

These were approved at the Public Safety Committee Meeting of 2/28/2023

**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.

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

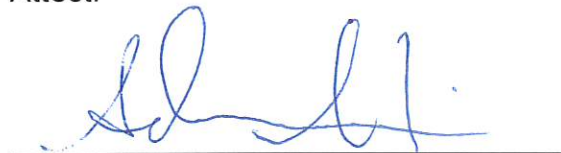
MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER GREENWALD, SECOND BY MEMBER BERKUTA, AND CARRIED 5-0 to adjourn at 5:16 PM to the next Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Committee scheduled to be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers at 910 Calle Negocio, San Clemente, California.

Respectfully submitted,



Rick Loeffler, Chair

Attest:



Adam Atamian, Deputy Community Development Director