

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

October 16, 2014

The Public Safety Committee of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on October 16, 2014 at 8:08 a.m.

### **COMMITTEE PRESENT**

Dennis Kavanaugh, Chairman  
Alex Finter  
Christopher Glover

### **COMMITTEE ABSENT**

None

### **STAFF PRESENT**

John Pombier  
Alfred Smith

#### 1. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

#### 2-a. Hear a presentation, discuss and provide a recommendation regarding a proposed Social Host Ordinance.

Assistant Police Chief John Meza, Karen Frias-Long, representing the Mesa Prevention Alliance, Police Sergeant Rob Scantlebury and City Prosecutor John Belatti addressed the Committee relative to this agenda item.

Chief Meza displayed a PowerPoint presentation (**See Attachment 1**) and stated that staff was seeking the Committee's direction relative to a proposed Social Host Ordinance. He explained that the goal of the ordinance is to reduce the occurrence of underage drinking and illegal drug use in Mesa by holding social hosts accountable for such violations.

Chief Meza reported that underage drinking is a public health risk. He indicated that over the past two years, the Mesa Police Department (MPD), in conjunction with the Mesa Prevention Alliance, has conducted party patrol enforcement and issued 156 citations for underage drinking. He added that of that number, eight juveniles were transported to local hospitals for alcohol poisoning.

Chief Meza, in addition, commented that the purpose of the ordinance was not to penalize individuals criminally or impose fines, but rather to bring awareness and accountability to the social hosts. He pointed out that currently, the MPD enforces underage drinking violations and contributing to the delinquency of minors through the authority granted by Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) Title 4 and Title 13. He noted that Title 4 contains a provision that enables the

MPD to hold a social host as being responsible, but pointed out that the police officer must demonstrate the culpable mental state of the offender as “known or should have known.”

Chief Meza further commented that the proposed ordinance would hold social hosts under “strict liability” for underage drinking or illegal drug use that occurs on their property. He explained that the officer would no longer be required to demonstrate the culpable mental state of the offender.

Chief Meza remarked that one of the downfalls of the proposed ordinance would be in the case of parents who were out of town and unaware of the fact that underage drinking was occurring in the family home. He said that such an incident could result in the parents being cited for such activity.

Chief Meza briefly highlighted the penalties that could be imposed per the proposed ordinance. (See Page 5 of Attachment 1) He noted, for instance, that the first offense could result in a \$250 fine, which could be waived if the person attended a four-hour alcohol and drug awareness class.

Chief Meza reported that if the Committee determined that the proposed ordinance was not appropriate, staff has considered various alternatives that could be implemented by the MPD. (See Page 6 of Attachment 1) He cited, by way of example, that it would be important to distribute training material on enforcement and awareness of underage drinking and drug use to all patrol officers and not just the party patrol enforcement team.

Chief Meza commented that not only would the proposed ordinance address parties held in private homes, but also those sponsored by party crews. He explained that party crews rent warehouses or vacant buildings and host large parties. He said that an admission fee is charged in order to attend the event and added that alcohol is often served to underage drinkers.

Chief Meza concluded his presentation by stating that the MPD and the Mesa Prevention Alliance were confident that the proposed ordinance would provide an additional “tool in the toolbox” in an effort to enforce underage drinking and drug use in the community.

Committeemember Finter inquired regarding the level of discretion that could be used by a police officer or a judge relative to the above-referenced scenario of parents being out of town and unaware of a party being held at their home when alcohol is served to underage drinkers.

Chief Meza clarified that per state statutes, the MPD is given the authority to use discretion in determining whether it would be appropriate to cite parents under such a scenario.

Mr. Belatti further remarked that when the City Prosecutor’s Office receives a case such as this, which is a class 1 misdemeanor, the attorneys have the discretion to offer a diversion, such as completing certain educational classes or beginning a period of deferred prosecution. He explained that if a similar incident does not occur within a certain period of time, the charges can be dismissed.

Committeemember Finter commented that he would hope there would be certain “checks and balances” in place by the time a judge hears the case. He said that he would hate to see

parents who were out of town and unaware of underage drinking occurring at their home become "the poster children" for why the proposed ordinance should never have been adopted.

Mr. Belatti advised that if the case is a diversion, the matter is between the state and the defendant. He also stated that with respect to a plea agreement, the Court can either accept or reject it.

Committeemember Glover expressed concern regarding the strict liability issue. He offered the scenario that his parents, who are empty nesters, go on a cruise to Alaska; that his teenage nieces and nephews use their home to host a party; that their friends bring alcohol into the home; and that the police eventually break up the party. He commented that in that case, it would be unfair for his parents to be cited since they would have no idea their home had been used in that manner. He noted, on the other hand, he had no objection with the MPD using the proposed ordinance in order to pursue party crews that host parties for underage drinking.

