



**Public Safety Subcommittee
Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft**

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

9:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Okrepkie called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Present: 3 - Chair Jeff Okrepkie, Eddie Alvarez, and Natalie Rogers

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

5. NEW BUSINESS

**5.1 FIRST RESPONSE ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (FRALS)
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

The Fire Department will provide a review of key elements of the partnership agreement between the City of Santa Rosa and the Sonoma County Fire District regarding FRALS service under the new Sonoma County Ground Ambulance Contract. No action will be taken, but the Subcommittee may discuss this item and provide direction to staff.

Scott Westrope, Fire Chief, and Jack Thomas, Division Chief, presented and answered questions from the subcommittee members.

No public comments were made.

5.2 GANG CRIMES TEAM

Chief Cregan and department supervisors will provide an overview of the newly formed Gang Crimes Team and the work the detectives will be doing in our community. The presentation will explain in detail the

four key priorities of the Gang Crimes Team:

- Prevention (Help prevent our youth from ever joining gangs)
- Intervention (Help active gang members safely leave the gang lifestyle behind)
- Education (Gang awareness and prevention courses to students, parents, teachers, police officers, and other community groups)
- Enforcement (Work to quickly solve violent gang crimes before additional community members are victimized)

No action will be taken, but the Subcommittee may discuss this item and provide direction to staff.

John Cregan, Police Chief, Travis Menke, Sergeant, and Danielle Garduno, Violence Prevention Partnership Program Manager, presented and answered questions from the subcommittee members.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Anabelle Nunez spoke with questions on number of arrests on school campuses, school disciplinary processes, number of youth incarcerations, arrests of children of color, number of youths who had their rights violated, number of youths interrogated without legal or parental representation, number of children on an IEP, and the number of youths arrested or questioned for violation of probation or parole.

Annette Arnold with the South Park Coalition spoke in support of the Gang Crimes Team and the Violence Prevention Partnership and requests adequate funding and resources to tackle crime and gangs in their neighborhood.

5.3 ROSELAND SUB-STATION UPDATE

Chief Cregan will provide an update on the efforts to provide a more visible presence and access to police resources in the Roseland Community. The presentation will discuss the timeline for the permanent police substation in Roseland and details on the newly acquired temporary police substation.

No action will be taken, but the Subcommittee may discuss this item and provide direction to staff.

John Cregan, Police Chief, presented and answered questions from the subcommittee members.

No public comments were made.

6. MATTERS HELD IN COMMITTEE

None.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

7.1 POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Chief Cregan will provide a high-level overview and update on major programs, projects, and initiatives as they relate to city council goals and police department operations. An overview of the police department's recruitment and hiring efforts will be discussed.

John Cregan, Police Chief, presented and answered questions from the subcommittee members.

No public comments were made.

7.2 FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The Fire Department will provide a high-level overview and update on major programs, projects and initiatives as they related to City Council Goals and Department operations.

Scott Westrope, Fire Chief, presented and answered questions from the subcommittee members.

No public comments were made.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Okrepkie adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on April 23, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Approved on:

Rhonda Bolla, Deputy City Clerk