

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTORS REPORT
JUNE 25, 2024

POLICE

- Domestic Violence / Check the Welfare
 - a. Thirty-one (31) police call for service to evaluate. Most in Spanish speaking - migrant community. Will look to work with social service agencies for better outreach to provide services, apprehend violators, and provide prevention information and better reporting of incidents.

- Traffic
 - a. Working with Caltrans and CHP to retrieve data on vehicular traffic flows, patterns, and enforcement on Hwy 166 (Flower Street to Guadalupe Street), Main Street (Guadalupe Street to Cesar Chaves Street), and Hwy 1 (Main and Guadalupe Street to 12th and Guadalupe Street)

- Fire Works Enforcement – Leading up to 4th of July
 - a. Police presence has stepped up through usage of overtime to address illegal activity
 - b. We have and will continue to deploy drones for surveillance and enforcement
 - c. We have sent out flyers to advise the community on fines and enforcement regarding fireworks
 - d. We have and will continue to target past violators of the fireworks ordinance
 - e. We will set up surveillance cameras in specific areas to combat illegal firework activity.
 - f. We are working with a community volunteer to develop a specific social media page for police and fire to inform the community on criminal activity and integrate the Crime Stoppers Program more effectively.
 - g. We have community volunteers working with the police department to address public safety issues and assist public safety officers in non-threatening situations.
 - h. Four (4) Fireworks Violation Citations issues for this month

- Staffing
 - a. Currently three (3) **open** police officer positions approved but not budgeted

FIRE

- Thirty-one (31) medical calls last month

- Seventeen (17) Weed Abatement letters sent out to local residents
- SAFER Grant
 - a. Grant Funded, three (3) Firefighters for three years. - Still in review process
- Inspections
 - a. Fire - Business License Inspection fees – Paid increased by 99%, \$3,000 +
- Staffing
 - a. Currently one (1) Fire Engineer position, budgeted and unfilled
 - b. Two (2) Paid Call Firefighters (PCF's) in hiring process

CODE COMPLIANCE

- Department is now issuing “Code Compliance Orders” to expedite the process for compliance.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- Generators
 - a. Two (2) generators have been purchased and are currently being built for the City of Guadalupe. One for City Hall, one for Public Safety
- Non-Congregate Sheltering – January 2023 Flooding (Pioneer Street Incident)
 - a. FEMA reimbursement of \$50,000 is currently being reviewed for disbursement to city.
- Staffing
 - a. One (1) **open** Emergency Preparedness Coordinator position approved but not budgeted

MONTHLY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- Marian Hospital Community Board of Directors – Represent Guadalupe
- D&J’s Advisory Committee – Parolee Reentry and Homeless Shelter Assistance
- Son Care Advisory Board – Service Dogs for PTSD Veterans and Disability Community
- RFCC Coordination Committee – Fire Dispatch Center
- EMS Workgroup – Emergency Medical Service – Represent Guadalupe

- Santa Barbara County Emergency Managers Meeting – Represent Guadalupe
- Santa Barbara County Animal Services Monthly Meeting with Director – Represent Guadalupe
- Santa Barbara County Probation Department – Community Corrections Realignment Planning Workgroup – Represent Guadalupe
- Santa Barbara Police Chief’s and Sheriff Association Meeting
- Santa Barbara Fire Chief’s Association Meeting
- Santa Barbara North County SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) Case Reviews – Represent Guadalupe
- Santa Barbara County CARE Act (Community Assistance, Recovery & Empowerment) Working Group - California Health and Human Services – Represent Guadalupe
- OA Mass Care and Shelter Committee – Represent Guadalupe
- Elected Leaders Forum to address Homelessness – Represent Guadalupe

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Juneteenth Festival – Lompoc, Keynote Speaker
- Marine Corps and Police Explorers Youth Experience
- Workplace Violence Presentation to Nipomo Veterinary Group
- Olive Crest Hope Refuge Presentation and Demonstration for Sex Traffic Youth
- Security Inspection and Employment Fair at Root One Dispensary, 928 Guadalupe Street
- Officers provided “Active Shooter Training” at Riverview Apartments

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Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 11:14 PM
To: Juana Escobar
Subject: Item #12

I want to make a public comment on item #12.

First I would just like to say I really hope both projects (Royal theater, Bulldogs Field of Dreams) are successful and come to fruition. But as a homeowner/lifelong resident with deep roots in this city I am not for being taxed by choice for a project like this. (Royal theater)

Times are tuff and everyone's situation is different, our situation for one has seen an over two hundred dollar monthly increase in mortgage/escrow payment.

And with a home valued at over 500,000\$ I'm not wanting to add another 200 to my tax payment.

As for the Bulldogs Field of Dreams/sports complex I'd love to support a tax increase for that project if ever needed as it aligns with my hopes/Dreams for our city/children.

In all honesty I do hope the city is able to get the funding to finish the Royal theater but I will not be voting yes on the tax increase.

Also it's a shame most of us would never have heard a word about it in time to attend city council meetings if it weren't for our friends, family, and fellow Guadalupe residents posting about it on social media! Pretty ridiculous if you ask me!

Also what about other upcoming bonds such as the smjuhs? Times are so hard and everyone is already overtaxed in every aspect of our lives that it's hard to even survive comfortably these days!

There needs to be a change in this course and our city needs to look at helping improve the quality of life for our residents before trying to attract people from other areas etc!

Sincerely Jesse Banks.