Committeemember Glover further remarked that although the Council report indicates that the proposed ordinance would result in minimal fiscal impact, it would still be necessary for the MPD to develop a curriculum for the class and find a location for the class, which would place a significant amount of undue burden on the Department to fund such resources. He added that with respect to the issue of an officer or a judge using discretion in this regard, there could always be the situation of "someone having a bad day and does not care."

Chief Meza acknowledged Committeemember Glover's concerns with respect to the strict liability language contained in the proposed ordinance. He confirmed that such language would, in fact, authorize the MPD to cite parents even if they were unaware of what occurred in their home during their absence.

Mr. Belatti remarked that the Committee could direct staff to rewrite the ordinance so that the strict liability language only applies to party crews.

Sergeant Scantlebury commented that another level of discretion would include the police sergeant coming to the scene to assess the incident and review the report written by the officer who issued the citation. He also stressed the importance of parents, who intend to leave town for a period of time, taking the necessary steps to secure their home to ensure that it is not used by their children for a party during their absence.

Committeemember Glover acknowledged Sergeant Scantlebury's comments. He noted, however, that he had a difficult time penalizing people for something they were not aware of and out of their control to begin with.

Sergeant Scantlebury reiterated that in such a scenario, the officer, the sergeant, the prosecutor and the judge would have the ability to use their discretion.

Committeemember Finter stated that even if the Committee forwards this item on to the full Council and the ordinance is adopted, that would not be the end of the process. He noted that if the Council heard complaints and concerns from Mesa residents regarding the ordinance, they could, as a legislative body, reconsider the matter. He also recounted a recent ride-along with the party patrol enforcement team and acknowledged that there is a problem in the community with underage drinking and drug use. He reiterated that it would be appropriate for the MPD to

have an effective tool, tempered with checks and balances and discretion, to address the issue; and, if necessary, the Council could revisit the item if they were apprised of any problems or concerns in the community.

Responding to a question from Committeemember Glover, Mr. Belatti clarified that Title 4, Section 241Q. provides that if a person is the occupant of an unlicensed property and knowingly allows underage persons onto the property that are not members of the individual's family, and they knew or should have known that one or more of those underage people were going to consume or possess alcohol, it is a class 1 misdemeanor.

Committeemember Glover stated that he had no objection with the MPD citing adults in a home who serve alcohol to underage drinkers. He reiterated, however, that he disagreed with the strict liability standard being applied to those individuals who had no knowledge of such activity and under normal circumstances would not keep alcohol in their home. He added that he would prefer that the City not duplicate any ordinances or laws that currently exist.

Mr. Belatti stated that when staff was drafting the proposed ordinance, they had similar concerns as those expressed by Committeemember Glover. He explained that was the reason the first offense was established as a \$250 fine, which could be waived if the person took a class.

Committeemember Glover inquired why, in reference to the scenario he gave regarding his parents, they should be required to attend a class. He said that they never would have allowed a party in their home with underage drinking to occur if they had been in town and added that in his scenario, they were taken advantage of.

Chairman Kavanaugh remarked that from his perspective, the alternatives suggested by staff should already be used in conjunction with the proposed ordinance. He noted that having the strict liability language in the ordinance is a means by which to educate the community concerning this serious issue. He also commented that parents are responsible for their children's actions. He pointed out that consequences to other people can occur as a result of underage drinking on a person's property. He added that there should be a higher focus and awareness of this issue in the community.

Chairman Kavanaugh further suggested that if the Committee forwards this matter to the full Council, he would hope they recommend that all of the alternatives be included for consideration. He said that such alternatives would provide a comprehensive approach to educating the community on this issue and ensuring that citizens understand that there are tools, such as the proposed ordinance, that can be used to respond to this matter.

Chairman Kavanaugh, in addition, concurred that it is a challenge whether to take a strict liability approach or a reasonable person approach in crafting the language in the ordinance. He noted that he would hope that the Committee forwards the proposal on to the full Council for consideration so that there would be another televised opportunity, in addition to today's meeting, for the community to see what the MPD is dealing with concerning underage drinking and drug use and garner further input from the community and the full Council.

It was moved by Committeemember Finter, seconded by Committeemember Glover, that this item be moved forward to the full Council for discussion and consideration.

Committeemember Glover clarified that his second to the motion comes with the caveat that when this item goes to the full Council, if it contains strict liability language that applies to parents, grandparents and other people who are unaware of underage drinking taking place in their homes, he will vote against it. He stated that he would prefer that the proposed ordinance target only the party crews.

Chairman Kavanaugh commented that in his opinion, the overall goal should be to educate the community with regard to problems that can arise from underage drinking and what steps families and the community can take to help minimize that risk.

Committeemember Finter stated that he would like the MPD's administrative staff to take to heart the concerns that have been expressed by Committeemember Glover as contrasted by those parents who may be willing to supply alcohol for underage drinkers at their home.

