



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TOWN OF CAREFREE
PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021
WHERE: VIA ZOOM *
TIME: 1:30 P.M.

Members of the Public Safety Advisory Committee participated by technological or methods pursuant to §A.R.S. 38-431(4).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairperson - Leslie Hine
Vice Chairperson - Philip Henn
Sheila Amoroso
Peter Burns
Kim Taha
Anton Wilke

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Scott Peterson
Jerry Wetta

Chairperson Hine opened the meeting at 1:33 pm.

AGENDA ITEM #1 Review and approval of the Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting minutes dated November 03, 2021.

Committee Member Wilke **MOVED TO APPROVE** the minutes of the Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting dated November 03, 2021. **SECONDED** by Committee Member Taha. **CARRIED** unanimously.

Town Administrator Neiss explained to the Committee that Rural Metro and Daisy Mountain Fire Department do not have a Mutual Aid Agreement. Rural Metro does have a historic Mutual Aid Agreement with the city of Phoenix. Adding, over the 15 years of the master contract that the Town of Carefree has with Rural Metro, Scottsdale has responded to 9 requests for assistance. Mr. Neiss informed the Committee, Carefree's partnership with Phoenix and Scottsdale is notable, and on occasion, when there is a significant issue within the Town, both Phoenix and Scottsdale have responded and assisted Rural Metro. Mr. Neiss's hopes Daisy Mountain Fire Department and Rural Metro can work out a mutual aid agreement. Concluding, certainly as in the case with any first responding agencies, you would hope that they would work together, as this is what is done throughout the State and the Nation with Mutual Aid compacts.

Commissioner Burns asked Daisy Mountain Fire Chief Tobin, why have Daisy Mountain Fire Department and Rural Metro not been able to reach an accommodation with respect to Mutual Aid? Chief Tobin responded, the reason is because Daisy Mountain Fire District has a governing board that has established policies related to entering into agreements with other fire departments, including Rural Metro, and Daisy Mountain's service to areas that don't have fire protection currently. Mr. Tobin provided a detailed explanation as to why and responded to questions and comments from the group.

Town Administrator Neiss explained that if there was a Mutual Aid Agreement between the Town of Cave Creek and the Town of Carefree through Daisy Mountain Fire Department, it could be mutually beneficial from a response time as the Town of Carefree is closer to downtown Cave Creek than the city of Phoenix.

AGENDA ITEM #2 Review and comments of draft report and recommendations

Town Administrator Neiss presented via PowerPoint, the *DRAFT* Public Safety Advisory Committee Recommendation Report. The Committee collaborated, providing additions and revisions to pages 1-18 of the report, fine tuning the working draft document in preparation for presentation to Town Council in January.

A Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting was added on January 05, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. to rehearse and prepare for the Town Council presentation on January 11, 2022. Town Administrator Neiss will confirm if "in person" meetings will resume beginning in January.

AGENDA ITEM #3 Other items for future consideration

The Draft report review will be continued on December 1st. Committee members were asked to submit comments to Gary for possible inclusion in the report. Gary will send out a Word version of the report for individual member edits.

AGENDA ITEM #4 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Samantha J. Gesell

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Planning Clerk