

Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Agenda
September 6, 2018 – South Conference Room
21630 11th Ave S.
Des Moines, WA 98198

Present: Chair Vic Pennington, Vice Chair Luisa Bangs, Council Member Matt Mahoney, Chief Operations Officer Dan Brewer, Police Chief Ken Thomas, Director of Emergency Management George Delgado, Acting Harbormaster Scott Wilkins, City Manager Michael Matthias

Guest: ATF Violent Crime Task Force Detective Eric Steffes

Scribe: Office Manager Terryann Dell

The Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee meeting started at 6:04 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for June

Topic	Discussion	Conclusion/Summary
Chair Vic Pennington asked for a motion to approve the minutes.	- Vice Chair Luisa Bangs motioned for approval of the minutes. - Council Member Matt Mahoney seconded the motion. - Chair Vic Pennington asked if all were in favor. - Everyone responded in favor. Motion passed.	June's meeting minutes were approved.

Recognizing Gang Graffiti – Presented by Detective Eric Steffes

Chief Thomas introduced Detective Eric Steffes to the committee. Chief explained what the ATF Violent Crime Task Force does and how beneficial it is to the jurisdictions involved. We have completed the interviews within the department to choose who, from our agency, will be joining the ATF Violent Crime Task Force. We are waiting to notify all the candidates before we announce the decision. The person chosen will join the task force around October, once the ATF Task Force has had a chance to complete a background on that individual.

Chief feels the ATF Violent Crime Task Force is the most important task force in our area when it comes to combatting violent crime. He feels it will benefit our community greatly.

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Graffiti Abatement Program / ATF Violent Crime Task Force	Detective Steffes gave a brief overview of his law enforcement career. He then went on to explain the task force partners with ATF, Washington State Patrol, Seattle PD, Washington DOC, Kent PD, King County Sheriff's Office, and now Des Moines PD. Members of the task force are deputized with State and Federal authority. In addition, they have access to a lot of information and resources because of their local ties. The task force is divided into two areas with the North area primarily covered by Seattle PD. South King County is covered by the other agencies. They use informants and undercover officers to do traditional proactive work such as buying guns and drugs. The majority of what they do targets gang members / violence but they also target felons with guns. With the use of NIBIN (National Integrated Ballistic Information Network) they are able to discover links between firearms related violent crimes. They then target the individuals they believe are responsible for those crimes. Helps them solve crimes and prevent future violence. Detective Steffes then began his PowerPoint presentation regarding Gang Graffiti. He stated the main difference between gang and tagger graffiti is the gang graffiti is meant to claim territories, issues warnings, and can be used as bragging and memorials. With gang graffiti, the style of writing, color of paint and symbols used are all part of their message. Gang graffiti is usually fairly specific. The lettering is thin and done quickly. "Hit and move" as he put it. If something is written and then crossed out, it is their way of disrespecting another gang or a specific person in another gang. When you see gang graffiti, you want to get it covered very quickly. If you don't, it will escalate quickly and will cause violence going forward.	Graffiti, regardless if gang related or tagger related should be removed quickly. Makes citizens feel unsafe, is considered an eyesore and brings on violence.

	Detective Steffes showed the committee multiple slides of gang graffiti and explained the messages behind the graffiti. Tagger graffiti is more artistic. The letters are bolder, bigger, more detailed and artsy. Regardless if the graffiti is gang related or tagger related, it is important to recognize, report and remove it quickly. Graffiti makes citizens feel unsafe, is an eyesore and tends to bring on violence. Chief Thomas asked Detective Steffes to talk about the operations the task force has been involved in and how we hope to initiate them here in Des Moines. Detective Steffes stated they have targeted the areas of KDM / Pacific Highway / 30th Avenue in 2016. Last fall they worked the area of Pacific Highway / S 252nd St and they just completed a really successful one of the East Hill of Kent and the Kent Valley. They flood the area with undercover officers and confidential informants buying drugs and guns and arresting people with warrants. The next operation will occur sometime next spring. They are very time intensive. Chief Operations Officer Brewer asked Detective Steffes if shoes over a powerline was a gang symbol. Detective Steffes stated it started as a legitimate thing in LA but now, for the most part, it's an urban legend. He stated he would have to look into the particular incident to know for sure, but usually it's not. Vice Chair Bangs asked Detective Steffes if he felt the gang member population was increasing. Detective Steffes stated gangs and gang violence are constantly up and down. Summertime is usually bad because of the nice weather. Different gangs peak and valley too. Right now, he'd place gangs and gang related incidents at a medium. He has seen it better, but he has also seen it worse. One thing he is seeing with consistency is that everybody has guns. Even juveniles. Detective Steffes left the meeting at 6:36 p.m.	
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Emergency Management Update– Presented by Director of Emergency Management George Delgado

