



To: Mayor Alan M. Webber

From: Katherine Christner, Public Safety Committee Liaison *KJC*

Date: January 15, 2025

Re: Request for approval of re-appointment of Public Safety Committee Member

The purpose of the Public Safety Committee: The Public Safety Committee shall be charged with reviewing programs, initiatives, projects, construction, signage and such other matters regarding the Santa Fe Police and Fire Departments operations as may require public examination prior to Governing Body approval. The Public Safety Committee shall also be charged with making recommendations to the Finance Committee, Governing Body and such other bodies as may be required to consider public safety issues.

Duties and Responsibilities (Article 3, Section 3) The Public Safety Committee shall be responsible for the ten items listed in resolution 1984-56. Article 3. Section 3 (A), including making recommendations to the Governing consistent with the purpose provided above.

Membership: (Article 7) The Public Safety Committee shall consist of nine members. The term of each member shall be four years. Members need not be residents of the City of Santa Fe. Membership of the committee shall consist of a chairperson who shall be a member of the governing body, a vice chair who shall be a citizen at-large, and seven other at-large members.

Officers: (Article 8) The Mayor shall appoint a member of the Governing Body as the chair and the vice chair shall be designated by the chair in accordance with Article 8.

As a longstanding former member of the Public Safety Committee Mr. Finger will bring tremendous experience and a unique perspective to the Public Safety Committee.

The Public Safety Committee would like to formally submit a recommendation for the reappointment of Bruce Finger to the Public Safety Committee.

BRUCE FINGER

Objective Continue to assist the city of Santa Fe's Public Safety Committee. Bring my experiences from the Union Pacific's Safety/Police Department.

Education Attended Harper Community College, Palatine Illinois, 1973-1975, graduated with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Criminal Justice.

Attended Western Illinois University, 1975-1977, graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Law Enforcement Administration, with a Security Administration Minor.

Employment Hired by the Chicago and North Western Railroad police department as a Security Officer in June 1977. Duties included monitoring the inbound and outbound traffic at a Chicago intermodal railyard.

Promoted to a Special Agents position in January 1979. Duties were to provide security and protection for C&NW RR employees, patrons, and lading. One of my assignments was to provide police service at the Ogilvie Transportation Center, where the railroad moved over one hundred thousand passengers a day. I was a commissioned police officer in the state of Illinois. I attended basic training at the Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois.

I was promoted to Lieutenant, in August of 1989, responsible for a shift of seven special agents.

I moved to a training position when the Union Pacific Railroad acquired the C&NW RR in April of 1995. I was responsible for the training of 23 agents in, firearms, defensive tactics, safe driving, and first aid.

In 2008 I was promoted to the Training Directors position and moved to Omaha NE. My duties included supervising/supporting the instructors in the field, who trained over 200 special agents. I was a part of the departments administrative staff and was directly involved in policy making for training.

I retired in July 2015 after 38 years of service and moved to Santa Fe NM.

Certifications I currently hold a Level One and Two certificate to teach Security Officers by the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department.

I am certified by A.S.P. as a Tactical Weapons Instructor and Sabre Red/Personal Safety Products as a O.C. Pepper Spray instructor.

Additionally in October 2019, I was awarded a 5th Degree Masters rank in the traditional Korean martial art, Tang Soo Do. Along with the physical test, I was required to write a twenty thousand word thesis, my topic was the effects of stress on the body, and what training can be done to help reduce its effects.

References on request.

Thank you,

