

AGENDA

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

March 14, 2012
9:30 A.M.

Laguna Woods City Hall
Council Chambers
24264 El Toro Road
Laguna Woods, CA 92637

AGENDA DESCRIPTION: The agenda descriptions are intended to give notice, to members of the public, of a general summary of items of business to be transacted or discussed. Any person wishing to address the Public Safety Committee on any matter, whether or not it appears on this agenda, may do so under the appropriate section of the agenda. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Committee in writing (12 copies) and only pertinent points presented orally. Requests to speak to items on the agenda shall be heard at the appropriate point on the agenda; requests to speak about subjects not on the agenda will be heard during the Public Comment section of the meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Street Name Signs (Attachment)

The Committee will consider a resident's request for the City to modify its street name signs to exclude the type of street (e.g., Parkway, Road).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Recommend that staff deny the request to modify street name signs to exclude the type of street.

B. Part I Crime Statistics – 2011 (Attachment)

Staff and the City's Chief of Police Services will provide a report on Part I crime statistics and related police services activity.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

IV. STAFF AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Public Safety Project Updates and General Information

B. Animal Services Subcommittee

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VII. ADJOURN

The next regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be at 9:30 a.m. on April 11, 2012, at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637. Meetings may be cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Meeting Recap

February 8, 2012
9:30 A.M.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Henderson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Henderson, May, Monin, Pollard, Rook, Templeton, Troutman,
Whitehead

Absent: Horne

III. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Director of Public Safety Macon and Carolyn Harshman and Lan Nguyen from the City's local hazard mitigation planning firm reviewed and responded to questions concerning the plan development process, background information, hazard profiles, and mitigation measures. Committee members asked clarifying questions and participated in an exercise evaluating potential mitigation measures. Specific concerns were raised regarding the impact of burrowing animals on land and slope stability, as well as aircraft and other objects falling from the sky. Interest was expressed in exploring the potential use of golf cart batteries to power assistive medical devices during energy shortages; the need for interoperable, redundant communication systems for emergency response personnel; and, evacuation and shelter planning for both humans and animals.

IV. STAFF AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Public Safety Project Updates and General Information

Director of Public Safety Macon and Chief of Police Services Rudy provided an update on recent golf cart battery charger thefts.

B. Animal Services Subcommittee

Member Templeton reported on the benefits of contracting with the City of Laguna Beach for animal control and shelter services; issues concerning the hours of the City's dog park; and, the continued low level of aggressive coyote reports.

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Henderson welcomed Dick Whitehead as the newest member of the Public Safety Committee.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VII. ADJOURN

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THE MAYOR

CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS

CITY HALL

LAGUNA WOODS, CA 92637

JAN 17 2012

DEAR MAYOR

RE: SIMPLIFIED ROAD NAME SIGN
AT TRAFFIC LIGHTS

I TAKE THE PLEASURE TO SUGGEST A SMALL THING FOR
YOUR CONSIDERATION IN YOUR FUTURE PLANNING

YOUR CITY IS VERY WELL PLANNED, VEAR NEATLY MAIN-
TAINED, LOTS OF GOOD PEOPLE AROUND, LIVING ALL VERY
HAPPILY.

MY NAME IS CHARLES CHOW, 734 B AVENIDA MAJORCA,
LAGUNA WOODS, CA 92637. I HAVE ENJOYED PEACEFUL
LIFE FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS IN THIS CITY

YOUR CITY IS FULL OF OLD PEOPLE INCLUDING MY 90
YEARS BODY. THEY ACT SLOWER, READ SLOWER. YOUR ROAD
SIGN AT TRAFFIC LIGHTS OFTEN INDICATE "PKWY" IN
ADDITION TO THE ROAD NAME. MOULTON "PKWY" IS MOULTON.
"PKWY" SEEMS NOT NECESSARY THERE, BUT IT CONSUMES
TIME TO FINISH READING DURING DRIVING THRU IF
THE WORD "PKWY" IS THERE, PEOPLE HAS TO FINISH READING
IT. CAN YOU CONSIDER ELIMINATING THE "PKWY" FOR YOUR
SENIOR PEOPLE THANK YOU

Charles Chow

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CITY HALL, 24262 EL TORO ROAD
LAGUNA WOODS, CA 92637