Chief Meza stated that staff would review verbiage in the MPD's policy with regard to the enforcement of the proposed ordinance.

Chairman Kavanaugh noted that today's discussion illustrates the gamut of issues that are addressed by the MPD, the City Prosecutor's Office and the Mesa Prevention Alliance as it relates to underage drinking and drug use in the community.

Chairman Kavanaugh called for the vote.

Carried unanimously.

Chairman Kavanaugh thanked staff and the Mesa Prevention Alliance for their efforts and hard work relative to this important matter.

2-b. Hear a presentation and discuss a quarterly update on the status of the TOPAZ Regional Wireless Cooperative (TRWC).

Deputy City Manager John Pombier and Communications Administrator Randy Thompson addressed the Committee relative to this agenda item.

Mr. Thompson displayed a PowerPoint presentation (**See Attachment 2**) and reported that the TOPAZ Regional Wireless Cooperative (TRWC) users group is now well established and meets every other month. He explained that the primary focus of the group, which is chaired by Gilbert Fire Captain Rob Duggan, has been the Fire Hazard Zone communications system (i.e., VHF system).

Mr. Thompson stated that with respect to the VHF system, the TRWC Board has approved moving forward with a contract for the analysis, design and cost of the system. He also noted that in July of this year, Federal Engineering was placed under contract as the design consultant for the VHF system; that the consultant has collected requirements from the fire members of the users group in order to provide a basis for the system design; and that initial radio coverage predictions have been completed.

Mr. Thompson, in addition, highlighted the next steps in the process relative to the design of the VHF system. (See Page 4 of Attachment 2) He cited, for example, that the costs for the system

will be included in the FY 15/16 TRWC budget proposal, with implementation scheduled for FY 2015/16.

Mr. Pombier remarked that when staff brought this item forward to the Council in the past, one of the major issues that was raised was protecting the frontline firefighters and police by ensuring that the two radio systems (the Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC) and the TRWC), worked together. He explained that such efforts are being addressed on two fronts, the first being the VHF system as outlined by Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Pombier indicated that the second aspect was the reunification of the two entities to ensure that their respective radio systems "talk to each other." He noted that one way in which to achieve this goal is through governance. He commended Mr. Thompson, Police Chief Frank Milstead, Fire Chief Harry Beck and their respective command staffs for their efforts and the significant amount of time they have invested in this reunification process.

Mr. Pombier reported that the Governance Working Group of the Arizona Central Region Communications Authority (ACRCA) meets once or twice a week and has delivered a draft governance document to the joint TRWC/RWC Boards. He pointed out that the group has proposed a corporate model which, among other things, would improve stability and consistency of operations; help to insulate from political influence; and continue to exist in perpetuity even with changes in management or membership.

Committeemember Finter inquired whether it was appropriate for the ACRCA to be so insulated and an entity among itself without political influence or direction from, for instance, a Board of Directors.

Mr. Pombier acknowledged that the group was struggling with the concept of governance and ensuring that it is sensitive to political issues, while paying attention to the primary focus of making a safer environment for the frontline firefighters and police officers. He remarked that it was the opinion of the group that the corporate model would allow for both, so that it is not subject individually to the concerns of any one group over the whole and more of a group process.

Fire Chief Harry Beck addressed the Committee and clarified that historically, a situation has existed between the RWC and the TRWC systems in which an individual or a group of individuals could "interrupt" the ability of the two systems to work together. He explained that the governance document creates "a check and balance system" to ensure adequate review of the decisions that are made relative to how the system goes together. He also noted that there is the ability to balance the political influence as well.

Chief Beck also commented that with the exception of some key issues, weighted voting would be included, which is designed to protect the entities with the largest amount of assets (i.e. Phoenix and Mesa). He explained that there would be the ability for input to come into the system and be considered before a decision is made. He said that such a process would avoid rash decisions being made, personalities becoming involved in the process, and ultimately allowing the users, the technologists and the entire governance system to provide feedback with regard to what level of service should be provided to the end users.

Committeemember Finter cited the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) as an effective model and inquired if the working group had considered such a model in creating the governance draft document.

Chief Beck confirmed that the MAG model is “prevalent” in the working group’s thought process. He clarified that the draft document is currently being presented to the various entities to discuss its strengths and weaknesses or additional revisions. He further remarked that this has been a “consensus approach” in creating a governance model, which is currently being reviewed by the members of the Boards, including more than 30 cities, towns and districts.

Mr. Pombier continued with the presentation and offered a short synopsis of the next steps in the process for the ACRCA. (See Page 7 of Attachment 2)

Chairman Kavanaugh commented that speaking for himself and Committeemember Finter, whose Council terms expire in January 2017, they would like to see the integration of the two systems prior to that time.

