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SUMMARY

Approximately 45 people attended the Public Safety Breakout session. Focus centered on topics previously identified in the Smart City Initiative Feasibility Study Final Report, dated July 2016. Topics included discussion on: Aggregated Video, Next Gen911, Opioids, PulsePoint, Building and Infrastructure incident response and a new area of concern, Traffic & Congestion Management. From a public safety perspective there were several NNFD, Chief level officers. A senior planning manager represented the Newport News Police Department. Various participants from public and private stakeholders offered solutions ideas.

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ACTION ITEMS

- Deploy technology to better leverage all of the video feeds the city has access to in order to provide first responders better, more complete information as they arrive on scene. Participants discussed how officers should be able to get any available, helpful video on their mobile devices, on demand.
- Explore the use of GIS tools and public engagement strategies to provide emergency responders with accurate floor plans of structures. Plans currently available to emergency responders can be significantly out of date. Participants suggested building digital floor plans during annual fire inspections, rather than relying on building permits.
- Improve public engagement by leveraging opportunities such as the PulsePoint app, which connects those who know CPR with those who urgently need it. The break-out group participants suggested the city consider an educational campaign.
- Data Analysis - Sharing of data analysis capabilities across city departments. The PD has a robust collection and analysis function for crime analysis and reduction, while the FD does not utilize data analysis for proactive programs in the city. Use link analysis to develop common goals for public safety and resource allocation.
- Develop a Traffic Safety Working Group to address ongoing traffic congestion mitigation strategies, incident pre-planning and technologies to address safe intersections and motorist safety.
- Review current and future training needs associated with the transition to NextGen 911.
- Explore the procurement and use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) in the city for public works, public safety, and other applications.