

# SECURITY & ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes  
 Monday, 27 February 2023, 11:00 am  
*Bienville House, Vieux Carré Room*  
 320 Decatur Street  
 New Orleans, LA 70130

1. Call to Order, Reading of the Agenda, and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 am and the agenda was read into the record.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS				VOTES
First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Approve mtg notes
Joshua	Grippio	X		Yes
Frances	Hegenberger	X		Yes
Jessica	Dietz	X		Yes
Glade	Bilby	11:07		Yes
Jane	Cooper		X	-
Steve	Caputo	X		Yes

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES:

GUESTS		
First	Last	Role
Karley	Frankic	Executive Director
Cpt. LeJon	Roberts	NOPD 8 <sup>th</sup> District
Sgt. Marc	Boudreau	SPPP Coordinator
Ethan	Ellestad	MaCCNO
Michie	Bissell	Resident
Michael	Stein	Verite News

2. Public Comment:

- a. Michie Bissell spoke on the lack of lighting on 1000 block of St. Louis Street since the 5G small cell towers were installed, and the block only has one light pole now. Her block has had several break-ins recently. There is a sticker on the top of the towers that say stay 3 ft away to avoid radiation.
- b. Public Comment from Bob Simms was read into the record.

**From:** Bob S <[nolabob74@gmail.com](mailto:nolabob74@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** February 27, 2023 at 9:30:42 AM CST  
**To:** [publiccomments@fqmd.org](mailto:publiccomments@fqmd.org)  
**Subject:** Security & Enforcement Committee

I have a schedule conflict today so wanted to provide this information:

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As I mentioned at the last FQMD Board of Commissioners meeting I have been doing a lot of testing to determine the cause and potential solution for the current Verizon 4G connectivity issues the FQTF Officers iPads have been experiencing.

To determine if switching to another carrier might provide an improved service selected Officers used my iPad to test if T-Mobile 4G cellular service was better. Initial testing was promising but testing this last week was inconclusive. Ordering of replacement iPads with T-Mobile service is premature at this point.

I just purchased a 5G iPad and should have that early this week. Testing with this iPad should tell us if we can expect to see improved connectivity with T Mobile or not.

If not, I will continue to work with NOPD to look for a solution.

Bob Simms

### 3. Approval of previous meeting notes

**Mr. Grippo motioned to approve the previous meeting notes, Ms. Hegenberger seconded the motion, and it was approved.**

### 4. Committee Chair's Comments

Vice-Chair Steven Caputo led the meeting while the Chair is out of town.

### 5. Discussion by Committee of Hide, Lock, Take program

\$4,500 was approved by the Board of Commissioners for implementation of the Hide, Lock, Take program. Ms. Frankic asked for volunteers from the committee to assist with the logistics of procuring and installing the signs. Mr. Bilby and Ms. Dietz offered to help. Cpt. Roberts said he is onboard with the program. Mr. Caputo will get confirmation from funder on use of the funds for this purpose.

6. Presentation – Presentation on the monthly report of the Upper Quarter Patrol. To present: Matthew Pincus  
See attached report. The committee discussed the ongoing “Darth Vader” sound issues. Mr. Caputo noted personal experience with shoplifting at the Walgreens on Royal Street. Cpt. Roberts asked Sgt. Boudreau to follow up on the problem.

7. Presentation – Presentation of Eighth District Crime Statistics and the Supplemental Police Patrol Program. To Present: Sgt. Marc Boudreau

See attached reports. Sgt. Boudreau reported that 67% of SPPP shifts were filled in January and had 3x as many shifts filled this Mardi Gras compared to last Mardi Gras. He expects that figure to dip in February but should be

able reach 75% soon. The 8 ticket writing machines are good and he would like them to be utilized more. Sgt. Boudreau is working with the SPPP patrol officers to increase the citations and summons reported monthly. The digi-ticket machines are currently being used for traffic violations and summons and he is working to be able to do parking tickets as well. The app is still having issues with Verizon connectivity. The CAO's office ordered T-Mobile iPads that will arrive next week with NOPD's approval. The iPads are free with the mobile data service. This saves the \$6,000 it would have cost to buy new iPads from Verizon. Mr. Grippo asked is the app could be the problem with the GPS tracking. Sgt. Boudreau said that up until this past weekend the tests had shown that the issue was the carrier but now believes the app could be contributing to the problem, but this will be fleshed out with the new iPads. The committee discussed having enough power outlets in the cars to accommodate all of the tech devices. Sgt. Boudreau said that by switching to data enabling iPads and doing away with the hot spots should provide enough outlets. There is money in the budget for general office supplies if the cars need additional equipment. The small cars are light duty taking on heavy duty which effects their longevity.

8. Presentation – Presentation of Travelers Aid Society of Greater New Orleans Case Management January Report. To present: Karley D. Frankic

See attached report. Mr. Grippo said he is pleased that this program takes the burden off of NOPD and providing the much-needed service to the neighborhood's unhoused individuals.

9. Discussion – Discussion of the French Quarter Economic Development District Key Performance Indices

See attached report. Business Check and Business Contact definitions: Citizen Contacts are any casual interaction, not law enforcement related. Business Contacts can be anything from going into a business for a coffee to discussing ongoing safety issues with businesses.

