



CITY OF ARTESIA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

LOCATION

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
18747 CLARKDALE AVENUE
(562) 865-6262

DATE

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments received prior to the commencement of the meeting will be read at this time. Any public comments that cannot be heard within the next 20 minutes will be heard at the end of the meeting. If a member of the public submitted public comments on a Consent Calendar item, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and to read the public comment on the Consent Calendar item at that time. Under the provisions of the Brown Act, the Public Safety Commission is prohibited from taking action on items that are not listed on the agenda, but may refer the matter to staff or to a subsequent meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Regarding Public Safety Activities and Incidents throughout the City of Artesia
2. Presentation of the Los Angeles County Fire Department Regarding Fire and Emergency Medical Service Incidents for the months of October 2022 through March 2023
3. Discussion on Upcoming Coffee with the Captain Events

4. Discussion of Priority Setting for Public Safety Commission Goals and Objectives
5. Discussion on Amending the Regular Meeting Dates of the Public Safety Commission
6. Discuss Cancellation of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting set for July 4, 2023 and Determine Alternate Meeting Date

STAFF UPDATES

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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CITY OF ARTESIA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

DATE: April 4, 2023
TO: Public Safety Commission
FROM: Adrian Fajardo, Management Analyst
Melissa Burke, Deputy City Manager

SUBJECT: Presentation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Regarding Public Safety Activities and Incidents throughout the City of Artesia

BACKGROUND

The City of Artesia contracts with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for public safety services. Sergeant Ramos, of the City's Special Assignment Team, will provide a presentation regarding Public Safety activities and incidents in the City.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Public Safety Commission receive and file the report by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) on crime statistics and other related information within the City.

ATTACHMENTS

County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Crime Statistics for the City of Artesia

[ATTACHMENT TO BE PROVIDED ON TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH]



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DATE: April 4, 2023
TO: Public Safety Commission
FROM: Adrian Fajardo, Management Analyst
Melissa Burke, Deputy City Manager

SUBJECT: Presentation of the Los Angeles County Fire Department Regarding Fire and Emergency Medical Service Incidents for the months of October 2022 through March 2023

BACKGROUND

The Los Angeles County Fire Department provides Emergency Medical Services (EMS), fire and rescue services for the City of Artesia. These services are financed through property taxes collected within the City. Los Angeles County Fire Department - Station 30 oversees these services for the City. A report summarizing agency services and incidents within the City from October 2022 through March 2023 are attached for the Commission's review.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Public Safety Commission receive and file the report by the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LAFD) on EMS, fire and rescue activities and incidents within the City of Artesia.

ATTACHMENTS

County of Los Angeles Fire Department Incident Analysis Report

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF ARTESIA
INCIDENT ANALYSIS (FIRE, EMS & HAZARDOUS CONDITION)
OCTOBER 1, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 15, 2023**

| Incident Type | Number of Incidents |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Fire, Explosion | |
| 111 - Building fire | 1 |
| 113 - Cooking fire, confined to container | 2 |
| 114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue | 1 |
| 118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained | 1 |
| 130 - Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other | 1 |
| 154 - Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire | 2 |
| Fire Total | 8 |
| Rescue, EMS | |
| 300 - Rescue, EMS incident, other | 145 |
| 311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew | 2 |
| 320 - Emergency medical service, other | 18 |
| 321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 558 |
| 322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries | 9 |
| 324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries. | 10 |
| 331 - Lock-in (if lock out , use 511) | 1 |
| Rescue, EMS Total | 743 |
| Hazardous Conditions | |
| 411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill | 2 |
| 422 - Chemical spill or leak | 1 |
| 442 - Overheated motor | 1 |
| 444 - Power line down | 3 |
| 445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment | 2 |
| Hazardous Conditions Total | 9 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 760 |



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DATE: April 4, 2023
TO: Public Safety Commission
FROM: Adrian Fajardo, Management Analyst
 Melissa Burke, Deputy City Manager

