Fire Department to waive EMT standby fees for the Santa Fe Summer Series Equestrian Event at the Equicenter de Santa Fe; and authorizing the payment of said fees from a portion of the lodger's tax dedicated for public safety overtime costs, second by Mr. Mizrahi, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

**6. Matters from Municipal Court**

Report included in packet.

**7. Matters from Police Chief Eric Garcia**

Chief Garcia stated that the request has been made of the SFPD on what they are doing for narcotic prevention. The Chief took this opportunity to introduce Lt. James Lamb.

Lt. James Lamb, Commander for the Criminal Investigation Bureau as of June, 2015. In the last two months he has concentrated on review of the policy and procedures to assure that we are up to date and providing good service to our community. Today in relation to the composite of the Narcotics Unit; it is broken down in to three different categories – 1) DEA Team, 2) Region 3 Team and 3) Street Narcotics Team. Each team has assigned to it, 2 personnel and they work in teams. The way it works is that they are not always manufactured here in Santa Fe, it is not always done here in Santa Fe – it is regional wide. We have to take into consideration the whole strategic operation of the narcotic trade. It will happen all the way from Albuquerque to Espanola and all parts in between. In order to correctly organize this we sent 2 people to the DEA Task Force to handle our larger drug organizations, the ones that are impacting and creating everything else. Region 3 is intermediary between the street level and the organized criminal organizations that handle the regional areas. They handle a lot of the street crimes in narcotics that our officers cannot handle. They handle the street users – human trafficking, all different types of crimes.

As noted I have currently assigned 2 individuals to these teams however, there are personnel issues. The DEA team is doing a great job, Region 3 – 1 employee has been placed on FMLA due to medical problems and out for approximately 8 weeks which shorted the team by 1 – there is one expected promotion – officer tested number 1 for the Sgt. Exam. Currently we are down to 3 people on the teams; we are doing cross training as DEA cases can take up to 6-8 months even a year for investigation. Street Narcotics team are supplementing the shortage on the Region 3 team.

Lt. James Lamb provided real case examples of the jobs they have been assigned one being the largest case in the history of Santa Fe for heroin, crack and cocaine. One guy has been arrested 6 times and has done time. When dealing with narcotics there are a lot of seizures involved – here are about 2 residential properties that have been seized. With HB 560 we won't see any of the results until after July. Pharmaceutical cases are on-going – pill consumption is a huge epidemic. In June 2014 – January, 2015, 51.5% of the cases handled by Region 3 were generated in Santa Fe. From January 2015 - July 2015- only about 35% and the reason this is so low is because there is only one person working that area. For street narcotics, Lt. Lamb said he personally has been on at least 2 cases in Santa Fe where they did result in arrests.

Member Eric Johnson said what they are seeing now is people coming in to report that their medications have been stolen, some are mail order meds and a lot of the population are the elderly. What is happening in some cases is they are reporting their medications stolen and get a case number so they can go back to the doctor and get a new prescription. Lt. Johnson asked if during these investigations, are the names of doctors being discovered who are abusing this procedure? Lt. Lamb responded with little detail and said yes they are.

Chair Dimas noted that there has been about a 20% narcotic increase in our state and a large amount of those are right here in Santa Fe. The Chair is concerned that we really don't have SFPD – Narcotics Division on the streets. We have the drug tip hot line and wonder's who is handling those tips from the calls.

Mr. Martinez said they receive about 30 calls per month and the process is that once they receive those calls they are delivered to the respective Investigation Unit within the SFPD and the SO.

Chair Dimas is interested in the calls that are in Santa Fe and how they are being handled. We are losing a lot of young lives in Santa Fe due to these drug traffickers.

Lt. Lamb said that because of jurisdiction issues our officers are only commissioned to handle cases in Santa Fe. Lt. Lamb said that the next time he comes before the Public Safety Committee he will have firm statistics and demographics to report.

Chair Dimas said it was his understanding that DEA was assisting the city with seizures.

Lt. Lamb recently attended the Region 3 meeting last week where he spoke to the State Police Commander in Investigations and the discussion was they are dismantling upper level organized crime or organizations that have a triple effect down to our street level.

