

## AGENDA

DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
City Council Chambers  
21630 11th Avenue S, Des Moines, Washington  
Thursday, June 6, 2024 - 5:00 PM

**Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee:** Chair Traci Buxton; Vice Chair  
Yoshiko Grace Matsui; Harry Steinmetz

### CALL TO ORDER

### AGENDA

- Item 1. APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES  
[PSEM May 2 2024 Agenda Minutes](#)
- Item 2. GPS/CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM UPDATE (PD)  
[GPS PSEM presentation 2024](#)
- Item 3. Staffing (PD)

### ADJOURNMENT



Public Safety/Emergency Management (PSEM)

Agenda

May 2, 2024

5:00-5:50pm

Committee Members:

Chair Mayor Buxton, Deputy Mayor Steinmetz, Vice Chair Grace Matsui

Council Present:

Matt Mahoney, and Gene Achziger

Staff Present:

Police Chief Tim Gately

Emergency Management Director Shannon Kirchberg

Acting City Attorney Matt Hutchins

Clerk: Taria Keane

Deputy Clerk: Sara Lee

Administrative Coordinator: Laura Hopp

Executive Administrative Analyst: Rochelle Caton

Director of Community/ Administrative Services: Bonnie Wilkins

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Call to Order, Chair Buxton

-Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm

1. Approval of March Meeting Minutes

- Motioned by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz
- Seconded by Vice Chair Grace Matsui

- Chief Gately briefed committee on 2021 triple homicide. This case made national news based on defense attorney attempting to introduce video that was altered by AI. Jury returned guilty verdict on all counts. Which will bring closure to victims and a sense of

safety and justice to our community. Thanked the King County Prosecutors, DMPD staff, jury, and all whom supported this case for past three years. A press release will be issued soon.

## 2. Summer Events:

- Traffic Safety Emphasis: 15 since start of the year. Continue to have these emphasis teams throughout summer- city wide. Social Media posts will start to appear for community awareness /pre warnings. These include: School zone speeds, DUI, street racing. Annual grant reimbursement funds are received to address these safety emphasis.
  
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July: Ongoing DMPD planning underway with other city departments to coordinate this event.  
Deputy Mayor Steinmetz- inquired about the new firework ordinance.  
Chief Gately- DMPD will do pre-emptive social media and press releases along with mailers to residents-to make aware, "friendly reminder." A preventive step. Also featured in City Currents.
  
- Waterland: Plans well underway. DMPD will participate.  
Mayor Buxton: Will DMPD be at the Farmers Market?  
Chief Gately: not assigned but DMPD will monitor.
  
- Chief Gately asked committee to please share- in advance any future items of interest, for future agendas.  
Deputy Mayor Steinmetz- Art and wine walk, will DMPD participate?  
Chief Gately: No specific plans but there will be DMPD presence.

## 3. Summer Weather Preparedness: Heat, Smoke, Wildfire-Shannon Kirchberg EM

- Beat the Heat and Extreme Heat information to go out to public.
- CERT will be at the Farmer's market in July.

- Handing out masks to public to sign up for air quality through Air Now app
- CERT class July 10, through August 3, 2024 through (Wednesday's only 6-9pm) Des Moines, Council encouraged to participate. Flyer is out, share with all.
- Hazard mitigation flyer/ QR code in flyer as well as upcoming City Currents.
- Update on pipe break at DMAC, was declared by the President. City will be able to apply for reimbursement.

Deputy Mayor Steinmetz- Can minors attend?  
Shannon Kirchberg- if in attendance with adult  
Mayor Buxton- "Code Red" alert question.

Motioned to Adjourn by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz  
Seconded by Vice Chair Grace Matsui  
Adjourn 5:25pm.

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Mayor Buxton- Asked of Committee if they have any agenda items that they would like an update on at the next meeting in July?

Vice Chair Grace Matsui- would like a presentation from SKFR  
Chief Gately can reach out and coordinate that.

Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz- appreciates crime statics that the Chief has provided in the past.

Chief Gately- Information will be forthcoming shortly, including call response times. Noted DMPD response time is very positive.

Motioned to Adjourn for the second time.

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# Des Moines Police Department

GPS – Getting People Services



# Crisis Response Specialist

Monica O. Lara





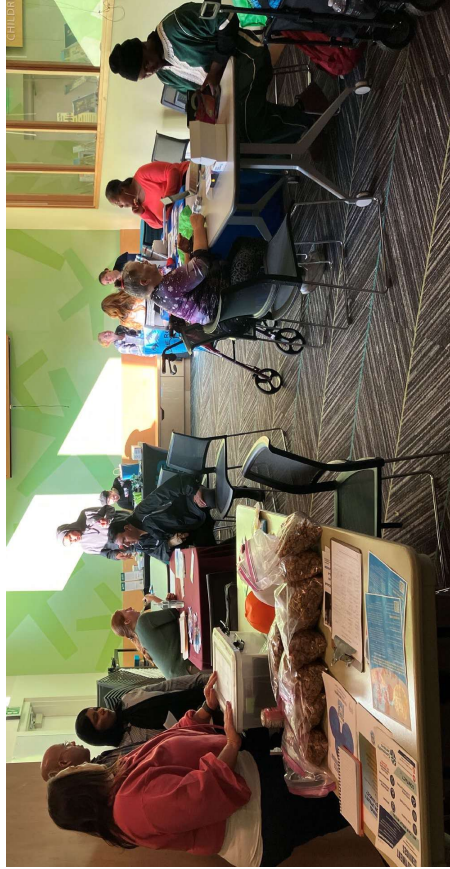
## GPS Team 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Statistics

- Homeless Contacts: 150
- Mental Health Contacts: 29
- Patrol Assists: 69
- Follow Up: 34
- Types of Patrol Assists:
  - Welfare Checks
  - Unwanted Subjects
  - Suicidal Subjects
  - Disorderly Conduct
  - Suspicious Subjects/Circumstances
  - Domestic Violence
  - Juvenile Problems
  - Trespass
  - Follow Up

Homeless Resource Fair's  
-Sock & Blanket Drive  
-Hot Chocolate Events



- Transportation:
- -Day Centers -Hospitals
- -Homeless Shelters
- -Other Services as Needed



# Success Story

Officers were dispatched for a possible suicidal subject. They made contact with the young man and he revealed that he had been living in his car in the King County area, isolated from family and friends. But not feeling suicidal.

The following day, GPS reached out to him for further assistance. He had recently moved from Skagit County in search of better job opportunities and to escape a difficult home environment. Despite his efforts to find housing independently, his lack of resources and credit history, compounded by his young age, hindered his progress. Consequently, he had been forced to live in his car while maintaining employment during the day.

Recognizing his struggle with past trauma, GPS connected him to mental health services. Additionally, referred him to a non-profit organization specializing in assisting individuals with applying for income-based housing, which exclusively accepts referrals. Thanks to these interventions, he has since secured housing and begun working with a case manager. Encouragingly, he expressed a desire to enroll in community college in December as a step towards improving his circumstances.



# Questions?

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