Director of Emergency Management George Delgado started his presentation by stating on October 11th they will be having a study session and he will update everyone on where he is and the progress he has made regarding emergency management.

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NIMS Training Update	• Most city departments are 75 – 100 % compliant. Public Works and PD are working towards full compliance. • Port of Seattle has hosted ICS 100, 200 and 700 classes along with ICS 300 classes. • Friday, September 17th, we will be hosting our first class here. It will be a 100, 200, 700 combo class. From this training we will identify employees to be trained in specific tasks within the EOC i.e. finance, PIO's, logistics, etc., so in the event of a disaster we, as a city, can function. • Chief Operations Officer Brewer added the council members will receive training as well. An ICS 402 awareness class has been scheduled for September 20th at 5:00 pm.	NIMS training is being conducted for city staff and councilmembers. From this training will come additional training for EOC responsibilities.
CERT Training Update	• King County has provided 100 backpacks for students of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Training. Every CERT Program graduate will receive one and they can add items to the backpack they feel their neighborhood will need. There are more where these came from. • The CERT training in Des Moines has been registered with Washington State. Chief Operations Officer Brewer wanted everyone to understand what a huge deal this is. In the past, we have had to send citizens to Federal Way for training because we didn't have a program of our own. As we do neighborhood meetings, we're going to start introducing the idea of CERT Training to our community. He will have more information regarding this on October 11th. • Lastly, Director of Emergency Management Delgado stated we can get our citizens ready, but we also need to provide information to our staff to make sure they are prepared at	CERT Training to expand to citizens. More information during Study Session on October 11 th

	home as well. City Manager Matthias commented he has seen a preview of the information coming and he was extremely impressed. Director of Emergency Management Delgado left the meeting at 6:46 p.m.	
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Redondo Activities Discussion

Chief Operations Officer Brewer wanted some feedback from the discussion they had at the council meeting regarding Redondo. City Manager Matthias stated we're hoping to take the multi departmental approach used in Pacific Ridge and apply it to Redondo issues. But first, we want to have a conversation about the concerns they have about Redondo.

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Redondo Activities Discussion	• Chair Pennington stated he has traffic concerns. The narrow roadway, even at 25 MPH, is felt to be unsafe. We need to be open to listening to the citizen's observations. There is a lot of after-hours activity and he knows that's being addressed. Other than that, they're hearing a lot about the roadway and the speeding. The raised intersection the city put in is only good for that particular area. • Chief Thomas wanted to clarify something regarding speeding cameras. He has spoken with City Attorney Tim George and, by law, we don't have the authority to put speeding cameras in Redondo. He asked the councilmembers to articulate this when citizens bring up the subject. • Vice Chair Bangs commented the citizens don't feel their concerns are being heard and addressed. She feels it is important for councilmembers to be more personable and to show they are concerned. Don't just quote RCWs or WACs in response. • City Manager Matthias feels we have to address the perception of speeding and lack of safety. Part of these perceptions is because of the narrow roadway. • Chief Thomas commented about a meeting with engineering and police. A lot of the ideas being brought forward do not conform to engineering standards. Chief Operations	

	Officer Brewer feels we need to do a better job of offering alternatives instead of just saying it can't be done. • Chair Pennington asked about the speed bumps installed at 8th Avenue South and South 210th Street on North Hill. He asked about the difference between that roadway and Redondo Way. 8,000 cars per day was the answer. • Chief Operations Officer Brewer stated with most homes in the area being very close to the roadway, cars, walkers, and residents are all competing for the same space. • Chief Thomas commented about rumble strips and the unintended consequence of the noise they make when cars go over them. • Chief Thomas informed everyone the POD camera will be installed next week.	
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Vice Chair Bangs made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Mahoney seconded the motion.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.