

## **Public Safety Sub-Committee Meeting - Minutes of March 18, 2025**

**Participants:** E. Delgado, C. Barnard, B. Mohan, L. Jimenez, S. Kelleher, E. Gonzalez, V. Leccese, A. Renz, J. Park, S. Palau, D. Rockot, S. Mack, C. Gaskin

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1. **INTRODUCTIONS** – 2:57 PM

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

*ACTION: Councilmember Delgado motioned to approve the meeting minutes from February 18, 2025. Councilmember Barnard seconded. The minutes were approved.*

4. **ACTION ITEMS**

None

5. **ADVISORY ITEMS**

5.A. **ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICES AND ACTIVITY REPORT**

Ashleigh Renz, Animal Services Division Manager, provided an update highlighting several impactful community programs and safety initiatives. In February, the division successfully microchipped 110 pets owned by Moreno Valley residents through a free Home Again microchip program, which includes lifetime registration. The “Sweet Paws” Pet Adoption Event, held from February 11th to 15th, led to 30 successful adoptions. This event featured low-cost adoption fees—\$50 for dogs and \$25 for cats—with each adoption including spay/neuter surgery, vaccinations, and microchipping. Looking ahead, Animal Services will host the annual St. Patrick’s Day Pet Adoption Event, scheduled over two weeks in March (March 11–15 and March 18–22), offering similarly discounted fees of \$50 for dogs and a further reduced rate of \$15 for cats, including comprehensive veterinary services.

In addition, Ashleigh addressed some staffing safety concerns; the city has taken steps to ensure staff safety by adding security services due to past incidents with aggressive visitors.

5.B.i. **FIRE SERVICES STATUS REPORT**

Fire Chief Jesse Park provided an overview of the report presented to the committee and staff. He announced that the Fire Department's new Squad 65 is now operational and actively responding to calls. February remained relatively stable, with fewer than 2,000 calls recorded.

Initial hazard reduction inspections are scheduled to begin on March 24, coinciding with the release of updated State Fire Marshal maps that outline High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. These maps, which are expected to remain largely unchanged for Districts 2 and 3, will be open for public review. Although the content of the maps is unlikely to change, a formal public comment process

will launch through a JotForm to collect community feedback, which will be forwarded to the state. Staff will continue updating elected officials on the process, and local developers will already be familiar with buildings in high-fire severity zones. Furthermore, legislation (AB 98) is underway to transfer 11 state-owned parcels near Lake Perris to the City of Moreno Valley, allowing for more direct and effective local wildfire mitigation efforts.

#### 5.B.ii. FIRE PREVENTION REPORT

A written report was prepared and distributed to the committee prior to the meeting for review. No questions were raised by the committee.

#### 5.B. iii. OEM REPORT

Diana Rockot, Emergency Operations & Volunteer Services Division Manager, reported that her team, over the past six weeks, has completed disaster plans for donations management and mass care and shelter, which are currently pending final approval. Training materials are ready, and EOC workshops are being held regularly across all sections. Public outreach is in full swing, with staff and volunteers scheduled through May for preparedness events. OEM is actively engaging businesses, seniors, and caregivers through presentations and collaborations.

The department is also working with CBOs, NGOs, and faith-based organizations to strengthen community preparedness. Legislative monitoring is ongoing at all levels, and OEM is coordinating with staff on related initiatives. A regional tabletop exercise is planned for 2026 to test cross-agency coordination and training effectiveness.

#### 5.C.i POLICE PERSONNEL STATUS REPORT

A written report was prepared and provided to the committee before the meeting for their review.

Chief Mack provided an update on the Sheriff Service, which in Moreno Valley continues to face staffing shortages, currently down by 24 personnel, relying heavily on overtime to maintain service levels. However, improvements are on the horizon, with 11 new trainees arriving in April and six others currently in training. To alleviate the workload on deputies, the department utilizes Community Service Officers (CSOs) and the Telephonic Reporting Unit (TRU) for non-emergency and administrative calls. In February, TRU handled 220 calls for the city, helping to reduce the strain on patrol resources. The city's online crime reporting platform remains available, and efforts are being made to enhance its visibility and accessibility.

Deputy Ramirez has been actively addressing a significant uptick in juvenile thefts, particularly at Dollar Tree near Canyon Springs. After a thorough video review and investigation, he identified and filed charges against 15 students. He engaged parents through a collaborative process with juvenile probation, promoting awareness and corrective action. A similar issue at Jack in the Box is also under investigation, with Ramirez maintaining strong ties with local business managers to ensure timely intervention and deterrence.

5.C.ii POLICE UPDATED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

An updated police organizational chart was submitted before the meeting. The committee raised no questions or concerns.

5.C.iii MONTHLY REPORT – FEBRUARY

A written report for January was submitted for review. The report highlighted key trends. The committee raised no questions or concerns.

6. CITY MANAGER OFFICE COMMENTS

The next Public Safety Sub-Committee Meeting is set for April 15, 2025. The City Manager discussed the upcoming SoCal Air Show for April 12-13, 2025. The city is collaborating with March Air Reserve Base and regional partners on traffic management, emergency planning, public communication, and event logistics. Additionally, equipment from the Fire Department, Cal Fire, and law enforcement will be on display.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmembers expressed strong support for staff efforts, particularly those related to air show coordination and youth intervention strategies. They acknowledged the effectiveness of collaboration across departments and regional agencies.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 pm.