



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Monday, March 9, 2020

9:00 am

73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119
Palm Desert, CA 92260
760-346-1127

THIS MEETING IS HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE.
ACTION MAY RESULT ON ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – *Chair John Peña, Councilmember, La Quinta*
2. **ROLL CALL**
 - A. **Member Roster** [P3](#)
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Any person wishing to address the Public Safety Committee on items appearing on this agenda may do so at this time. At the discretion of the Chair, public comment may be taken at the time an item is presented. Please limit comments to 3 minutes.
5. **COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS**
6. **EX OFFICIO UPDATES**
7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
 - A. **Approve February 10, 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes** [P4](#)
8. **DISCUSSION / ACTION**
 - A. **Presentation by Riverside County Sheriff – Sheriff Chad Bianco**
Recommendation: Information Only
 - B. **Update on The CV100 Coordinated Homelessness Outreach Initiative – Tom Cox** [P7](#)
Recommendation: Information Only
 - C. **Update on COVID-19 Response – Jeff Van Wagenen**
Recommendation: Information Only

9. INFORMATION

A. Attendance Record

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10. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Any member of the public wishing to address the Public Safety Committee on items within the purview of the Committee that are not on this agenda may do so at this time. Please limit comments to 2 minutes.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming meetings at CVAG, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Room 119, Palm Desert:

- Executive Committee – Monday, April 27, at 4:30 pm
- Public Safety Committee – Monday, May 11 at 9 am

12. ADJOURN

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**Public Safety Committee
Member Roster
2019-2020**



Voting Members		
City of Blythe	Vacant	
City of Cathedral City	Councilmember Mark Carnevale	
City of Coachella	Councilmember Megan Beaman-Jacinto	
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Russell Betts	
City of Indian Wells	Mayor Ted Mertens	
City of Indio	Councilmember Waymond Fermon - <u>VICE CHAIR</u>	
City of La Quinta	Councilmember John Pena - <u>CHAIR</u>	
City of Palm Desert	Councilmember Kathleen Kelly	
City of Palm Springs	Councilmember Christy Holstege	
City of Rancho Mirage	Mayor Iris Smotrich	
County of Riverside	Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Vacant	
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians	Vacant	
Ex-Officio Members		
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Margaret Muhr, Emergency Services Manager	
Cathedral City Police	George Crum, Acting Chief	
Cathedral City Fire	Paul Wilson, Fire Chief	
Desert Hot Springs Police	Jim Henson, Chief of Police	
Thermal Sheriff Station	Misty Reynolds, Captain	
Indio Police	Mike Washburn, Chief of Police	
Riverside County Sheriff's Department	Sheriff Chad Bianco	
Palm Desert Sheriff Station	Joseph Belli, Captain	
Palm Springs Police	Bryan Reyes, Chief of Police	
Palm Springs Fire	J. Kevin Nalder, Fire Chief	
Riverside County Fire Department	Eddy Moore, Division Chief	
California Highway Patrol	Dennis Woodbury, Commander	
U.S. Border Patrol	David Kim	
District Attorney's Office	Michael Hestrin, District Attorney	
Riverside County Probation Department	Christine Castro	
Staff		
Tom Kirk, Executive Director	Tom Cox, Management Analyst	Libby Carlson, Sr. Program Analyst

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2020**



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1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Chair Peña at 9 am at CVAG, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Room 119, Palm Desert, CA.
2. **ROLL CALL** - Roll call was taken and was determined that a quorum was present.

Members Present

City of Cathedral City	Councilmember Raymond Gregory
City of Coachella	Councilmember Megan Beaman-Jacinto
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Russell Betts
City of Indian Wells	Mayor Ted Mertens
City of Indio	Councilmember Waymond Fermon, Vice Chair
City of La Quinta	Councilmember John Peña, Chair
City of Palm Desert	Councilmember Kathleen Kelly
City of Palm Springs	Mayor Pro Tem Christy Holstege
City of Rancho Mirage	Mayor Iris Smotrich
Riverside County District 4	Jeff Van Wagenen

