

**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
January 24, 2023**

**City Hall
Council Chambers
910 Calle Negocio
San Clemente, CA 92673**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Loeffler called the Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the City of San Clemente to order at 3:03 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lock Loeffler led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL

Committee

Members Present: Chair Rick Loeffler
Vice Chair Charles Hightower
Nick Berkuta
Michael Greenwald
Scotland Roeber
Chief Cheyne Maule, Orange County Fire Authority
Captain Rod Mellott, Marine Safety (arrived at 3:17 p.m.)
Captain Jay Christian, Orange County Sheriff's Department

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Adam Atamian, Deputy Community Development Director
Natanya Wilcher, Office Assistant

Special Guests: Susan Fitch and Phil Harris, CERT

4. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation by Susan Fitch and Phil Harris, Community Emergency Response Team's (CERT) role in Emergency Preparedness

Member Berkuta introduced Susan Fitch and Phil Harris, CERT.

Mr. Harris provided an overview of the history of CERT; efforts to support first responders; CERT training; involvement in emergencies; San Clemente's program; Tri-Cities CERT; and outreach.

Deputy Community Development Director Atamian stated he would ensure the training information was on the City's website.

In response to Committee questions, Mr. Harris and Ms. Fitch explained the means for activation; supplies for CERT graduates; and CERT experience.

Chair Loeffler suggested advertising through the Neighborhood Watch Program.

5. MINUTES

A. Minutes from the Regular Public Safety Committee meeting of November 22, 2022.

MOTION BY CHAIR LOEFFLER, SECOND BY VICE CHAIR HIGHTOWER AND CARRIED 5-0 to approve the minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting of November 22, 2022.

6. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Captain Rod Mellott, Marine Safety, arrived at 3:17 p.m.

Chair Loeffler introduced Captain Jay Christian, the City of San Clemente's new Captain of Police Services.

Captain Christian expressed his enthusiasm in serving the City and provided an overview of his background.

Chair Loeffler discussed staffing transitions and welcomed the new staff.

7. REVIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Care Ambulance Performance Measures

Deputy Community Development Director Atamian explained review of performance measures.

B. Orange County Fire Authority Performance Measures

Chief Maule provided a summary of the statistical data including response times, dispatching, get out times, placement of rigs and location of stations.

Vice Chair Hightower explained the contracted key performance measures and his effort to correlate the OCFA data with City data. Chief Maule explained the average calls per quarter.

Member Berkuta discussed e-bike incidents and the need to capture data. Chief Maule discussed efforts to capture e-bike and lithium ion battery fire data.

Chair Loeffler requested the data be provided to the Committee and mentioned the new Crime Analyst. Deputy Community Development Director Atamian stated he would be starting February 10 but he did not think he would track e-bike statistics.

Vice Chair Hightower recognized Fred Mathis, retired Chief Deputy from the LA County Fire Department.

Member Roeber discussed ambulance statistics and requested information on OCFA's unilateral change to dispatch criteria. Chief Maule explained the change during COVID-19 and recent transition back to normal dispatching. Member Roeber asked about the City's contract and exemptions. Deputy Community Development Director Atamian stated the City Manager's Office managed the contract, therefore he did not have the data.

Chair Loeffler requested additional information be provided at the next meeting. Deputy Community Development Director Atamian stated he would provide the contract to the Committee and a representative from Care Ambulance could address the Committee if needed.

Vice Chair Hightower requested the letter from the Manager of Business Development of Government Affairs be included in the record and he read the statistics. He suggested exploring the option of ambulance relocation to improve services.

Member Berkuta discussed the exclusive ambulance contract and unlisted "holding the wall" time.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**A. Evaluate an Ordinance Concerning Street Side Soliciting**

Deputy Community Development Director Atamian stated the item would be going to the City Council and the Committee's work was complete.

B. Public Safety Committee Annual Work Plan FY2022-2023**1. Communications and Disaster Preparedness Project Update****Disaster Preparedness Subcommittee Emergency Shelter Tour Report**

Vice Chair Hightower stated the Subcommittee had worked on the Red Cross Emergency Shelter, Emergency food supply distribution and wireless priority service.

Member Berkuta discussed the survey to determine an emergency shelter location. He stated they were targeting the Community Center and Boys and Girls Club and the Red Cross would conduct a site survey.