SUBJECT: Discussion on Upcoming Coffee with the Captain Events

BACKGROUND

“Coffee with a Cop” was launched in Hawthorne, California in 2011 when Officers from the Hawthorne Police Department were looking for ways to interact more successfully with the citizens they served each day. Community policing has long been considered a framework for establishing trust between the community and the police. However, over time the character and composition of our nation’s communities have changed due to shifting demographics, more commuters, and the introduction of different communication methods such as websites and social media. The Hawthorne Police Department hit upon a simple plan to break through the barriers that have been built over the years – a cup of coffee.

The City of Artesia held its first Coffee with a Cop event on July 2012. Since then these events have expanded across the country. The key to Coffee with a Cop’s growing success is that it opens the door for interactions outside of the crisis situations that typically bring law enforcement officers and community members together. These events provide opportunities for law enforcement and community members to come together and discuss local issues and learn more about each other.

ANALYSIS

The City of Artesia will hold the first Coffee with the Captain event of the year on April 18, 2023 at Solid Coffee Roasters. The restaurant is located at 12147 South St. Artesia, CA. The event will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Complimentary coffee and pastries will be provided courtesy of Solid Coffee Roasters. These events are part of the City of Artesia’s ongoing efforts to improve trust and build relationships with the community.

The City intends to hold three events each calendar year, with the next two occurring in early summer and the fall. If members of the Commission are interested in assisting with planning the upcoming events, an ad-hoc committee of two Commissioners may be formed to assist with program planning. Staff also hope all members of the Commission can attend the event to assist law enforcement with educating more community members on Neighborhood Watch Programs and to hear resident concerns regarding safety.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Public Safety Commission discuss upcoming the Coffee with the Captain event on April 18th and provide direction for future events.

ATTACHMENTS

Flyer for April 18th Coffee with the Captain Event



COFFEE WITH THE CAPTAIN

Tuesday, April 18, 2023
at Solid Coffee Roasters
12147 South Street
8 to 10 a.m.

Come meet the Captain
and law enforcement officers
serving the Artesia community.

Complimentary coffee
and pastries, courtesy of
Solid Coffee Roasters.



Los Angeles County
Sheriff's Department





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DATE: April 4, 2023
TO: Public Safety Commission
FROM: Adrian Fajardo, Management Analyst
 Melissa Burke, Deputy City Manager

SUBJECT: Discussion of Priority Setting for Public Safety Commission Goals and Objectives

BACKGROUND

The Artesia Public Safety Commission is responsible for making recommendations to the City Council on matters affecting public health and safety in the City. The purpose of this discussion is to assist City Management and the Commission in carrying out the City Council's vision and implementing the City's Safer Neighborhoods Program.

ANALYSIS

In 2021, the City complied all its public safety related programs under one Safer Neighborhoods Program (the "Program"). The Program was created as a community awareness campaign aimed at increasing public participation in public safety and emergency preparedness. The Program is separated into two components: Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.

Some of the initiatives of the Program include:

Public Safety

- Neighborhood Watch Program/Block Captains
- Making wellness resources accessible at City parks
- Home Security and Alarm Rebate Program

Emergency Preparedness

- Earthquake Preparedness
- Fire Prevention Readiness
- Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)

In an effort to affirm the City's mission, vision, and values regarding Public Safety, The Commission is requested to establish priorities and a work plan to address the Program objectives. Staff is specifically interested in facilitating a process to improve upon the community awareness and participation in programs like Neighborhood Watch and CERT.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Public Safety Commission review the Safer Neighborhoods Program as outlined in the attached agenda report, and provide feedback to Staff regarding ways to increase public awareness and engagement in public safety and emergency preparedness.

