

**SPECIAL
MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR
AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY
MEETING AGENDA
July 20, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:00PM

Council Members Present: Ramsey, Singleton, Adkisson, Horn

Others Present: Chief of Police Jose Garza, Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer, City Treasurer Dawn Kahikina, Fire Chief Greg DuPuis, Public Works and Utilities Coordinator Larry Miller, and City Clerk Shannon Jensen

Council Members Absent: Ramirez

Others Absent: City Manager Marissa Trejo, City Attorney Mario Zamora, Financial Services Director Jasmin Bains, Administrative Analyst Mercedes Garcia

Changes to the Agenda: None

2. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

The following individual(s) spoke under Citizen Comments:

None

The following individual(s) submitted written comment(s):

None

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

None

6. ORDINANCE PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

1. Receive Community Input on Ensuring the Safety of Coalinga Schools
Marissa Trejo, City Manager

Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer announced that tonight's meeting has been scheduled for the purpose of providing an opportunity for the community to provide public comment as it related to what the City of Coalinga can do to ensure the safety of our Schools. As we all know the Schools have their own procedures and policies in place but the Council would like to gather input from the community as to what the City can do to help this effort. Once comments have been provided it will be up to the City Council to determine if there are topics that the Council would like to bring back as an Future Agenda Item to discuss further. It is not the intent of this meeting to provide for a back-and-forth dialogue between the City Council, School Staff or Board Members and the Public. The purpose of this meeting is to gather public comment and feedback for possible future discussion.

Michael Griffith made the following suggestions regarding the safety of Coalinga schools:

- District should share its master key with the Coalinga Police Department so personnel has access to everything.
- Coalinga Police Department should be equipped with:
 - Glass breaking tools
 - Flash Bangs
 - Ballistic Shields
 - Door reaching devices
- School District includes Huron – would like to see them involved.
- Coalinga Police Department should have access to school's iCloud camera system – this would be very helpful to see live feed of hallways, and such, on a smartphone.
- Coalinga Police Department should have maps or drawings of all school buildings to show the locations of all doors. We have a lot of modulars at our schools. Two modulars may be butted together showing 1 or two doors from the outside, but when you enter, it may be sectioned off with four doors.
- Coalinga Police Department should tour campus schools. It would be good for Police personnel to be familiar with the campuses. The tours should be regularly scheduled to cover any turnover at the Department.
- Coalinga Police Department should have an arrangement with CDCR and Hospital to backup the Department when needed. Should also loop-in School Resource Officers.
- If School Resource Officers are used in the future, they should be assigned to violent crimes only. School personnel should deal with all other crimes such as cigarette smoking and broken windows.
- Consider closing campuses for lunch. Understand this is a contentious point with restaurants in town, but it does create an opportunity for other people, who may have guns, to come and go.
- Coalinga Police Department should work with the school district to schedule regular active shooter training and drills.
- Coalinga Police Department should regular perform gate and door lock audits. Police personnel should perform random unexpected visits campuses to check gate and doors. If any are found to be unlocked, then they notify the school.

Nathan Vosburg made the following suggestions regarding the safety of Coalinga schools:

- Coalinga Police Department should perform a school safety assessment.
- Schools should have social and emotional programs for kids.
- Research and improve campus building and classroom security.
- Anonymous reporting system should be available to students, teachers, and staff. Incoming reports should be immediately received.
- Steady correspondence between teachers and first responders.
- Behavior and threat assessment management. This may lie more with the school district, however the City could also play a roll.
- Utilize school-based law enforcement, whether they use their own or purchase from the City.
- Mental Health resources should be available. Our community is in desperate need of these resources.
- Drills
- Social Media monitoring.

These 10 items come from the COPS website: <https://cops.usdoj.gov/>. They should be addressed at multiple levels – at home, schools and City. The whole community needs to be involved and work together – our agencies have been divided in the past.

- School Resource Officer(s) – school should pay for the full position to ensure an officer is always available.
- Discipline, at all levels, is at an all-time low. Schools and City should discuss what can be done to address these issues.

Tammy Rivera expressed some disappointment in tonight's meeting. She had anticipated a coming together, where the City would inform the parents of what the City is committing to and what the School District is committing.

Parents should know what is expected of them in an active-shooter situation. Where do parents station? If parents aren't made aware of these things, they may get in the way of first responders' efforts.

