



**PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**March 8, 2006 Meeting Summary**  
Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall  
Anchorage, Alaska

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:**

Mark Mew  
Sam O'Connor  
Mike Smulski  
Lynda Zaugg, Chair

**Members Absent:**

Precyous Council (excused)  
Mike Smulski (excused)  
Chuck Springer (excused)

**Others Present (in order of participation):**

Michelle Weston, Anchorage Fire Department  
Capt. Ross Plummer, Anchorage Police Department  
Rob Fitch, Office of Emergency Management  
Catherine Curtis, Office of the Municipal Manager

**MEETING SUMMARY**

1. **Call to Order** *Meeting called to order at 6:05PM.*

2. **Consent Calendar** *Quorum was not reached, so meeting summary for Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> was not officially approved. No one present had changes or corrections to the document.*

**2. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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

*Michelle Weston reported that Anchorage has received a Class 2 Insurance Services Offices (ISO) rating. This rating indicates to insurance companies how well a community can respond to a fire. The companies base their homeowner premiums on the ISO number. Equipment apparatus, response times, etc. were evaluated to achieve this rating. The AFD's previous rating was 3 out of 10.*

*Sam O'Connor forwarded a request from the Spenard Community Council for a presentation on AFD recruitment, similar to the one PSAC received in February. Mark Mew thanked the AFD for training they provided to ASD and the School Resource Officers.*

b. **Anchorage Police Department (APD)**

*Capt. Ross Plummer reported that the Department has three new detectives. Two detectives work full-time in APD's first online investigative unit. They are currently investigating predators in youth chatrooms and have already received hits from within and outside of Alaska, including Canada.*

*The Department is working on a 2-3 year plan for remodeling existing building and a new building. Chair Lynda Zaugg forwarded Precyous Council's request that APD give the Commission a presentation on gangs at the April meeting. Capt. Plummer will coordinate the presentation.*

*Chuck Springer had already requested that Barry Marcov of APD give a presentation on false alarm statistics at the April meeting. Mark Mew has old files on false alarms and will forward appropriate documents to Catherine Curtis for circulation to the Commission before the next meeting.*

**c Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Report**

Rob Fitch, OEM emergency exercise manager, reported that exercises were underway that week in the areas of public health, finance, and logistics. Another series of exercises will be held from April 3-7. He also listed exercises coming up in fall and 2007 including an earthquake exercise in March. Another Northern Edge exercise is scheduled for May 2007, but this conflicts with the International Whaling Commission (IWC) conference, so MOA has not decided if they will participate. The IWC meeting is a month-long conference at which they anticipate some civil unrest. This is the first time the IWC will meet in Anchorage.

Anchorage is vying to be selected as the location for a Top-Off exercise in 2010. The event would involve the President, governors of all states, and many other officials.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

a. Publicity plan review postponed until April meeting.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Community Council Report: Sam O'Connor attended the Spenard Community Council meeting. A concern expressed at the meeting was drivers running the stop sign at W. 48<sup>th</sup> & VanBuren. This is especially dangerous between 8:30-9:15 when children walk to school. Sam will call the traffic unit at APD about the matter.

Mark Mew attended the Eagle River Valley Community Council meeting. Issues discussed at the meeting included the new ACS tower, whether MEA will negotiate with ASD to turn Chugiak High School into a shelter in the event.

b. Public Testimony: None

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be April 12, 2006 at 6:00PM in the Mayor's Conference Room, suite 830 of City Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

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