Vice Chair Hightower stated he was surprised to see the criteria related to care of pets. He expressed concern with the logistics of handling mass disasters and asked how the City would handle distribution of food. He discussed his tour and the services of Family Assistance Ministry. He explained the wireless priority service. Deputy Community Development Director Atamian suggested directing the information the Public Works Director.

Member Berkuta discussed the Abound Food Care program.

2. Homelessness and Best Management Practices for Public Safety Personnel Project Update

Chair Loeffler discussed the CARE Bill and San Juan Capistrano breaking ground on a facility. In response to Chair Loeffler, it was confirmed that it was illegal to drink on City, County or State beaches. He requested the Subcommittee meet to discuss strategies and existing and potential ordinances.

Vice Chair Hightower discussed the motivation to proceed due to the mental stability of the unhoused and CARE Act provisions to holding unstable people. He asked if the Orange County Sheriff's Department was aware of the requirements under SB3038. Captain Christian indicated he would look

into the matter. Chair Loeffler stated it would be difficult to complete without funding. He discussed the City Council committee to work on the matter.

3. Legislative Review

Chair Loeffler stated he and Member Roeber met and divided responsibilities.

Member Roeber discussed ambulance legislation being monitored.

4. Neighborhood Watch

Chair Loeffler asked about signage. Deputy Community Development Director Atamian explained the process for installing signs and potential staff resources.

Chair Loeffler stated he and Member Greenwald discussed the strategy for implementing the program. He requested a graphic on the City's Neighborhood Watch webpage.

Member Greenwald stated he contacted Nilla Height regarding their meeting and lack of follow-up. He discussed his experience with a stolen package in his condominium complex.

5. Statistical Information and Review

Vice Chair Hightower requested specific information be reported.

6. Human Trafficking

Chair Loeffler discussed efforts to work with Brenda Wells to determine next steps.

7. E-Bicycle/Traffic Safety

Vice Chair Hightower provided an update on e-bike safety.

Member Greenwald suggested Sheriff's Reserves ticket on the beach trail.

8. Technology Review

Member Roeber discussed the License Plate Reader program.

Captain Christian stated the first phase was up and running.

Vice Chair Hightower discussed the need to install readers on City property. Captain Christian indicated the readers would be installed on ingress and egress points to freeway on and off ramps. Vice Chair Hightower reiterated the possibility of wireless priority service.

9. Review of Urgent Matters

None.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF

A. Police Services – Orange County Sheriff’s Department Captain Christian

Captain Christian mentioned Flock Phase 2 was underway and expressed excitement about the start of CPS Ryan Case on February 10, 2023.

B. Fire Services – Orange County Fire Authority, Chief Maule

Chief Maule announced that Station 67 opened; the additional truck at Station 56; Captain Corey Larson’s receipt of Fire Fighter of the Year; upcoming arrival of Fire Hawks; and one e-bike accident in December 2022.

Vice Chair Hightower asked about temporary Station 67. Chief Maule explained the modular, temporary station and new station slotted to be built on the hill in 2030.

C. Marine Safety – Marine Safety Division Captain Mellott

Captain Mellott provided Marine Safety statistics; and discussed the class and compensation study; upcoming swim test; recruit training; rookie training academy; upcoming Spring Break; influx of encampments and efforts to remedy.

E. Committee Members

Member Roeber welcomed Captain Christian; thanked the public safety partners; discussed mass shootings and officers killed in the line of duty; and commended first responders for remaining fully staffed during the holidays.

Member Greenwald welcomed Captain Christian.

Member Berkuta announced March as Tsunami Awareness Month.

Vice Chair Hightower thanked the first responders for their service and dedication.

D. Committee Chair

Chair Loeffler announced the drone approval by Friends of San Clemente. He discussed the assault of one of the City Councilmember and excellent response. He thanked the Human Affairs Committee members for their work on social aspects in the City.

F. City Staff

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER GREENWALD, SECOND BY MEMBER BERKUTA, AND CARRIED 5-0 to adjourn at 5:16 PM to the next Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Committee scheduled to be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers at 910 Calle Negocio, San Clemente, California.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Loeffler, Chair

Attest:

Adam Atamian, Deputy Community Development Director