Ex Officio Members Present

Cathedral City Fire	Chief Paul Wilson
Cathedral City Police	Acting Chief Anthony Yoakum
Desert Hot Springs Police	Chief Jim Henson
Thermal Sheriff Station	Captain Misty Reynolds
Indio Police	Chief Mike Washburn
Palm Desert Sheriff Station	Captain Joseph Belli
Palm Springs Police	Chief Bryan Reyes
Riverside County Fire	Robert Fish
California Highway Patrol	Commander Mike Stefanoff
	Dennis Woodbury
U.S. Customs and Border Patrol	David Kim, Assistant Chief Patrol Agent
District Attorney's Office	Michael Hestrin
	Gerald Fineman
Riverside County Probation Department	Cristine Castro

Members and Ex Officios Not Present

Riverside County Sheriff Department	Sheriff Chad Bianco
Palm Springs Fire	Chief J. Kevin Nalder

Others Present

CVAG	Tom Kirk
	Tom Cox
	Libby Carlson

Riverside County
Palm Desert Search and Rescue

Greg Rodriguez
Cheryl Bolen Burger
Mike Smith

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Chair Peña.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

- Councilmember Betts, Desert Hot Springs, reported on the expanded route for Tour De Palm Springs through Desert Hot Springs.
- New member Mayor Pro Tem Holstege, Palm Springs, introduced herself.
- Vice Chair Fermon, Indio, reported on Sheriff Department response in Indio and upcoming County Date Festival.
- Jeff Van Wagenen, Riverside County, reported on County response to coronavirus.
- New member Councilmember Kelly, Palm Desert, introduced herself.
- Chair Peña, La Quinta, reported on Ironman, golf tournament, concerts, traffic issues, and upcoming arts festival. Chair Peña also invited committee members to send suggestions for agenda items for future meetings.

6. EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS

- Acting Chief Yoakum, Cathedral City PD, reported that he had taken a position with another city and that this would be his last meeting.
- Captain Reynolds, Thermal Sheriff Station, reported on preparation for the Date Festival in Indio and music festivals planned for April.
- Chief Washburn, Indio PD, reported that on national recognition received for Indio's Community Outreach Reach Program (CORP).
- Captain Belli, Palm Desert Sheriff Station, reported on preparation for BNP Parabas Open in March, Rancho Mirage Wine & Food Festival, and Palm Desert Half Marathon.
- Chief Reyes, Palm Springs PD, reported on Tour de Palm Springs, Modernism Week, and groundbreaking for sports arena in Palm Springs.
- Robert Fish, CALFIRE, reported on preparation for Coachella and Stagecoach festivals.
- Captain Stefanoff, California Highway Patrol, reported that he will transfer to the Victorville office and this would be his last meeting. Dennis Woodbury will be CHP's Ex Officio representative at future meetings.
- Agent Kim, US Customs & Border Patrol, reported on a project to install/improve 26 miles of border wall near Calexico; 65% reduction in assaults on agents at the border; 35% reduction in apprehensions; 75% reduction in arrests of individuals from countries other than Mexico.
- Assistant DA Fineman reported that volume of eastern region cases has exceeded number of western region cases.
- Christine Castro, Riverside County Probation, reported on swearing in of new Chief Ron Miller and that a Juvenile Justice Symposium will be held in Fall 2020 in partnership with Office of Supervisor Perez.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve November 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY CHAIR PEÑA AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 18, 2019 MEETING MINUTES.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilmember Gregory	Aye
Councilmember Beaman-Jacinto	Aye
Councilmember Betts	Aye
Mayor Mertens	Aye
Councilmember Fermon	Aye
Councilmember Peña	Aye
Councilmember Kelly	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Holstege	Aye
Mayor Smotrich	Aye
Jeff Van Wagenen	Aye

8. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

A. Presentation on East Valley Mulch Fires – Robert Fish, Cal Fire, gave a presentation on impact of mulch fires and County response.

B. Presentation on Pandemic Response and Preparedness – Greg Rodriguez, Riverside County, gave a presentation on coronavirus containment activity at March Air Force Base and County response.

C. The CV100: Coordinated Approach to Addressing Unsheltered Homelessness in Coachella Valley – Tom Cox gave an update on progress made to implement The CV100 initiative.