ATTACHMENTS

City Council Agenda Report - Safer Neighborhoods Program



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: 8/9/2021

ITEM NO:

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT: Receive and File Informational Item on the Safer Neighborhoods Program

FROM: Eric Joseph, Management Analyst
Melissa Burk, Administrative Manager *MB*

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:
William Rawlings, City Manager *WR*

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council receive and file this informational report.

BACKGROUND:

On August 3, 2021, the City hosted its annual National Night Out (NNO) community event. Traditionally, National Night Out provides residents and public safety officers with an environment that fosters strong, positive relationships and promotes partnership building to make neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. This year's NNO differed from past events in one key aspect, the Safer Neighborhoods Program was introduced. In addition to launching the Program at NNO, concurrently at the August Council Meeting, the City Council is considering an item to proclaim August 2021 as Safer Neighborhoods month to further increase community awareness for the Program.

ANALYSIS:

The Safer Neighborhoods Program is a community awareness campaign aimed at getting more resident participation in public safety and emergency preparedness programs. A breakdown of the Program areas is found below.

Safer Neighborhoods Program

Public Safety

- 1) Neighborhood Watch Program/Block Captains – Encouraging residents to become more involved with neighborhood watch is a major goal of the Safer Neighborhoods Program. This includes but is not limited to the following activities:

- Safer Neighborhoods Program Yard Signs – To introduce residents to the Safer Neighborhoods Program, yard signs encouraging residents to join the City’s neighborhood watch program and become a block captain were distributed at National Night Out and will be available at other events throughout the year. The signs will come in two sizes, allowing residents living in both homes and apartments to display them proudly. The signs include contact information, so if a resident sees a sign in their neighborhood they can contact City Hall to get more information about becoming involved in neighborhood watch or becoming a block captain.
 - In-Person Neighborhood Watch Meetings – In addition to the yard signs, staff has coordinated with our public safety officers to resume monthly in-person block captain meetings beginning on August 11th.
 - Officer Drop-Ins at Adult Park Programming – Designed for community members that might not attend formal watch meetings or that are hesitant to participate in neighborhood watch for various reasons. Scheduling officer drop-ins at already existing adult park programming will enable the City to provide a more informal avenue to foster relationships with the Special Assignment Deputies and feel more comfortable when they may need to report matters to law enforcement. Once regular social hours resume at the community centers, staff will coordinate the drop-ins with law enforcement.
- 2) Wellness Vans at City Parks – The City is working with Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn’s Office to have wellness vans conduct regular visits at A.J. Padelford Park and Artesia Park. These vans will provide mobile health services to check interested residents, particularly our senior population, for diabetes, blood pressure, vitals, and other areas of concern.
- 3) Home Security and Alarm Rebate Program – As part of its efforts to improve public safety in the community, the City offers a Home Security and Alarm Rebate Program for Artesia homeowners. Homeowners who purchase an eligible alarm system can receive a rebate of up to \$250. The program is currently advertised on the City’s website and in The Artesian, but staff is working to promote the program on other platforms and at upcoming City events to improve awareness as part of the Safer Neighborhoods Program.

Emergency Preparedness

- 1) Earthquake Preparedness – Keeping neighborhoods safe also involves being prepared for emergencies like earthquakes. Staff is working to provide community members with the tools and knowledge necessary when encountered with an earthquake. This includes the following activities:

