

City of Southgate
Public Safety Commission
April 16th, 2025

A regular meeting of the Public Safety Commission was held in the City of Southgate Caucus Room, 14400 Dix-Toledo Highway, Southgate, Michigan on Wednesday, March 19th, 2025 and was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Commissioner Norm Loveday.

Present: Commission Vice Chairperson James Austin, Commissioner Robert Hines, Commissioner Robert Beaver, Commissioner Paul Knott, Commissioner Douglas Gildner, Commissioner Ed Sukel

Also Present: Fire Chief Justin Graves, Chief Mark Mydlarz, City Councilwoman Zoey Kuspa

Meeting Summary

- Communications
- Chief Mydlarz Update (Police Department)
- Chief Graves Update (Fire Department)

Communications

The March 19th, 2025 Public Safety Commission meeting minutes were approved by the Commission:

- Public Safety Commission Minutes March 19th, 2025, Motion by Commissioner Loveday, Supported by Commissioner Gildner, all in favor.

Chief Mydlarz Update (Police Department)

Chief Mydlarz reported the following information to the Commission (includes discussion):

- **Police Staffing Update:** Officer Garcia has completed the FTO training program and is now on a shift counting towards manpower. We have one candidate who received a conditional offer and is completing his medical/psychological. We have 3 others currently in backgrounds. Lt. Scott remains off on an FMLA leave.
- **Public Safety Academy:** The fall dates for the Public Safety Academy have been confirmed. The class will begin Thursday, September 18th. This class will be 9 weeks and run through November 13th. Applications are available on our police department webpage.
- **Training:** Officer Trombly completed basic sniper school last week. Next month we have several officers that will be attending a new FTO school which shifts the trainers focus more

toward teaching than grading. Outdoor range training for pistol and rifle training has been scheduled and will begin in September.

- **Library:** On March 21, 2025 ALICE training was conducted with the library staff.
- **ALICE:** The next round of lockdown drills are being scheduled with the Southgate school district and are anticipated to start in the next few weeks.

Discussion: Commissioner Sukel indicated the commission recently received notice concerning a couple officers receiving discipline and asked if the discipline was progressive in nature. Chief Mydlarz indicated the discipline was progressive in nature and discussion followed.

Chief Graves Update

Chief Graves reported the following information to the Commission (includes discussion):

- Run totals:

	Mar	2025:	2024:	2023:
○ Fire Incidents:	58	164	151	229
○ EMS Incidents:	348	1020	1116	1112
○ YTD responses:		1184	1267	1341
- Update on the gas explosion on Edison

The next scheduled Public Safety Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 21st, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in the City of Southgate Caucus Room.

Moved by Commissioner Loveday, supported by Commissioner Sukel, RESOLVED, that the meeting of the Public Safety Commission be adjourned at 4:56p.m. Carried unanimously.



Mark A. Mydlarz
Chief of Police

April 22, 2025