Coalinga only has a handful of officers, and our schools are spread out. Who is supporting our officers, is the City partnered with CDCR and the Department of State Hospitals? If so, will these other agencies be the first responders, or will they be backup to our Police Department? And officers' person and vehicle should be equipped with everything they need if they are act as first responders.

Our officers do not face active shooter situations and AK-15 type weapons like Los Angeles might. Referencing the recent shooting in Texas - are our officers trained and prepared to react properly to these types of situations? Do they truly know what its like to face these shooters?

Ms. Rivera made the following suggestions:

- City should present information to parents before the start of the school year.

- District should complete the fencing around all the schools.
- Schools gates should be secured – recently witnessed a Probation Office, who was carrying a gun, enter Bishop Elementary through an open gate.

Coalinga-Huron Unified School District Superintendent, Lori Villanueva thanked the City for having this meeting. Mrs. Villanueva wanted to assure all that along with herself, her Board and Staff, are committed to safety. The more our agencies work together, the more we will know each other's plans, strategies, etc and the better equipped we will be if we ever find ourselves in this type of situation.

In an active shooter situation, the plan is to lockdown and wait for first responders to save us. I recently met an FBI Agent from the Fresno field office who has been assigned to education for the region. She has offered to meet with us to help with training and to take a look at our plan. We encourage the Police and Fire departments, along with anyone else who may be responding, to join us for that discussion.

Mrs. Villanueva stated that the school is currently working on the following security improvements:

- Camera plan will be going into place.
- Fencing plan is coming up.
- Point of entry security system – there will be cameras at entries where a person wishing to enter will ring a bell. Staff will be able to identify the person and then buzz them in.
- Purchasing cloud-based cameras.

The District has an outstanding program called NaviGate Prepared which has 3D maps of all of the schools and classrooms. This information is available to the Police and Fire departments. We have undergone the process of having every single classroom photographed so if there is an incident in a classroom, an officer can immediately look to see where the doors and windows are. It will even show the location of the fire extinguishers and drinking fountains. Mrs. Villanueva stated that she feels like the District is taking some real state of art steps to ensure the safety of the schools. We conduct a lot of drills where we have a lot of scenarios built in that we work with. And we invite continued working relationship with the City.

We are currently working on a camera plan that will go into place. A fencing plan is coming up.

The following individual(s) submitted written comment(s):

Erin Cassity (attached)

Vanessa Huttenlocker (attached)

John Rivera (attached)

Tom Dominguez (handout)

Mayor Ramsey stated that the City would be reviewing the information from tonight's meeting and will continue discussions. The State Hospital and the Prison have been brought up several times, we do have a great working relationship with both and they are great resources.

Councilman Horn asked when the next School Board meeting was scheduled.

Superintendent Lori Villanueva said it is next Tuesday at 6:30pm and will be held at the Huron Elementary School.

Mayor Pro-Tem Singleton agreed that a staging area would be good but having a specified location can be difficult when you don't know where the incident will be, but we build on these suggestions. Mr. Singleton is confident that the Prison and State Hospital will respond, however it only takes seconds for an incident to reach that level. We are vulnerable because we are so isolated. Training is so important in order to be as prepared as possible. I don't believe our strategy should be divulged. We don't want the enemy to know our plans. We will continue discussions.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager's Announcements:

None

Council Member's Announcements:

None

Mayor's Announcements:

None

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

9. CLOSED SESSION

None

10. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None

11. ADJOURNMENT 6:27 PM

APPROVED:

Ron Ramsey, Mayor

ATTEST:


Shannon Jensen, City Clerk

August 4, 2022

Date

Shannon Jensen

From: Erin Cassity <erin.cassity81@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2022 10:57 AM
To: Information
Subject: School improvement

Make all Crosswalks light up not just around the schools but the ones all over town.
Make sure they have a push button on both sides and light up  signs.

Shannon Jensen

From: Vanessa Huttenlocker <vchuttenlocker@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2022 11:53 AM
To: Information
Subject: School Safety

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Hello,

I wanted to provide my input on school safety. Why we don't have it in place is beyond me. When i went to school in Long Beach California. (30 years ago) We had security guards checking us and our bags and we had to go through metal detectors before we can enter campus. Off campus lunch students were required to recheck prior to entering school for weapons, knives, anything that can harm when entering in the morning.

Why doesnt Coalinga Schools have this yet? I went to school down south almost 30 years ago and this is what took place.