- Earthquake Preparedness Seminar – Staff plans to work with the Los Angeles County Fire Department to provide an in-person seminar to educate residents on what to do in case of a large earthquake.
 - Earthquake Preparedness Toolkit – Staff will promote and make available earthquake toolkits provided by ready.gov and Los Angeles County. These toolkits are a great resource for community members for family and business emergency planning.
 - Participate in the Great Shake Out– The City will resume participation in the Great Shake Out in October 2021 and will encourage all residents, businesses, schools, and visitors to take part in the annual earthquake drill to practice their preparedness. Additionally, other types of earthquake emergency drills will be promoted throughout the year.
- 2) Fire Prevention Readiness – Keeping neighborhoods safe also involves being prepared for fires. Staff is working to provide residents with the tools and knowledge necessary when encountered with a fire. This includes the following activities:
- Free Smoke Detectors for Residents – Ensuring that community members have smoke detectors in their places of residents is a tangible method to promote public safety and the Safer Neighborhoods Program. The City is working with Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn’s Office to obtain these smoke detectors to provide the free devices to residents. There will be a limited supply available to residents on a first-come, first-serve basis.
 - Fire Prevention Toolkit – Staff will make available the toolkits provided by Los Angeles County Fire Department regarding fire prevention measures families can use at home and at work.
- 3) CERT Training – CERT training covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services are not available. With training and practice, community members will be able to protect themselves and maximize their capability to help neighbors after a disaster. CERT Training programs are offered through the Los Angeles County Fire Department and staff is working with representatives to implement a training at Artesia Park as soon as the department resumes offering the CERT training (it has temporarily been suspended due to Covid-19).

Promotion/Advertisement

The Safer Neighborhoods Program will be advertised and promoted at City events through yard signs and informational flyers. Staff is also preparing a mailer regarding the Programs to be distributed in September as part of the City’s participation in National Preparedness Month. Additionally, Program information will be available on the City’s website and promoted on social media platforms throughout the year.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no direct cost to the general fund associated with the Safer Neighborhoods Program. The City received a discretionary grant from grant from Los Angeles County Supervisor Hahn's Office for \$5,000 to purchase the yard signs which are available to advertise the program to the community.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Staff recommends the City Council receive and file this informational report.

ATTACHMENTS:

Program Flyer



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DATE: April 4, 2023
TO: Public Safety Commission
FROM: Adrian Fajardo, Management Analyst
 Melissa Burke, Deputy City Manager

SUBJECT: Discussion on Amending the Regular Meeting Dates of the Public Safety Commission

BACKGROUND

On March 2019, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-864 which, among other items, amended Section 2-2.407 of the Artesia Municipal Code regarding the regular meeting location, date, and time of the Public Safety Commission meetings.

The Section 2-2.407 (Regular Meetings, Time and Place) concerning the Public Safety Commission currently reads as follows:

The regular meeting of the Public Safety Commission shall be held at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California, unless otherwise specified in the meeting notice, on the first Tuesday of January, April, July, and October at the hour of 6:00 p.m., unless the items of business before the Commission require that adjourned regular or special meetings be called more frequently.

The first Tuesday of January and July often conflict with New Years Day and Independence Day holidays making holding the regular meeting difficult.

ANALYSIS

The Public Safety Commission has not convened since its April 2022 meeting. This is largely due to the scheduled meeting date falling on the Tuesday after an observed holiday. To ensure the Commission can adequately perform its responsibilities to the City Council, the scheduled meeting dates must be amended to prevent conflicts with observed holidays.

Suggested Alternatives:

1. Amend the regular meetings of the Commission to the fourth Tuesday of January, April, July, and October, or
2. Amend the regular meetings of the Commission to the first Tuesday of February, May, August, and November, or
3. Discuss alternate meeting dates and provide direction.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Public Safety Commission make a recommendation to City Council to amend Section 2-2.407 of the Artesia Municipal Code modifying the dates of the regular meeting of the Public Safety Commission.



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DATE: April 4, 2023
TO: Public Safety Commission
FROM: Adrian Fajardo, Management Analyst
Melissa Burke, Deputy City Manager

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Regularly Scheduled Meeting set for July 4, 2023 and Setting an Alternate Meeting Date

BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATION

According to Section 2-2.407 of the Artesia Municipal Code, the Regular meeting of the Public Safety Commission is to be held first Tuesday of January, April, July, and October. The next regular meeting of the Public Safety Commission falls on July 4, 2023. As July 4th is an observed holiday, this meeting will be cancelled and it is recommended that the Public Safety Commission schedule a special meeting on June 27, 2023.