Chair Dimas reiterated that the goal of having the drug tip hot line was to assure that we investigate any reported activities or suspicions. The Chair believes we should use unmarked units to do surveillance on reported street crime houses. The statistics are important so we can get a feel for what is happening and so we can continue to support this important effort. The Chair appreciates that job that Lt. Lamb and his officers are doing and understands that resources are tough.

Mr. Bowen said that the many years he served in law enforcement and some of those years in Narcotics, you have to deal with people who are the main suppliers, the soldiers in the street. The problem is that every soldier you take down there is another one to take their place; you need to take down the main suppliers and the organizations. It is important to work with the regional and federal contacts; I have seen that cooperative effort be successful. Mr. Bowen said he does support a Narcotics Unit, people on the ground working and solving a lot of the property crimes.

Lt. Johnson said it is all about public education as well. We want to make sure the public knows how to report any suspicious actions.

Chair Dimas said we have been working on this for over a year. We need to get this process moving.

Chief Garcia said that he will follow up with Mr. Martinez on the 30 calls that have been mentioned at today's meeting.

Chair Dimas would like to know how many people are actually arrested.

#### Chief Garcia

Bumper Stickers – the members were presented with 5 bumper stickers and respectfully asked if they would vote on the top 3 selections and return to Shannon.

### **8. Matters from Santa Fe Fire Department**

**9. Matters from the Santa Fe Police Officers Association**

Sgt. Matthew Martinez – President of the Union

For the last 10 years as President of the Union we actually have not had any major problems; Mayor, City Manager or Chief of Police. For the last year and 2 months there has relatively been nothing going on. Morale is up, the Officers support the Chief, the Detectives support the Chief, Animal Control and PSAs support the Chief. What we have had and more so in the past week with the release of certain information to certain media groups there is mid-level management that continues to disrupt the public safety of this community. Starting with Chief Eric Johnson continuing with Chief Rael; these are the same people that are now in mid-level management positions that were trying to disrupt those chiefs as well. I am here to tell you as the Union President, even though direction wasn't given by the Union, officers took it in to their own hands to get signatures from Police Officers. This is strictly police officers not including anybody else. There were two signature boxes, one where morale was up – we had 81 signatures where officers where they put their signatures. The other petition was where police officers and detectives signed in support of Chief Garcia, so far there are 75 signatures. That is way over what we consider a vote or no vote of confidence in my book. I am tired of this, I am sick of the infighting and if anyone on this committee – I don't know how we would begin, but obviously this Chief has been put through the ringer, the Union has been put through the ringer because we support a lot of the changes that the Chief has made, he has done a lot of good for this community as well as the Police Department, we have had no problems with him. What we need and it happens in Fortune 500 companies is a petition or some sort of mid level management, survey – how our bully's are being supervised by mid-level management. I don't know how to get that started; I will make sure it gets started because your officers are tired of it. There is no public safety that is being denied from your police officers because of the action the Chief is doing. Public safety is great. I don't know who is giving who information but I am hearing rumors that the Narcotics Unit was dismantled, I don't know if that was the information that you got Councilor or any members of this committee, that is why the Chief is here. If that was in the memo that was written by this mid-level management to the City Manager, it is a bull faced lie. I am tired of back stabbing at the Police Department that has been brought on by these old members who are now in mid-management positions. I will go on record on saying that and I am tired of being targeted, I know other people who are being targeted – the officer that actually took this position actually had phone calls from people saying that they fear being targeted by these mid-level managers, it has got to stop. We finally have a Chief who is doing well for this community and I am tired of the back and forth. We need to get something started on these mid-level managers I would appreciate that. Whether it is a resolution or something that this full committee can send on to the Mayor and Council, I will share our support for the Chief.

The Chair said that as a Committee we can't direct anyone to take a survey, as a Councilor we cannot get involved in any personnel actions or HR matters. As a committee we cannot get involved in anything like that.

Mr. Harris made the comment, the Chief is the Chief – he has the authority to work directly with the City Manager regarding any HR matters.

Mr. Mizrahi asked at what level of management are you having problems.

Sgt. Martinez said they are Lt. and above, there is no problem with the line officers or with the detectives. There is no public safety detriment for our community, the detriment is the targeting by these mid-level managers to the line officers and us not being able to do our jobs effectively and efficiently which is what this community deserves. I am at a loss for words. He has done what he needs to do as a Chief but there are certain mid-level managers that are bullying, and it is ridiculous.

