



Approved by City Manager: 


CITY of CALABASAS

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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**DATE:** JANUARY 18, 2006

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

**FROM:** GARY J. LYSIK, RISK MANAGER  1/24/06.  
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**SUBJECT:** CALABASAS TELEVISION COVERAGE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY  
COMMISSION MEETINGS

**MEETING DATE:** FEBRUARY 1, 2006

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**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Public Safety Commission meetings be televised by the City of Calabasas's CTV (Cable Channel 3) in the Council Chambers. Meetings will be available for viewing via television, on-line web streaming, and on-demand video archiving.

**BACKGROUND:**

Although every other Commission televises its regularly scheduled meetings, historically the Public Safety Commission has not. The reason provided by the Commission was that certain information discussed was of sensitive nature and should not be shared with the general public.

In fact, the meetings are open to the general public and if citizens are present at the meeting, they would be privy to the "sensitive information" being presented. Commissioners should be aware when discussing information detailing specific names and addresses of individuals identified on reports such as the Crime Report prepared by the Sheriff's Department, they should refrain from discussing such information openly. All other information not classified as sensitive should be able to be disbursed to the general public through normal media sources.

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**DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:**

Televising the commission meetings would provide the following benefits:

1. Allows citizens who otherwise are unable to attend the meeting the opportunity to view it live on television or when the program re-runs at different times throughout the week.
2. Permits viewers with internet access the opportunity to view the meeting as it is occurring or the option to view prior meetings that have been previously archived.
3. Provides an accurate and detailed record of the meeting for reference and clarification.

Citizens of this community have voiced a desire to view the activity of the Public Safety Commission, and although the meetings are open to the general public, televising the meeting is a more convenient way to have community involvement and heighten safety awareness.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Public Safety Commission meetings be televised by City of Calabasas's CTV in the Council Chambers.