

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
FEBRUARY 4, 2008**

Committee Members

In Attendance: Vito Pinto, Chair, William Burton, Peter Harckham, John Nonna, Judy Myers, and George Oros.

Guests in Attendance: CEO: Bill Randolph BOL: JoAnn Sold, Larry Goldstein, and Melanie Montalto.

Minutes

Chairman Pinto called the meeting to order at 9:06.a.m

The Committee discussed agenda item #1, an intermunicipal agreement for the TraCS program, which has already been signed out of the Budget and Appropriations Committee. Chairman Pinto provided a brief overview of the program to the Committee.

Legislator Myers expressed some concern over the ability of various police departments to be able to communicate with each others computer systems. Chairman Pinto stated that the Committee would be happy to discuss this at a later date and a status report will be requested. A discussion ensued on this issue.

Moved by Legislator Myers and seconded by Legislator Nonna, agenda item #1 passed with a vote of 5-0.

The Committee discussed agenda item #4, a memo from Legislator Abinanti stating several concerns about the safety at the County Courthouse entrance. Chairman Pinto stated the issues of the memo which include broken scanners and a large amount of people entering the building and passing through security at the same time during the morning hours. It is suggested that the Probation Department have a separate entrance to help alleviate the backlog.

The Committee has issued a memo to the Commissioners of the Public Works and Public Safety Departments requesting answers to several questions on this item and submitted it to Bill Randolph of the County Executive's Office.

Chairman Pinto stated that he asks the Committee to be patient with the pending investigation of the shooting in White Plains on January 25, 2008, and he asks that the Public Safety Department and the District Attorney's Office keep the Committee and the Board informed. The Committee will discuss the incident and its concerns upon completion of the investigation.

The Committee expressed a concern over 911 calls from cell phones and its efficiency, as well as whether or not police vehicles are equipped with oxygen and defibrillators.

The Committee would also like to be better informed of County related incidents in their districts.

Moved by Legislator Myers and seconded by Legislator Harckham the Committee on Public Safety and Security adjourned at 9:45 with a vote of 6-0.

A complete audio recording of this meeting is on file.