Mr. Pombier responded that subsequent to the meeting between the RWC and TRWC Boards, it is anticipated that the timeline for integration of the two systems could be sooner than mid-2017. He noted, however, that it could take a long time to complete this process, which is the reason that efforts are underway to secure the Fire Hazard Zone with the implementation of the VHF system.

Chairman Kavanaugh stated that he would suspect that the working group will find that the Councilmembers in Mesa and Phoenix who have worked on this issue for a long period of time would urge a prompt process. He stressed the importance of having the leadership who are fully engaged and knowledgeable about the issue taking the final votes in this regard.

Mr. Thompson briefly discussed the lifecycle upgrade for the TOPAZ radio network, which was approved by the Council at the October 6, 2014 Regular Council meeting. (See Page 8 of Attachment 2) He pointed out that the equipment on Thompson Peak has already been upgraded, at no cost to the TRWC, through an agreement with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to utilize space at the radio site.

Mr. Thompson also displayed pie charts of the Operations Update for the TRWC and the Operations Update for the City of Mesa. (See Pages 9 and 10 respectively of Attachment 2) He also reviewed the System Availability at the radio sites. (See Page 11 of Attachment 2)

Chairman Kavanaugh thanked staff for the comprehensive report, as well as their efforts to work with the other communities on this endeavor. He stated that he was pleased to see that the Council’s concerns are being taken seriously and that staff was keeping the interests and safety of fire and police personnel at the forefront.

2-c. Hear a presentation and discuss the City Prosecutor’s Office Annual Report.

City Prosecutor John Belatti displayed a PowerPoint presentation (**See Attachment 3**) and provided an extensive overview of the accomplishments of the City Prosecutor’s Office in the last year.

Mr. Belatti reported that in the last fiscal year, the City Prosecutor's Office, which includes 16 prosecutors and 24 staff members, handled more than 17,000 cases. He explained that in November 2013, the office launched Prosecutor by Karpel (PBK), a paperless file system. He stated that with such technology, police reports, photographs and audio recordings, among other things, can be pulled into case files. He added that the paperless file system allows more than one staff member to work on a case at the same time.

Mr. Belatti pointed out that of the above-mentioned 17,000 cases handled by the City Prosecutor's Office, 2,640 were related to domestic violence, an increase of 450 cases from the prior year. He noted that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and indicated that the City Prosecutor's Office will host a series of guest speakers and events on the topic, as well as display posters and brochures in the Mesa Municipal Court, police stations, public libraries and the new Mesa Employee Health & Wellness Center.

Mr. Belatti, in addition, remarked that the City Prosecutor's Office is a member of the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Domestic Violence Council. He explained that the office was instrumental in assisting the Council to approve and adopt Arizona's first misdemeanor domestic violence protocol. He stated that more than 300 stakeholders, including law enforcement, prosecutors and victim services, participated in this process, which took more than two years to complete. He noted that the protocol has been distributed to police departments throughout the Valley and added that he would hope those entities would accept the protocol as a model.

Mr. Belatti further highlighted a series of contributions of the City Prosecutor's Office including, but not limited to, the following: participation on the Domestic Violence Enforcement Response Team (DVERT); that a specially designated Domestic Violence Prosecutor handles the most serious domestic violence cases; that more than \$320,000 in restitution has been awarded to victims of domestic violence in the last year; and the development of a risk assessment card, which is used by police officers to determine the lethality of each domestic violence incident to which they respond.

Mr. Belatti provided a short synopsis of the City Prosecutor's Office efforts as it relates to Driving Under the Influence (DUI) prosecutions. (See Page 4 of Attachment 3) He indicated that in FY 2013/14, the office prosecuted more than 1,700 DUI cases and achieved a 94% conviction rate. He stated that his office is now seeing a trend of fewer alcohol-related DUI cases and more arrests for impairment due to prescription drugs. He also commented that at the Memorial Day DUI checkpoint near Bush Highway and Power Road, several prosecutors observed at the scene and assisted the Traffic Enforcement Unit as needed.

Mr. Belatti also highlighted the achievements of the City Prosecutor's Office with regard to community involvement. (See Page 5 of Attachment 3) He noted, for example, that staff has participated in the Arizona Stand Down event, which is directed toward members of the Armed Forces who have become homeless and are in need of assistance with housing, healthcare and other supportive services. He said that staff assisted those veterans who had warrants or were unable to pay civil fines. He remarked that the individuals were given community service in lieu of paying the fines and added that some minor misdemeanor charges were dismissed.