Having said that. Students should be required to be checked for weapons of any kind, safety prior to entering campus. Stronger disciplinary action should take place if a student comes on school grounds with anything deem unsafe.

Secondly, we need on sight security. One on each side of the school with a gun.

Thirdly, they should give guns back to our teachers. Our teachers job is to teach. Since the school is responsible to keep our kids safe and out of harms way. Our teachers should be allowed to defend their students they are teaching. More lives would be saved in the event of active shooter entering.

It should not be limited there. Bullying needs to be broader than just physically witnessed. If a student is being mentally, verbally, physically, sexually bullied. The bully should face disciplinary action. Teachers and staff need to take bullying more seriously. Half the reason our schools are unsafe is because of a bully. A kid doesnt have to hit another to be a bully. It can be other forms. Coalinga High is only focused on bullies that get physical. This needs to be addressed.

This is why I homeschool. Because I dont feel my kids are safe going back. If I felt reassured my kids safety. I would be happy to send my kids back to public school. It is sad for them because they want to go back. I tell them no. Because i feel it is unsafe for them.

So yes, school safety should be priority.

Thanks for your time,

Vanessa Huttenlocker

Shannon Jensen

From: John Rivera <tammylrivera@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2022 3:14 PM
To: Information
Subject: City Council Meeting 07/20/22

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To Whom it May Concern,

Prior to the City Council Meeting scheduled for July 20, 2022; please provide via Facebook the City of Coalinga and Coalinga - Huron School Districts Contingency Plans. These documents will allow parents an opportunity to educate themselves prior to the meeting.

Also, hopefully the School Board will be in attendance, both must work together.

Thank you,
John & Tammy Rivera

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android](#)



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NFPA 3000: A provisional standard commanding a call to action by first responders

NFPA 3000 isn't a tactical document or a policies and procedures manual; it's a framework to develop programs that integrate planning, response and recovery to active shooter hostile events

May 29, 2018

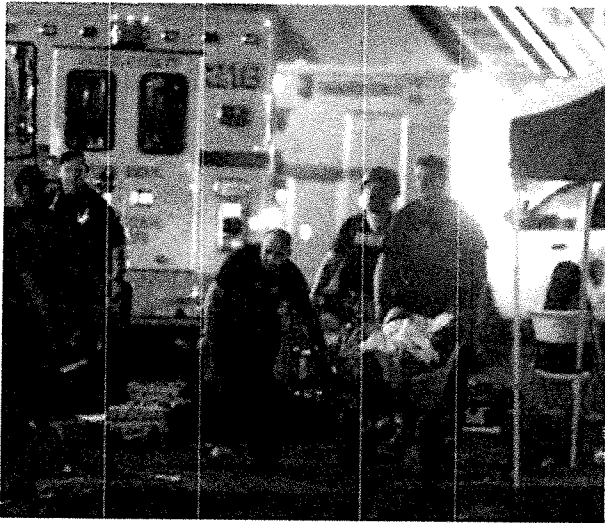
Editor's Note:

The FireRescue1 Academy features courses like "EMS Response to Active Shooter Incidents (BLS)" and "Terrorism Awareness," providing instruction on responses to active shooter incidents. Complete the courses to learn more about how to increase safety, effectiveness and efficiency at such events. Visit the FireRescue1 Academy to learn more and to schedule an online demo.

By J. Scott Quirarte and Heather R. Cotter

I have the honor to serve on the Cross Functional Emergency Preparedness and Response (ACT-AAA) Technical Committee that developed NFPA 3000 as the International Public Safety Association's principal representative. As a battalion chief with Ventura County, California Fire Department, I can assure you that NFPA 3000 was not developed in a bubble or by a specific first responder discipline. It was developed by the largest technical committee in the history of NFPA.

NFPA 3000 was developed by an incredibly diverse technical committee of 46 members with representatives from law enforcement, the fire service, emergency medical services, hospitals, emergency management, private security, private businesses, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Department of Justice and several others.



The NFPA 3000 Standard for an Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response Program was created with insight from fire, EMS and law enforcement officials. (Chase Stevens/Las Vegas Review-Journal via AP)

NFPA 3000 EXPLAINED

NFPA 3000 is not a tactical document. It is not a policies and procedures manual. It is a framework for communities to develop programs that integrate the planning, response and recovery to active shooter hostile events. It is designed to educate first responders about what you need to do, but not how you need to do it. The “how to” is determined by each jurisdiction.

