

City of Southgate
Public Safety Commission
Augustth, 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, August 20th, 2025 and was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Commission Chairperson Norm Loveday.

Present: Commission Chairperson Norm Loveday, Commission Vice Chairperson James Austin, Commissioner Robert Hines, Commissioner Robert Beaver, Commissioner Ed Sukel

Also Present: Fire Chief Justin Graves, Police Chief Mark Mydlarz

Excused: Commissioner Paul Knott, Commissioner Doug Gildner

Meeting Summary

- Communications
- Chief Mydlarz Update
- Chief Graves Update

Communications

The June 18th, 2025 Public Safety Commission meeting minutes were approved by the Commission:

- Public Safety Commission Minutes June 18th, 2025, Motion by Commissioner Sukel, Supported by Commission Vice Chairperson Austin, all in favor.

Chief Mydlarz Update

Chief Mydlarz reported the following information to the Commission.

Categories	July 2025	July 2024
Calls for Service	1072	1285
Reports	322	351
Accidents	50	60

- **Cadets:** Both Cadet Mexico and Chapman has now officially started the police academy. Mexico is doing very well academically and currently ranked 14 out of 48 with a test average of 92%. Cadet Chapman is showing leadership ability and through the first four weeks has been designated as the class Lieutenant. Academically he is ranked 34 out of 48 recruits.

- **Staffing:** Officer Sjoblom's last official day is today. She has accepted a job offer with another agency.
- **FMLA:** Lt. Scott is on FMLA leave from 8/13/25 thru 9/17/25
- **Accreditation:** We are preparing for our upcoming Mock and Final Assessments this fall for our re-accreditation. Sgt. Merony has temporarily been removed from his shift for about 1 month to focus solely on accreditation work. Our re-accreditation hearing should be in February/2026.
- **Southgate PD Backpack Giveaway:** We are hosted a School Supply Drive at the Southgate Kroger on August 17th, 2025. Our department sponsored giveaway, held at the police department, will be August 26th, 2025 at 3pm. We have nearly 400 backpacks that will be filled with school supplies. We have received donations from Walmart, Kroger, and Sam's Club. Sgt. Murphy, Officer Stein, and Officer Parrish have organized this event.
- **School ALICE Training:** We are working on the training schedule for ALICE training of all school staff members. That training will start at the end of August and run through September.
- **St Pius:** We will have a detail for the St. Pius festival starting Friday, August 29th. I will be putting a traffic control order in place to regulate one way traffic on both Pearl and Longtin

Chief Graves Update

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

- Run totals:

	July	2025:	2024:	2023:
○ Fire Incidents:	72	394	390	433
○ EMS Incidents:	352	2389	2471	2651
○ YTD responses:		2783	2861	3084
- No reported fireworks accidents.
- On Friday August 1st at 3:15 pm Engine 81 was dispatched for a car vs steamroller on Eureka
- On Wednesday the 13th, there was another natural gas leak in the home of 15140 Cook.

- On Wednesday the 13th, a semi-truck snagged some power lines on McCann near Pennsylvania and pulled down a few power lines.
- We passed our annual State inspection for our EMS with flying colors.
- Captain Ken Swihart turned in his letter of his intent to retire. His last day of work will be September 17th
- New hire Jacob Ellis started on Monday
- Possible new hire Michael Sullivan had his psych exam yesterday.

The next scheduled Public Safety Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17th, 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 4:44p.m. Carried unanimously.



Mark A. Mydlarz
Chief of Police

August 26th. 2025