Mr. Belatti spoke regarding the dedication of the City Prosecutor's Office concerning community prosecution, a concept in which a prosecutor and a law enforcement team work together in a



targeted geographic area in a community to address criminal activity. He cited four different projects in Mesa that have been identified for community prosecution. (See Page 6 of Attachment 3)

Mr. Belatti, in addition, offered a short synopsis of recent innovations relative to the establishment of a Mental Health Court and a Veteran's Court. (See Pages 7 and 8 respectively of Attachment 3) He said that Mesa, Tempe, Chandler and Gilbert have worked together in an effort to help veterans receive the necessary mental health and legal assistance that they need to ensure that they are not repeat offenders in the court system. He pointed out that a Homeless Court currently exists in downtown Phoenix. He added that the City Prosecutor's Office and the Mesa Municipal Court are in the process of determining whether it would be possible to transfer some of their cases, in which the defendants are homeless, to that facility for adjudication.

Committeemember Glover commended Mr. Belatti and his staff for their professionalism and dedication. He stated that in particular, he was grateful for their efforts with respect to the Mental Health Court and community prosecution which, in his opinion, has impacted the community in a positive manner.

Chairman Kavanaugh stated that Mr. Belatti has "set the gold standard" for City Prosecutor's Offices in Arizona. He noted that like the Mesa Municipal Court, he would anticipate that many people will visit the office to determine how such efforts have been accomplished. He commented that the hard work and dedication of Mr. Belatti and his entire staff is of great benefit to the community and added that on behalf of the entire City Council, he would like to thank them for their commitment and hard work.

### 3. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Public Safety Committee meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK

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(attachments – 3)

# Social Host Ordinance



Mesa Police Department  
October 16, 2014



# Underage Drinking



Underage drinking is a public health risk and a behavior detrimental to the health and safety of youth. The focus of the Social Host Ordinance is not primarily about penalizing but to bring awareness and accountability to social hosts.

# Community Norm Survey - 2013

- œ The Mesa Prevention Alliance distributed a survey to 854 Mesa residents 18 and older.
- œ 94% of participants surveyed reported they were concerned with underage drinking.
- œ 80% agreed that there should be a law that holds adults responsible for hosting parties where youth are drinking.



# Arizona Youth Survey - 2012

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- ☞ 48% of Mesa youth surveyed have reported drinking in their lifetime (8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders).
- ☞ 20% of high school seniors reported that a parent or guardian provided them with alcohol. This is an increase of 5% from 2010.
- ☞ 18% reported that a family member 21 and older provided them with alcohol.

# Current Enforcement



- œ Utilize State Statutes Title 4 and Title 13
  - œ Must show “known or should have known”
- œ Proposed Social Hosts Ordinance
  - œ Strict Liability
    - œ 1<sup>st</sup> Offense = Civil Penalty, \$250 fine, or may be waived if violator attends a 4 hour Alcohol & Drug Awareness Class
  - œ 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense within 36 months = Civil Penalty, \$1,000 fine
  - œ 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense within 36 months = Criminal, Class 1 misdemeanor

# Alternatives



- ☞ Enhance training and awareness to officers
- ☞ Emphasize enforcement in “Daily Missions”
- ☞ Monitor arrests and enforcement activities through regular CompStat meetings
- ☞ Partner with Mesa Public Schools to enhance underage drinking and illegal drug use prevention

# Concurrence



☞ Mesa Police Department

☞ Mesa Prevention Alliance



QUESTIONS?



# Update to Mesa City Council Public Safety Committee October 16, 2014

# TRWC Users Group

- Group now well established and meeting every other month
- Chaired by Captain Rob Duggan, Gilbert Fire
- Focus has been on Fire Hazard Zone Communications (“VHF”)

# VHF - Progress

- TRWC Board approved moving forward with analysis, design and costing.
- Federal Engineering under contract as design consultant for Fire Hazard Zone communications system
- Requirements were collected from the Fire members of the Users Group to provide the basis for the system design
- Initial radio coverage predictions are complete

# VHF - Next Steps

- Federal Engineering upcoming tasks
  - Producing an equipment list, capital and operations & maintenance cost estimate for the system by October 31, 2014
  - Producing a bid specification package by December 1, 2014
  - Regularly updating the Users Group and TRWC Executive Committee on progress
- Costs will be included in the FY15/16 TRWC budget proposal, for implementation FY15/16

# Arizona Central Region Communications Authority (ACRCA) - Progress

- Governance Working Group has been meeting 1-2 times per week
- Delivered draft Governance document to the Joint TRWC/RWC boards
- Proposed “Corporate” model
  - Improves stability & consistency of operations
  - Helps to insulate from political influence
  - Continues to exist in perpetuity even with changes in management or membership

# Arizona Central Region Communications Authority (ACRCA) - Concepts

- Formal Application Process to Create Separate Legal Entity (Long Term Sustainability)
- User Driven Metrics - Police, Fire and Municipal
- Central Governance & Interconnected Systems
- Equitable Voting, Cost Allocation, Sustainable Costs, Economies of Scale, Ease of Accounting and Administration, Policy and Decision Making
- Master Plan & Consistent Standards
- Distributed Management & Ownership