10. Update on City Safety Coordination. To present: Eric Smith & Courtney Story Written Report

1. Crash Bollards Removal on Bourbon Street

The bollard removal/replacement proposal is underway and the City should receive the proposal from Mott by early this week. Ms. Story will update FQMD when she hears from the team.

2. Temporary Traffic Control Barricades on Royal Street

Ms. Story will follow up regarding the Royal Street barricades. FQMD has asked if the City provided barricades and training to the proposed deploying officers on Royal Street that are in compliance with the USDOT's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, particularly Part 6 - Temporary Traffic Control? I raised this question on January 23rd and again on February 13th but have not seen an answer come through yet.

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### 3. Provide date of City Council meeting to approve special pay bonus for SPPP

This was approved at the 2/16 council meeting. Civil Service will get the certified copy and they work with our payroll team to implement it. Courtney Story has reached out to that Department to confirm that it may take 2 pay periods will be needed but I will confirm with her.

### 4. Provide side by side comparison on Code Enforcement Officer and Sanitation Ranger enforceable laws

See attached for the items Sanitation Rangers can cite for. Code Enforcement is much more extensive, and Ms. Story will not be able to have a concise list by Monday but will work on it and get it to FQMD ASAP. Generally, Code Enforcement can cite violations in Chapter 26, Article IV, the "Minimum Property Maintenance Code", and Chapter 66, Article V, related to overgrown and debris-covered lots. There are other, assorted parts of the Code which are relevant to Code Enforcement (many recently passed, like Chapter 66, Article VII). Ms. Story is working on this direct comparison between Sanitation and Code Enforcement citable laws.

### 5. Request for Proposals for the SPPP Application update

Ms. Story is confirming this RFP status and process. Once the Dept. of Procurement approves it, they advertise it in the newspaper, and it is open for bids.

### 6. City of New Orleans to Report of Vehicle Procurement

#### a. Patrol Car - Invitation to Bid by EMD AND Fleet Contract Procurement

The City purchased 3 Chevy Bolts (electric vehicles). They are white, so they will need to be wrapped black. The Bolts should be delivered in the next 2-3 weeks. Ms. Story will follow up with the dealership today on a firm delivery time. A PO has been issued for this purchase. This should fulfil the obligation for vehicles.

#### b. All-Terrain Vehicle - Procurement

The City ordered 2 John Deere Gators in lieu of the Polaris' approved in the FQEDD Trust Fund budget. The Gators currently have a delivery date of April 11. They have a build date of March 3, so hopefully we will see them in the coming weeks.

Ms. Story reached out to a golf cart vendor and will let FQMD know this week on the status of the two golf carts.

#### a. Crash Bollards Removal on Bourbon Street

#### b. Temporary Traffic Control Barricades on Royal Street

Ethan Ellestad accused Upper Quarter Patrol of telling performers that they cannot move the barriers. Ms. Frankic said That she had instructed the Upper Quarter Patrol to follow NOPD's lead when it comes to the Royal Street Pedestrian mall. Further, FQMD is part of the Bollard Task Force and has asked repeatedly for another meeting since the last meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>. She has specifically asked if DPW has a temporary plan to comply with USDOT's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, particularly Part 6, until the Bollard Task Force can come up with a permanent solution. Mr. Bilby said that the City has not been managing the pedestrian malls well for years. Mr. Ellestad said performers are putting barricades out during mall hours of 11-4 weekdays and 11-7 on weekends.

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Mr. Caputo asked if the performers were removing the barricades at the end of the mall hours. Mr. Ellestad said he believed they were. Cpt. Roberts said that this should be an easy problem to fix and may be able to assign an officer to deploy the barricades. Mr. Bilby said delivery trucks move them out of the way and do not put it back. Mr. Caputo and Mr. Bilby reinforced that when well managed properly the Royal Street pedestrian mall is an asset.

c. Code Enforcement Officer hiring status

Mr. Bilby noted that there are enforcement issues throughout the City. There is a feeling in the neighborhood of why people should pay for a residential parking sticker when other enforcement is not taking place. He would like to see additional parking enforcement, and this might raise the level of enforcement of other things. He would like to see the French Market Corporation provide discounted parking for musicians. Mr. Grippo noted that with growth of Marigny and Bywater with AirBnB and the like, the Lower Quarter will go the way of the Upper Quarter. Sgt. Boudreau report that three times in January Dept. of Public Works came out to do supplemental parking enforcement. This is budgeted to happen twice a week.

d. Replacement and Repair of Street Lights

Joshua Grippo is working on combining the four spreadsheets and has done some data cleansing to map the outages in the French Quarter. The map is based on FQMD's streetlight survey. Will overlay with NOPD's hot spot map with Sarah Porteous to find locations for the new light poles.

e. Request For Proposal for the Supplemental Police Patrol Program Application

Mr. Grippo asked Sgt. Boudreau if he was contacted about the app RFP before it went to Procurement. Sgt. Boudreau answered "no".

2. New Business

Mr. Bilby & Ms. Dietz asked about the camera and LPR installation and if the City will have these installed by Jazz Fest. Ms. Frankic will follow up with RTCC and report back.

3. Next meeting date: 27 March 2023

4. Adjournment

**M Grippo motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Bilby seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 12:14 pm.**