Chief Garcia said that in light of on-going personnel matters within the city of Santa Fe Police Department and the two newspapers that have joined us here today I cannot go in to detail, however I can



caption read, Chief targeted. This was your statement, “there are several Lieutenants. and above the campaign for certain candidates during the mayoral campaign of 2014. When those candidates didn’t get elected that took it rough to Mayor Javier Gonzales and Chief Garcia. It is unfortunate that these individuals feel entitled to other jobs or positions that they obviously were not appointed to. I want to make it clear, and you know this, I never promised anything to anyone who campaigned for me or supported me. You know that as a fact, I never promised any jobs or anything else. When I read this I took it personally because the Police Department in essence endorsed me and supported my campaign. The Union in fact supported my campaign. There were others there in the police department that supported me in upper management. You aren’t going to get everyone in the world to support you all the time and I was aware of that. I want to set the record straight that I never promised anyone anything. I don’t care if it was police officers or other people who supported my campaign, I never promised them jobs, I never promised not one job.

Sgt. Martinez said that the quote was taken out of context and it was not made by the Union President, his name was not listed, it was by other individuals who supported certain candidates not the candidates themselves who supported other people. But when I am being called specifically for something that I haven’t read and you are being told that the Narcotics Unit was disbanded that is a bull face lie in itself and I want to know where the liability is for that. I brought this up before, if our officers are going to be held at a higher standard and be disciplined specifically for lying and/or reading stuff to the press, then our mid-level management at this point putting in a memo to our City Manager and how magically it appeared in the hands of the media they need to be held accountable. It is a bull face lie to put it there and to say that the Narcotics Unit has been disbanded which I know we have been helping the Narcotics Unit for a long time. We have put a lot of hard work in to it. But the quote that was out of context, it wasn’t the candidates individually it was the people who supported those candidates.

The Chair said, “I would strongly suggest as Union President that you be careful watch what you say. As you now know it can be misconstrued. As you know me, if I have something to say I will say it, I won’t go someplace else and I expect that from anyone else. When I read that article I expected to receive a call from you.

Sgt. Martinez said he totally understands, it was not that way. Thank you Councilor.

The Chair said he wanted this information to be part of the record. As Chairman of this committee, I wish this Committee had not been talking to you individually as members of this committee. I wish that this Committee had more importance to this city. This Committee needs to have more worth teeth, we are the only committee in the city that deals with public safety. As committee members we need to reach out to the Council, I have been doing it as much as I can to make this committee an outstanding committee of importance. To me public safety is the most important issues that we deal with on a daily basis as a city and we need to make that important issue publicly.

Mr. Bowen echoed that he agrees with the comments made today and that these issues should not be discovered in the press. Everyone need to stop and think, I truly believe people can go to jail over some of these things that have happened. It is unfortunate. Mr. Bowen said he supports the comments made by Sgt. Martinez. This disruption hurts public safety.

The Chair said, this too shall pass.

The Committee members expressed their thanks to Sgt. Martinez and the officers for their dedicated hard work.

**10. Matters from the Santa Fe Firefighters Association**  
None

**11. Matters from the Regional Emergency Communications Center**

(Tour of the Facility will not take place today due to the length of the Public Safety Committee meeting)

Mr. Martinez said that he will schedule the use of the facility for the next Public Safety Committee meeting in August.

In June RECC took 43,878 calls, 8,072 of those calls were 911, 20,197 were regular calls, 9,808 were Police, 1,206 were fire and 5,682 Animal Control.

Chief Garcia expressed his gratitude to Mr. Martinez for the timely follow through. Compliments to his staff and to Mr. Martinez.

Chief Garcia said that the winner of the bumper sticker will be announced very soon.

**12. Matters from Committee Members**

Thank you for trimming the brush over the speed limit sign as reported previously.

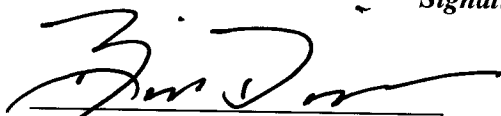
**13. Communications from the Floor**


None

**14. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Public Safety Committee the Chair called for adjournment at 5:30 pm.

*Signature Page:*

  
Councilor Bill Dimas, Chair

  
Fran Lucero, Stenographer