# Arizona Central Region Communications Authority (ACRCA) - Next Steps

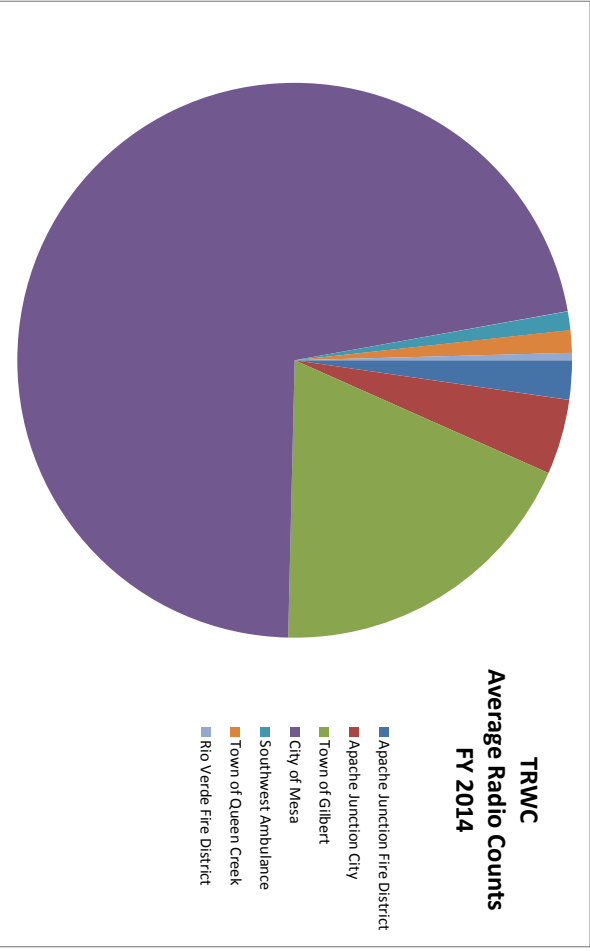
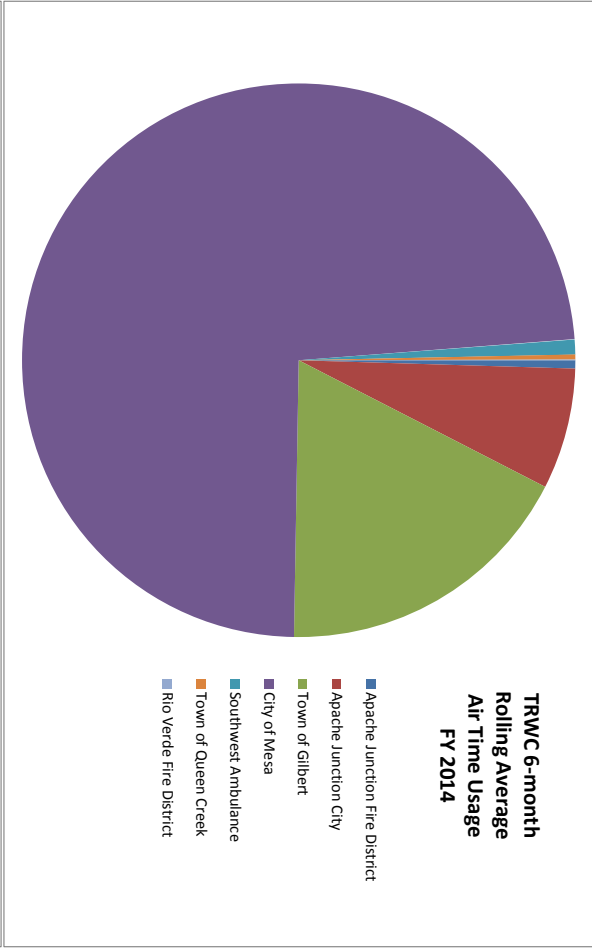
- Outreach
  - Existing Cooperatives Executive Committees, Boards, & Operations Working Group
  - Employee/Labor Organizations
  - Police & Fire Chiefs Associations
- Financial Working Group
- Draft Project Plan & Timeline - April, 2015
- Revised Governance Documents
  - Approval by TRWC & RWC Boards - mid-2015
  - Ratification by All Partners - mid-2016
  - Integration of RWC & TRWC - mid-2017



