

**MINUTES
CITY OF DUARTE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING DATE –July 18, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at
7:04 p.m.

**RECORDATION OF
ATTENDANCE:**

The following were in attendance:
STAFF: Larry Breceda, Director of Public Safety Services
Sgt. Stevin Fiedler, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

PRESENT: Calderon, Frye, Oloteo, Wright
ABSENT: Bell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Calderon motioned to approve the minutes of 5/16/23; Oloteo seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 5/16/23, and the minutes were carried unanimously.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

A) Introduction of Public Safety Director Larry Breceda

B) July 3rd Firework Show Update

Breceda reported that there were no major incidents to report. The event ran smoothly with over 8,264 attendees and only one medical call response was made throughout the evening. There were minor traffic issues to improve on for next year's event.

C) 4th of July Enforcement Update

Breceda shared that eight administrative citations were issued: each citation cost \$1,000. Overall, the city was very quiet. Most fireworks were in the unincorporated area of Duarte and the City of Irwindale.

Sgt. Fiedler added that Sheriff's Deputies paired up with the City's Code Enforcement Officers and Community Service Officers on this 4th of July Enforcement and this teamwork works very well year after year.

D) Crime Statistic Update

Breceda reported that part one crimes are down 28.79% in the city.

Sgt. Fiedler added that our part one crimes are the lowest within Temple Stations contract cities. Unfortunately, the County area is up. Commercial thefts are being unreported mainly because people are aware that the District Attorney's office is not filing a lot of cases. The Department continues a lot of community-oriented policing. He did share that there was a recent carjacking reported at Wal-Mart, which appears to be an isolated event and not much workable information was provided. The male victim was parked in the parking lot waiting for his carpool partner when a male suspect knocked on his window pointed a gun at him and ordered him to exit the vehicle.

E) Home Hardening Pilot Program

Breceda reported this program is a pilot program that the city partnered with the American Red Cross along with CERT members who went door to door to homes in the Westvale and Rim Road neighborhoods to discuss emergency exit routes, and what type of Ready, Set, Go programs residents have in place. Home Hardening is the process of getting rid of fire fuels someone might have surrounding their properties such as dead/dry or overgrown vegetation, clogged rain gutters, and piles of wood, where embers might be able to fly onto a property and catch fire.

The city is looking to expand this program into the Mel Canyon neighborhood as well.

He further reported that the American Red Cross has offered to supply residents in these areas with free smoke detectors.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Breceda provided an update on a structure fire that occurred at 1103 Maynard Dr, which started at the rear of the property near the garage.

- Commissioner Frye asked why units from the Baldwin Park Fire Department responded instead of personnel from the Duarte station. She heard it took them over 10 minutes to respond from Baldwin Park.
- Breceda responded that personnel from the Duarte Fire Department were stuck on a medical call on the freeway and the response time was less than 10 minutes.
- Breceda also shared that the city along with Re-Building Together is assisting the family to provide public services.

Breceda invited Commissioners to attend the National Night Out event on August 1st from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at Encanto Park.

- Sgt. Fiedler added that the hot dogs that will be provided for free to attendees were donated by 7-Eleven, along with a water donation provided by Target.

Sgt. Fiedler also invited Commissioners to attend the Touch-A-Truck event on August 5th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Duarte Civic Center 1600 Huntington Drive and the Concerts in the Parks events every Monday. The next concert will take place on July 24 and again on July 31st.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Calderon:

- Congratulated Director Breceda on his promotion and welcomed him to this Commission.
- Inquired from Staff if there is a City Ordinance that makes jaywalking legal since the State of CA passed AB1238 the Freedom to Walk Act.

Commissioner Frye:

- Inquired from Sgt. Fiedler as to how the trespassing law works, as her church has been having an issue with a homeless individual who leaves her trash and belongings behind on the church property.
- Inquired from Staff as to what the city can do about stray coyotes and if they can be trapped.

Commissioner Oloteo:

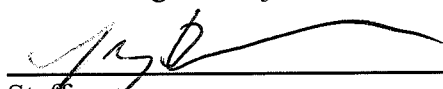
- Nothing to report.

Commissioner Wright:


- Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



Staff



Secretary