



**PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**December 14, 2005 Meeting Summary**  
Municipal Manager's Conference Room  
8th Floor, City Hall; Anchorage, Alaska

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:**

Precyous Council  
Mark Mew  
Sam O'Connor  
Tony Piper  
Mike Smulski  
Chuck Springer  
Lynda Zaugg

**Members Absent:**

**Others Present:**

Chief Craig Goodrich, Anchorage Fire Department  
Michelle Weston, Anchorage Fire Department  
RaeShaun Bibbs, Office of Emergency Management  
Capt. Ross Plummer, Anchorage Police Department  
Catherine Curtis, Office of the Municipal Manager

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Meeting called to order at 6:04PM. *The December meeting summary was unanimously approved.*

**Old Business**

*Mike Smulski reported that the meetings Brenda Mahlatini, the statewide supervisor for Adult Protective Services, held with Chief Monegan and Chief Goodrich went well. The meetings were to help facilitate first responder reporting to her office when addressing calls for people straying from assisted living homes.*

*Chuck Springer reported that a member of the Assisted Living Association was invited to speak at this meeting, though attendance was not confirmed.*

**New Business**

**a. Anchorage Fire Department (AFD) report**

*Chief Craig Goodrich introduced Michelle Weston, the AFD planning & development coordinator. She will take his place as contact for the PSAC. Chief Goodrich then departed to attend another meeting.*

*Michelle Weston reported that Chief Fullenwider will return for one week, and then retire. At that time Chief Goodrich will complete the transition into the role of AFD Chief. The department is working on its five-year strategic plan and reviewing mission statements and facilities and operations plans.*

*AFD is looking for alternate funding for the training center. They are also installing GIS systems in the fleet and expect them to be in operation by April. Mark Mew explained that the radio system will not immediately be able to*

communicate with other responder radio systems in the MOA, but that capability will occur in phase two of the city's plan for land/mobile radio communication.

During the discussion about emergency response, Chair Zaugg asked RaeShaun Bibbs if the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has emergency plans on file for MOA buildings, hospitals, etc. Ms. Bibbs responded that the OEM does have plans on file for the MOA's key partners. She will let the group know which plans the OEM has on file.

Mark Mew said that the Anchorage School District (ASD) will have each school's emergency plans computerized for first responders. Discussion ensued about computerized emergency response systems, including Rapid Responder, a system Chair Zaugg learned about at a conference. Mr. Mew reported that ASD uses SMS System, which will be replaced by a better system. He has looked into Rapid Responder, which is a good system, but very expensive.

Chuck Springer asked Mr. Mew if student data that could help with emergency response could be shared with the APD Search & Rescue team. Mr. Mew expressed concerns about confidentiality issues and said he would look into it and let the group know.

Mike Smulski suggested that a PSAC member be present at the AFD's strategic plan discussions. Ms. Weston said that though it is an internal process, a member could sit in. The group nominated Mr. Smulski to attend. Ms. Weston will advise him of the meeting schedule.

#### **b. Office of Emergency Management report**

RaeShaun Bibbs, OEM public information manager, reported on the department's Neighborhood Plan. She described the Plan as similar to Neighborhood Watch and the AWARE program, and is designed to empower neighborhoods to be self-sustaining in an emergency situation. Discussion ensued between Chuck Springer and Sam O'Connor about the similarity of the Plan to the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program that some citizens had been trained for in the past. Ms. Bibbs explained that the Neighborhood Plan is not the same program, and that the OEM does not have funding for the CERT program training. Chair Zaugg recommended that CERT-trained people be included in the Neighborhood Plan program.

#### **c. Anchorage Police Department report**

Capt. Ross Plummer reported for that the department has added three new people to the detective unit and five to ten more will be added to traffic by the end of the year, if the attrition rate maintains.

The department is making progress with the gang initiative and has had success in identifying members and validating the presence of specific gangs.

The Vice Unit was expanded to encompass other areas. With this move they are hoping to achieve better results in apprehending sexual assault offenders.

**d. Other New Business**

*Precyous Council reported that she has been appointed to the Mayor's Gang Task Force. Though the group has not met yet, she understands that one function of the group will be to refer families of gang members to different resources. The group's first meeting will be Friday, December 16. She will keep the PSAC informed.*

*Mark Mew reported that he met with some ASD student government participants and informed them of the PSAC's opening for a youth member. He anticipates applications from five or six students.*

*Sam O'Connor raised the issue of PSAC members attending community council meetings. Chair Zaugg suggested that each PSAC member attend their own community council meeting at first. Mr. O'Connor discussed code enforcement issues that were raised at his council meeting. Catherine Curtis said that she knows that the MOA is working on those issues and a meeting is scheduled to discuss them with community council and Assembly members.*

*Chair Zaugg will contact Teri Albrecht, the MOA's community council liaison to obtain information on the various community council schedules.*

*Chair Zaugg reported that a facilitator will attend the next PSAC meeting to help the group identify goals and objectives for 2006.*

*Mark Mew and Chuck Springer said they will attend the OEM presentation about lessons learned from the emergency response to Hurricane Katrina.*

**NEXT MEETING**

*The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2006, Mayor's Conference Room. The meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.*