



# Elder Abuse Reporting

Police Department

Item 5

# Council Consideration Request

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## Background

- San Antonio Police Department Officers receive training as cadets on factors that constitute elder abuse.
- The Human Services Senior Services Division works with Texas Department of Family Protective Services, Adult Protective Services Division, to provide annual training to administrators, center managers, and supervisors. The Division also hosts an annual training to help staff recognize and report suspected financial exploitation of older adults.

## Request

- Develop a plan for City of San Antonio Departments, including but not limited to the San Antonio Police Department, San Antonio Fire Department, Human Services, Neighborhood and Housing Services, and Metro Health, which come into contact with senior citizens to establish a requirement for all elder abuse and neglect calls to be reported to the Texas Adult Protective Services Department (APS).
  - Explore requiring all City of San Antonio personnel who come into contact with elders (SAPD, SAFD, DHS, NHSD, Metro Health, etc.) receive training to identify all types of elder abuses as defined by Texas APS abuse categories.

## **Staff Recommendation**



### **Next Steps:**

Refer CCR to Public Safety Committee