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RE: MOULTON PKWY SIGN

DEAR SIR,

MAJOR CONNERS WAS KIND ENOUGH TO HAVE
RELAYED MY OFFER TO YOUR GOOD OFFICE. I APPRECIATED
HER GENEROSITY VERY MUCH

YOUR CITY IS FULL OF SENIOR PEOPLE. THEY USUALLY
THINK MUCH SLOWER THAN AVERAGE PERSONS. TO READ ROAD
SIGN ATTACHED TO SIGNAL LIGHTS, EACH DRIVER WILL GIVE THE
SAME AMOUNT OF TIME TO RESPOND. WE WILL NOT START TO THINK
ANYTHING UNTIL WE HAVE FINISHED THE WHOLE SENTENCE.
THEREFOR, WE DO NOT GO BACK TO FIGURE OUT WHERE WE ARE
UNTIL WE READ THRU THE "PKWY". THERE IS ONLY ONE MOULTON
PKWY, IF DRIVERS WILL BE GIVEN LESS WORDS TO READ, THEY MAY
GO BACK TO THINK WHERE THEY ARE MUCH FASTER, AND IT WOULD
BE MUCH SAFER FOR EVERY BODY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION

SINCERELY YOURS

Charles Chow

CHARLES CHOW, 734 B ALBIDA MAJORCA
LAGUNA WOODS, CA 92637

City of Laguna Woods Agenda Report

DATE: March 14, 2012 Public Safety Committee Meeting
TO: Chair and Committee Members
FROM: Christopher Macon, Director of Public Safety 
AGENDA ITEM: Part I Crime Statistics – 2011

Recommendation

Receive and file.

Background

The Orange County Sheriff's Department provides the City with crime statistics and additional local police services activity information on an ongoing basis. This information is used to target resources and determine the optimal level of police services. Annually, this information is summarized for public reporting.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting Program was conceived in 1929 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to meet a need for reliable and uniform crime statistics for the nation. Today, the Orange County Sheriff's Department voluntarily reports Laguna Woods' crime statistics for inclusion in the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

Crime statistics are reported in one of two categories: Part I or Part II. Part I crimes consist of eight criminal offenses, including murder and negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, aggravated assault, robbery, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Part II crimes consist of criminal offenses not included in Part I.

The FBI cautions against drawing conclusions on crime statistics by making direct comparisons between cities. They state that "Comparisons lead to simplistic and/or incomplete analyses that often create misleading perceptions adversely affecting communities and their residents. Valid assessments are possible only with careful study and analysis of the range of unique conditions affecting each jurisdiction. The efforts of law enforcement are limited to factors within its control."

Discussion

A summary of Laguna Woods' Part I crime statistics for the 2011 calendar year, as compared to the 2010 calendar year, is included below. The statistics include the information reported to the FBI, as well as the Federal definitions for each type of crime. The 2011 statistics are considered preliminary and subject to change until they are officially released by the FBI later this year.

Part I Crimes: Violent Crimes

Violent crimes showed an overall decrease from the 2010 calendar year, including in murder and negligent manslaughter; robbery; and, aggravated assault. The total number of violent crimes continues to be extremely low.

	Murder and Negligent Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Overall
2011 (preliminary)	0	0	5	1	6
2010 (final)	2	0	7	6	15
Incident Change	-2	0	-2	-5	-9
Percent Change	-100%	0%	-29%	-83%	-60%
Federal Uniform Crime Reporting Definitions					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Murder and Negligent Manslaughter</i> – The willful (nonnegligent) killing of one human being by another. • <i>Forcible Rape</i> – The carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. By definition, sexual attacks on males are excluded from the rape category and must be classified as assaults or other sex offenses depending on the nature of the crime and the extent of injury. • <i>Robbery</i> – The taking or attempted taking of anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear. • <i>Aggravated Assault</i> – An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. 					

Part I Crimes: Property Crimes

The increase in property crimes for the 2011 calendar year is largely attributable to a string of golf cart battery charger thefts that resulted in 21 larceny-theft reports (20% of the 29% increase in property crimes). Motor vehicle thefts decreased.

	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson	Overall
2011 (preliminary)	28	100	6	0	134
2010 (final)	14	82	8	0	104
Incident Change	+14	+18	-2	0	+30
Percent Change	+100%	+22%	-25%	0%	+29%
Federal Uniform Crime Reporting Definitions					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Burglary</i> – The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. • <i>Larceny-Theft</i> – The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. • <i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i> – The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle (a self-propelled vehicle that runs on land surface and not on rails.). • <i>Arson</i> – Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc. 					

Fiscal Impact

This report is informational and has no direct fiscal impact.

Conclusion

Part I crime statistics provide a measure of known criminal activity that the City and Orange County Sheriff's Department use to target resources and determine the optimal level of police services. Current efforts are focused on preventing property crimes and increasing awareness of how and when to report crimes.

Information provided by: Jim Rudy, Chief of Police Services