As an example, NFPA 3000 states that fire and EMS responders shall “have knowledge of warm zone care and rescue concepts.” It does not define these concepts. It does not dictate how the rescue concepts will be implemented. There are multiple different methods for conducting warm zone care and rescue. First responder rescue operations vary by jurisdiction, region, state, nationally and globally. There is no one correct way to accomplish the task. Each jurisdiction must develop plans and procedures that will work for their community.

The NFPA 3000 standard is based on four main principles:

1. Unified command.
2. Integrated response.
3. Planned recovery.
4. Whole community.

It is an inclusive standard designed to address all phases of an active shooter/hostile event including preparedness, response and recovery. As stated in the NFPA 3000 fact sheet, the purpose of the standard is to “identify the minimum program elements needed to organize, manage and sustain an active shooter and/or hostile event program and to reduce or eliminate the risk, effects and impact on an organization or community affected by these events.”

It is important to point out that the NFPA 3000 is a provisional standard. As a provisional standard, it goes immediately back into the revision cycle. It is the second provisional standard in NFPA's 122-year history. Creating NFPA 3000 as a provisional standard allowed the ACT-AAA Technical Committee to publish the standard and roll it out to the first responder community.

A CALL TO ACTION TO IMPLEMENT NFPA 3000

Now that the NFPA 3000 standard is released, there is a call to action to every law enforcement agency, fire department, EMS service provider and allied emergency responder.

- 1. Use NFPA 3000 to assess readiness.** Read the NFPA 3000 standard and use it as a resource to evaluate your jurisdiction's response program. For jurisdictions that do not have a program, reading and understanding NFPA 3000 will help determine what steps are needed to create one. For jurisdictions that have an established program, reading and understanding NFPA 3000 will allow them to identify program strong points, and more importantly, recognize program weaknesses. Active shooter and hostile events can happen in any community and any jurisdiction. The time to prepare is before they occur.
- 2. NFPA 3000 proves that first responders need to work together.** It is unfortunate that it took an increase in acts of violence for first responders to realize how important it is that we work together. It is no longer acceptable for first responders to work in our own response discipline bubble. Several jurisdictions have identified the need for integrated response and they are stepping up together to meet this need. Working together yields better planned and more efficient response and recovery to all emergencies. This ultimately leads to the ability to save more lives and lessen suffering of those we swore to protect.
- 3. NFPA 3000 is open for public comment.** Since NFPA 3000 is released as a provisional standard, it is now under review. NFPA 3000 is open for public comment until Aug. 1, 2018. It is a great standard, but it is only the beginning. The more public comments submitted, the stronger the standard will be when it is revised and released. First responders can submit feedback [here](#).

The NFPA 3000 standard is part of a paradigm shift in first responder culture. First responders need to truly integrate their response, and the best way to start is to become better informed. Taking the time to review NFPA 3000, and related integrated response policies and publications will equate to a more prepared community, less loss of life and less suffering.

About the authors

J. Scott Quirarte is a battalion chief with the Ventura County (CA) Fire Department. He has been with the department 30 years. He spent 17 years as a member of Special Operations as a shift captain for the HazMat Team.

Quirarte is the project lead for the Ventura County Interagency Active Shooter Response Workgroup and was also the lead instructor of program training for over 3000 law enforcement officers, firefighters, dispatchers and EMS personnel. He is also a founding member of Ventura County Stop the Bleed program.

Quirarte is a Board Member of the International Public Safety Association and a member of the IPSA's RTF and TEMS committees. While serving as Vice-Chair of the IPSA's RTF committee, he served as a principal in the development of the IPSA RTF Best Practices Guide. Battalion Chief Quirarte is also the IPSA representative on the NFPA 3000 Technical Committee.

Heather R. Cotter is the executive director and founder of the International Public Safety Association. It is the IPSA's vision for a stronger, more integrated public safety community capable of an effective joint response to all public safety incidents. Given this, Cotter formed the IPSA so that every public safety official and every public safety advocate is eligible to become a member and help advance the IPSA mission.

About the author

The International Public Safety Association, a 501(c)3 non-profit public safety association, represents all public safety verticals: law enforcement, fire service, EMS, telecommunications, public works (water, sanitation, transportation), public health, hospitals, security, private sector, and emergency management.

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