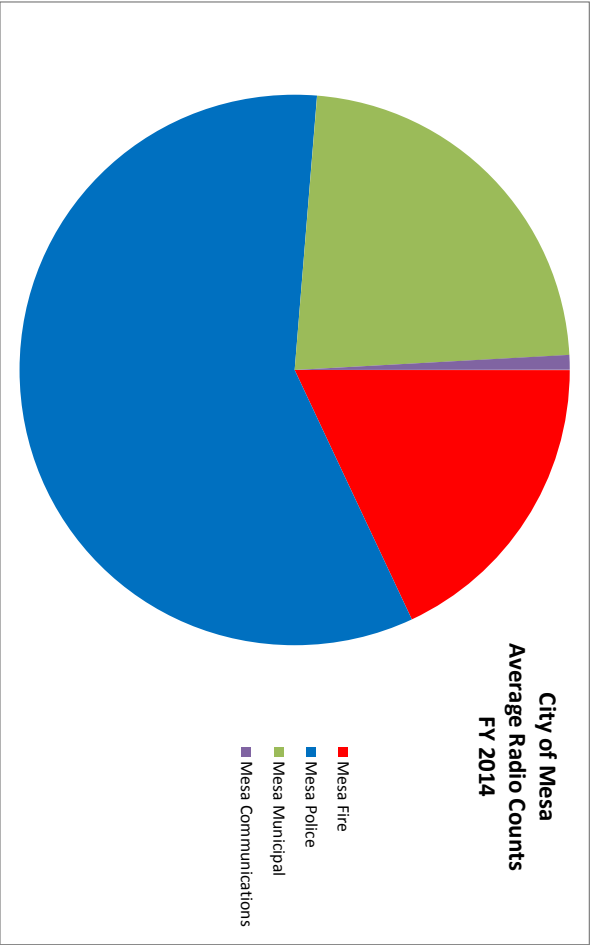
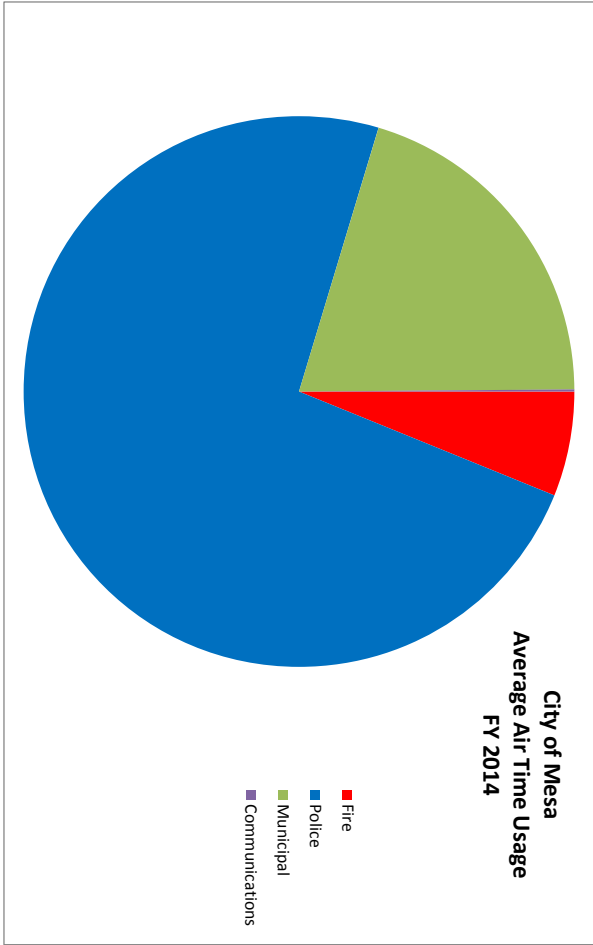
# TOPAZ Radio Network Lifecycle Upgrade

- Significant cost savings, \$5,471,077 over the forecasted budget
  - Sprint buy out
  - Communications Department planning
  - Mesa Purchasing contract negotiation with Motorola
- Lifecycle Replacement of TOPAZ Radio Network Infrastructure
  - Motorola Contract
    - Approved by TRWC Board of Directors 9/25/14
    - Approved by Mesa City Council 10/6/14
- Equipment on Thompson Peak Already Upgraded at No Cost to TRWC
  - Agreement with Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to Utilize Space at Radio Site

