



Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods

May 21, 2015– 7:00 PM - **Agenda**

Chambers of the City Council, City Hall, Room 214

1. Written Motion, Councillor Martins, requesting that the City Council hold a meeting to examine response plans and procedures in the City of New Bedford regarding the Ebola virus, since there is no known vaccination for the Ebola virus, Healthcare Providers caring for Ebola patients and family in close contact with the infected patients pose the highest risk of contracting the virus, since the outbreak the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has provided training opportunities for healthcare providers; and further, that the residents of the City of New Bedford should be aware of the City's procedures and policies in place in handling the Ebola virus in order to reduce the risk to healthcare personnel including protective equipment, oversight, monitoring, enhanced training and response plans; and further, that this informational meeting be held in the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, along with the New Bedford Health Department, Public Safety Personnel, Representative from South Coast Hospitals Group and other interested parties wishing to attend. (Ref'd 10/23/14)

INVITEES: Health Department Director Dr. Brenda Weis; Police Chief David Provencher; Fire Chief Michael Gomes; EMS Director Mark McGraw; Emergency Management Director Mark M. Mahoney; EMS Director Mark McGraw; SouthCoast Health Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer Robert Caldas; President & CEO of SouthCoast Health System and SouthCoast Hospitals Group Keith A. Hovan

2. Written Motion, Councillors Gomes and Martins, requesting that the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods meet with any teachers and Security Resource Officers from New Bedford High School, or the three Middle Schools in the City for the purposes of discussing exactly what is going on in our schools, exactly how significant is the disruptive behavior and violence against student and teachers; and further, that the Committee also set up a meeting with the students for the purposes of getting their input on exactly what is their perspective on what is going on in our schools; and further that Lou St. John, President, New Bedford Educator's Association, also be invited to said meeting. (Ref'd 02/13/14, 04/22/15 - tabled)

INVITEES: Superintendent of Public Schools Dr. Pia Durkin; New Bedford Public Schools Business Manager Dr. Barry Rabinovitch; New Bedford High School Acting Headmaster Bernadette Coelho; New Bedford High School's 11-12th Grade Principal Mr. Sean Woodard-McNiff; New Bedford High School's 9-10th Grade Principal Mr. Michael Lazzareschi; Keith Middle School Principal Peter J. Sykes; Normandin Middle School Principal Stephen Farrell; Roosevelt Middle School Principal Margaret Mongiello; New Bedford Educators Association President Lou St. John; School Resource Officer Supervisor Sgt. Samuel Ortega; Area School Resource Officers; Teachers; Rep. of the Mayor Christina Connelly; Chief of Police David Provencher; Area Residents; Parents