



**Public Safety Committee  
Meeting of September 14, 2009**

**Minutes**

Members present: Larry Jeffus, Council Member – District 4, Committee Chairman  
Preston Edwards, Council Member – District 3  
John Willis, Council Member – District 5

Staff present: Mitch Bates, Chief of Police, Staff Liaison to PSC  
Martin Glenn, Deputy City Manager  
Cindy Hale, Sr. Administrative Assistant, Police

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Chairman Larry Jeffus called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting held on June 8, 2009, were approved unanimously.

Item #1: Harbor Point public safety and review of incident reports from that location

Chief Mitch Bates discussed the statistic report for the area of Harbor Point. The report indicated that 60% of the offenses at the locations were associated to vehicle burglaries. The Chief advised the committee that due to findings of the reports that past employee's were responsible for many of the reports. The NPO's (Neighborhood Police Officer's) worked a special assignment in June and since that time the offenses have been a total of 3.

The Chief stated that comparing this area to other retail sites the offenses are less than average but still one is too many. The easy highway access and past employees are part of the problem for the Harbor Point area.

Martin Glenn, Deputy City Manager, advised that the city has developed a plan to improve the safety of the area. Lighting has been maxed out, elimination of tall grass and hedges, block off dead end, and working on visibility issues due to storage containers of Bass Pro.

After much discussion the committee suggested that the business owner's purchase monitoring systems with more cameras and possibly hiring off duty officers or a security agency. Also the police department has applied for a grant for a security tower to be used.

Future Agenda Items

1. Approval of minutes
2. Controlling traffic in neighborhoods during special events
3. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
Mitch Bates, Staff Liaison to PSC  
Chief of Police

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Jeffus, Chairman  
Council Member – District 4