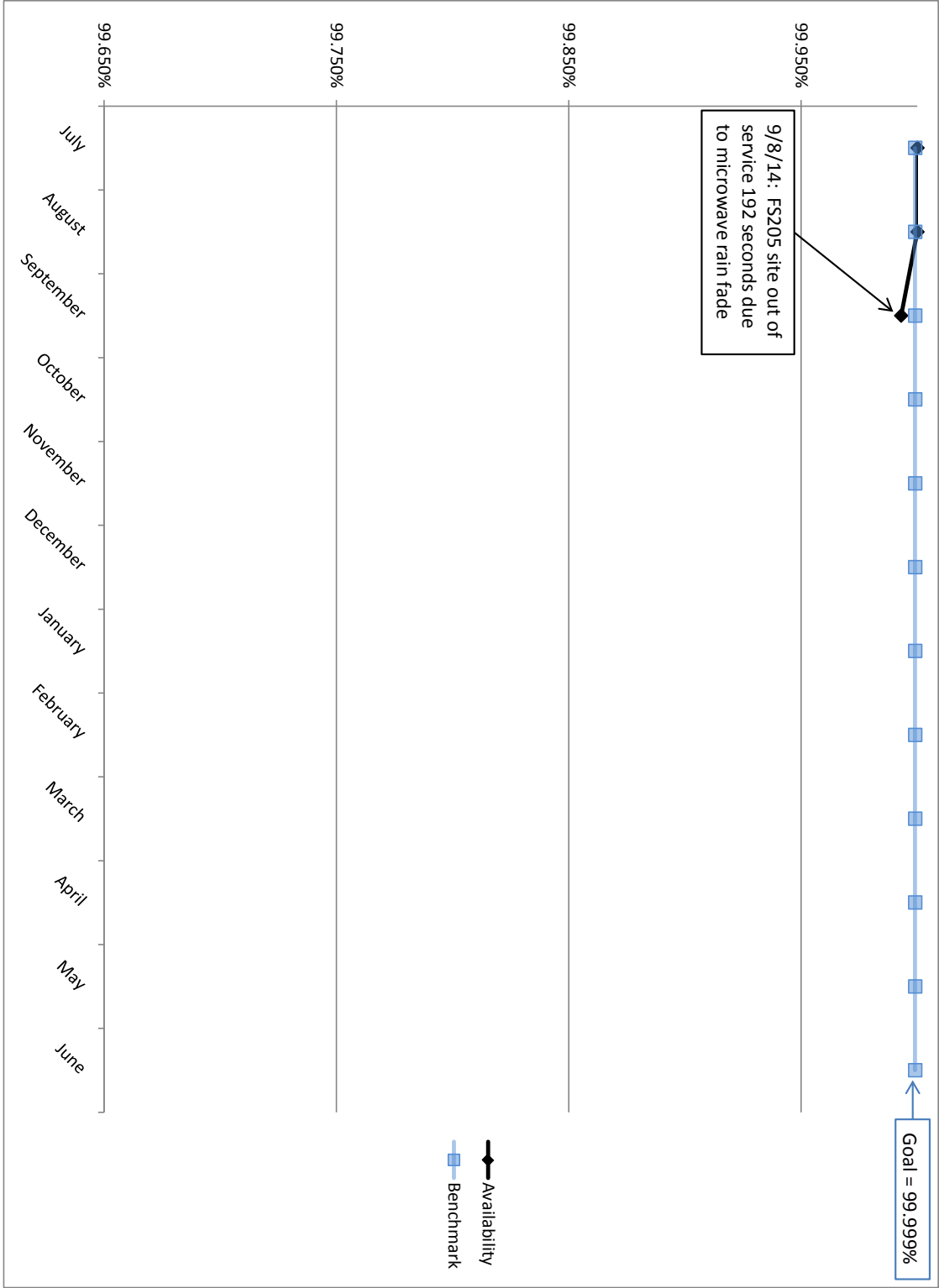
# Operations Update - TRWC



# Operations Update - City of Mesa



# System Availability



# MESA CITY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

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# Paperless Files



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Transfer Data & Law Enforcement

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**Individual & Witness Statistics**

Individual Information

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Name Information

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**Field & Case**

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East Valley Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team

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# DUI Prosecution

1,715 DUI Prosecutions (FY 13/14)

94% Conviction Rate in FY 13/14

Officer HGN and DRE logs maintained online

Memorial Day Check Point

Ethics Training at GOHS





# Community Involvement

Arizona Stand Down

SHARP School volunteers

Synthetic Drug Task Force

Animal Cruelty Task Force

Multi-Disciplinary Team Task Force

State Bar activities / APAAC

P.D. Trainings (Evidence/Courtroom Demeanor/Miranda)

Community Prosecution Activity



# Community Prosecution

Police District projects:

- Central Station (Honey Badger)
- Superstition Station (Operation Mainline)
- Red Mountain Station (Big Blue Box)
- Fiesta Station (Guerrero Rotary Park)

Community meetings

Make-a-Difference Day/GAIN event/Boys & Girls Club Thanksgiving  
Dinner/United Food Bank Training



# Mental Health Innovations

Collaborative efforts with Municipal Court

Establishment of Mental Health Court

Rule 11 evaluations in-house

Statewide Training (10-1-14)

Increase in pretrial mental health Diversion



# Veteran's Outreach

East Valley collaboration (Tempe, Mesa, Chandler, Gilbert)

Collaborative effort with Mesa Municipal Court

Formation of Veteran's Court



# Next steps: Homeless Court

A.R.S. § 22-601(A)

Human Services Campus tour

Collaboration with Mesa Municipal Court and the Maricopa  
County Regional Homeless Court



# Questions?

