AGENDA

Public Safety Commission Meeting
Wednesday, November 14, 2007, 9:30 a.m.
DPS Headquarters, Austin, TX

I. Approval of minutes

II. Public comment

III. Budget matters

IV. Consideration of and possible action on land acquisitions and construction of buildings, facilities and an emergency vehicle operations course through the Texas Public Finance authority, pursuant to Appropriations Act, Art. IX, §19.71, 80th Legislature, R.S. (2007) (projects to include a new regional office and a crime lab in Lubbock, new offices in McAllen and Rio Grande City, crime lab expansions and an emergency vehicle operations course)

V. Audit & Inspection report

VI. Division reports:
   A. Administration
   B. Texas Highway Patrol
   C. Driver License
   D. Driver Responsibility Program update
   E. Emergency Management
   F. Criminal Law Enforcement
   G. Rangers
   H. Information Management Service

VII. For publication for public comment
   A. Proposed new Rule 1.42, 37 TAC Sec. 1.42, relating to Veteran’s Preference Grievance Procedure
   B. Proposed repeal of Rule 1.231, 37 TAC Sec. 1.231; proposed new Rule 1.231, 37 TAC Sec. 1.231, relating to procedures for vendor protests of procurements
   C. Proposed repeal of Rules 5.1 & 5.2, 37 TAC Secs. 5.1 & 5.2; proposed new Rules 5.1 & 5.2, 37 TAC Secs. 5.1 & 5.2, relating to chapter definitions and clarification of department policy regarding criminal investigations
   D. Proposed amendments to Rules 5.11-5.16, 37 TAC Secs. 5.11-5.16, relating to reporting property crimes against the elderly
   E. Proposed amendments to Rules 5.31-5.34, 5.36 & 5.38, 37 TAC Secs. 5.31-5.34, 5.36 & 5.38, relating to threats against peace officers
   F. Proposed repeal of Rules 5.52-5.70, 37 TAC Secs. 5.52-5.70; proposed amendment to Rule 5.51, 37 TAC Sec. 5.51; proposed new Rules 5.52-5.71, 37 TAC Secs. 5.52-5.71, relating to Multicounty Drug Task Forces
G. Proposed amendment to Rule 15.162, 37 TAC Sec. 15.162, relating to accepting installment payments for surcharges required under the Driver Responsibility Program

H. Proposed new Rule 15.163, 37 TAC Sec. 15.163, relating to amnesty, incentive and indigency programs for the Driver Responsibility Program allowing individuals to receive a reduction in surcharge assessments based upon compliance with law

I. Proposed amendments to Rules 17.2-17.4, 17.6, 17.9, 17.11, 17.12 & 17.16, 37 TAC Secs. 17.2-17.4, 17.6, 17.9, 17.11, 17.12 & 17.16, relating to Administrative License Revocation


VIII. For final adoption

A. Proposed amendments to Rules 7.1-7.3, 37 TAC Secs. 7.1-7.3, relating to the role of emergency management coordinators and notification requirements of emergency management programs and officials, as published in 32 TexReg 5648, August 31, 2007

B. Proposed amendments to Rules 7.11-7.13, 37 TAC Secs. 7.11-7.13, relating to state approval requirements for local/interjurisdictional emergency management plans and city/county eligibility requirements for certain federal assistance programs, as published in 32 TexReg 5649, August 31, 2007

C. Repeal of existing Rules 7.23, 7.28 & 7.29, 37 TAC Secs. 7.23, 7.28 & 7.29, relating to a local government’s responsibility to use its own resources, responsibility for evacuees, and its emergency powers, as published in 32 TexReg 5650, August 31, 2007

D. Proposed amendments to Rules 7.21, 7.24, 7.26 & 7.27, 37 TAC Secs. 7.21, 7.24, 7.26 & 7.27; proposed new Rule 7.23, 37 TAC Sec. 7.23, relating to the effect of a local disaster declaration, the point of contact for state assistance, responsibilities during multi-agency response, and local government authority for mandatory evacuations in a disaster. Adds new rule relating to local government’s responsibility to use its own and/or mutual aid resources first and to request assistance from the county before the state, as published in 32 TexReg 5650, August 31, 2007

E. Repeal of existing Rules 7.43 & 7.44, 37 TAC Secs. 7.43 & 7.44, relating to information needed for a disaster declaration and a description of the magnitude of the disaster, as published in 32 TexReg 5652, August 31, 2007

F. Proposed amendments to Rules 7.41 & 7.42, 37 TAC Secs. 7.41 & 7.42; proposed new Rules 7.43-7.45, 37 TAC Secs. 7.43-7.45, relating to a local disaster declaration before a request for disaster recovery assistance and procedures for requesting recovery assistance. Adds new rules relating to materials to accompany a request for assistance and/or state disaster declaration, the process after a request has been submitted to the state, and what happens after a local government requests assistance from the state, as published in 32 TexReg 5651, August 31, 2007

G. Proposed amendments to Rule 35.257, 37 TAC Sec. 35.257, relating to Training Courses for security and personal protection officers, as published in 32 TexReg 4948, August 10, 2007
IX. Discussion and possible action on appointment of members to an advisory committee relating to the operation of the vehicle inspection program

X. Executive Session
   A. Personnel matters, including the Director’s action of discharging probationary employee Tarachio Rembert (Tx Gov Code 551.074)
   B. Special Ranger & Special Texas Ranger commissions & Honorary Texas Ranger Captain (Tx Gov Code 551.074)
   C. Pending & contemplated litigation, including a briefing by outside counsel on DPS v. Abbott (Tx Gov Code 551.071)
   D. Status of purchase of real property (Tx Gov Code 551.072)
   E. Ongoing criminal investigations (Tx Gov Code 411.0041)

XI. Open Session for discussion and possible action regarding pending and contemplated litigation; personnel matters, including consent to discharge probationary employee Tarachio Rembert; approval of Special Ranger and Special Texas Ranger commissions & Honorary Texas Ranger Captain; status of the purchase of real property