D. Hiker Rescues –

Cheryl Bolen Burger and Mike Smith, Palm Desert Search & Rescue, gave a presentation on the volunteer-run program and preventative safety measures hikers should take.

9. INFORMATION - The following item was submitted for information only:

A. Attendance Record

10. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming meetings at CVAG, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Room 119, Palm Desert:

- Executive Committee – Monday, February 24 at 4:30 pm
- Public Safety Committee – Monday, March 9 at 9 am

12. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Cox

Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Public Safety Committee
March 9, 2020



Staff Report

Subject: The CV100: Coordinated Approach to Addressing Unsheltered Homelessness In Coachella Valley

Contact: Tom Cox (tcox@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Information Only.

Background: Implementation of The CV100 Initiative is underway. Through this strategic regional effort, we will work to help the people with whom public safety officers most frequently come into contact by connecting them with services to address root causes like housing, healthcare, mental health care, and substance abuse support. The initiative involves strengthening communication and coordination between service providers, police officers, and probation officers.



CV100 By Name List. The CV100 list is the backbone to support ongoing coordination. This working list will help prioritize outreach and track progress made in cities and surrounding unincorporated areas based on information contributed by police officers, sheriffs, and probation officers. It will be systematically reviewed and updated by officers and deputies so that people in need of housing or other forms of help can be engaged and linked to services. To-date, over 100 people have been identified throughout the Coachella Valley.

Coordinated Street Outreach. Trained homeless outreach workers will accompany officers and deputies in the field and attempt to engage unsheltered individuals in services beyond temporary shelter. These sessions will occur monthly. Coordinated outreach has been scheduled in Indio, Palm Springs, and Desert Hot Springs starting this month. Additional cities and unincorporated areas will be added over time.

Ongoing Communication. Staff has started to facilitate ongoing communication between service providers, public safety officers, and probation officers through regular meetings and updates on progress, outcomes, and trends observed in the field. The first meeting was a working session held on February 27 at the CV Homeless Access Center in Palm Springs where outreach workers and officers worked together to set priorities and come up with proactive problem solving strategies.

By May, we expect to have initial outcomes to share as momentum behind CV100 continues to grow.


Fiscal Impact: None.

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COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
ATTENDANCE RECORD
FY2019-2020

Voting Members	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	ATTENDED
City of Blythe			*		●		*	○					1 out of 2
City of Cathedral City			*		●		*	●					2 out of 2
City of Coachella			*		●		*	●					2 out of 2
City of Desert Hot Springs			*		●		*	●					2 out of 2
City of Indian Wells			*		●		*	●					2 out of 2
City of Indio			*		●		*	●					2 out of 2
City of La Quinta			*		●		*	●					2 out of 2
City of Palm Desert			*		●		*	●					2 out of 2
City of Palm Springs			*		○		*	●					1 out of 2
City of Rancho Mirage			*		●		*	●					2 out of 2
Riverside County			*		●		*	●					2 out of 2
Aqua Caliente - Vacant													
Cabazon Band - Vacant													
Total Attendance Per Meeting					10			10					

Ex Officio / Non-Voting Members	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	ATTENDED
Agua Caliente			*		○		*	○					0 out of 2
Cathedral City Police			*		○		*	●					1 out of 2
Cathedral City Fire			*		●		*	●					2 out of 2
Desert Hot Springs Police			*		○		*	●					1 out of 2
Indio Police			*		●		*	●					2 out of 2
Thermal Sheriff Station			*		●		*	●					2 out of 2
Palm Desert Sheriff Station			*		●		*	●					2 out of 2
Palm Springs Police			*		●		*	●					2 out of 2
Palm Springs Fire			*		○		*	○					0 out of 2
Riverside County Fire			*		●		*	●					2 out of 2
Riverside County Sheriff			*		○		*	○					0 out of 2
California Highway Patrol			*		●		*	●					2 out of 2
U.S. Border Patrol			*		●		*	●					2 out of 2
District Attorney's Office			*		○		*	●					1 out of 2
County Probation Department			*		●		*	●					2 out of 2
Total Attendance Per Meeting					9								

Scheduled Dark Month 
 No Meeting *
 Present ●
 Absent ○