

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY MINUTES: May 10, 2010

PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY

COMMITTEE: Martin Rogowsky, Chair, John Nonna, William Burton, Peter Harckham, William Ryan, Gordon Burrows, Judy Myers, Ken Jenkins

In Attendance: **Legislators: Lyndon Williams** **CEO: Katy Delgado** **PSS: George Longworth, Christopher Burkart, Kieran O’Leary, M. McGlynn, BOL: Bob Boland, Larry Goldstein, Melanie Montalto** **Guests: Garek Berard**

MINUTES:

Chairman Rogowsky called the meeting to order at 9:21 a.m.

The Committee discussed the shot spot system in place in Mount Vernon with Commissioner Longworth and other members of the Public Safety Department. A report of the shot spot system activity is on file and available for review. The system became operational in Mount Vernon in October of 2009. The Commissioner stated that the system installation has just been completed in Yonkers and it just went into operation.

Legislator Nonna stated that he would like to at some point have the authorities from both cities come in and explain the process in how this is helping to solve crimes.

Legislator Burton asked if the cities are responsible for the operational expenses. Commissioner Longworth stated that the cities are responsible for the operational expenses as well as the software upgrades.

Commissioner Longworth stated that he has not heard a single complaint about the system and it is working effectively.

Legislator Lyndon Williams stated that he has seen first hand from the police department in Mount Vernon that the system is working, and once the system has been running for over a year the data collected will be very useful in determining activity patterns and deployment times for the police department.

Chairman of the Board Ken Jenkins asked for a breakdown of the savings overall, to the County, to the local police departments in using this system. He stated that the shot spot system should be saving money by cutting the time to investigate shots fired.

Commissioner Longworth discussed the County Intelligence Center. He stated that we folded the crime analysis unit into the intel center on the first of this year in order to save money by reducing duplicative services and to centralize information. He stated that the center is not operating around the clock yet but it will be soon. He stated that because we now have additional

bodies deployed in the intel center by putting the crime analysis unit, it helps reduce overtime because we are no longer in need of overtime when someone calls in sick.

Chairman Rogowsky asked the Commissioner to submit an organizational chart of the Public Safety Department. Commissioner Longworth stated that it will be submitted to the Committee today.

Legislator Burton asked the Commissioner if the County Executive's security detail has been completely dismantled. Commissioner Longworth stated that his detail no longer exists in that no one is assigned to him full time; in the situations where he needs security an officer is assigned to him for that outing; however they are police with regular patrols.

Commissioner Longworth distributed a chart of the reduction in overtime for the county police. A copy is on file and available for review.

Moved by Legislator Nonna seconded by Legislator Burton the minutes of the April 26, 2010 meeting were approved with a vote 6-0.

With a motion by Legislator Nonna seconded by Legislator Burton the Committee on Public Safety and Security adjourned with a vote of 6-0 at 10:04 a.m.

AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST