

City of Southgate
Public Safety Commission
June 18th, 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, June 18th, 2025 and was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Commission Vice Chairperson James Austin.

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

Also Present: Director Joe Marsh, Fire Chief Justin Graves, Police Chief Mark Mydlarz

Excused: Commissioner Norm Loveday, Commissioner Ed Sukel

Meeting Summary

- Communications
- Director Marsh Update
- Chief Mydlarz Update
- Chief Graves Update

Communications

The May 21st, 2025 Public Safety Commission meeting minutes were approved by the Commission:

- Public Safety Commission Minutes May 21st, 2025, Motion by Commissioner Sukel, Supported by Commissioner Gildner, all in favor.

Director Marsh Update

Department Update:

- **Police Staffing Update:** Officer Gomez Llanos completed his probationary period on May 26, 2025. We will be sponsoring two candidates into the police academy in July. Continuing to work on one police background but he will not be ready for the July academy. Still 4 officers short.
- **Training:** Lt. Newsted completed an executive training course with the FBI. Officer Parrish is currently in an annual SRO training course. We have planned training scheduled for CQB – building clearing and force on force training and Emergency Vehicle Operations training scheduled.

- **Cruise Detail:** Lt. Klonowski and Sgt. Merony have completed our staffing requirements for the Cruise and the Operational Plan which has been approved. We will be receiving assistance from MSP, Wayne County, Wyandotte and Riverview PD's.
- **ALICE:** On June 10th, 2025, ALICE training was conducted with the staff at Christ the King. I am working with the principal to get live scenario training with the students and school staff for next school year.
- **Senior Safety Seminar:** Working with Diane at the Senior Center we are scheduling a Senior Safety Seminar specifically to discuss Fraud, scams targeting seniors, and ways to for them to protect themselves. This seminar will take place on Thursday, July 17th tentatively from 12-1pm. Additionally, I have been working to scheduled similar safety seminars at Maryhaven, Southgate Co-Op, and Deaconess Towers.
- **St. Pius Festival:** I was contacted by the parish requesting police presence for their annual festival. Sgt. Merony will be putting together an operations plan and staffing for the event. The festival dates are Friday, August 29th thru August 31st.
- **Police Equipment:** Today at City Council we will be asking for a renewal of our police body cameras contract.

Chief Mydlarz Update

Chief Mydlarz reported the following information to the Commission.

Categories	May 2025	May 2024
Calls for Service	1301	1475
Reports	364	384
Accidents	49	53

- 05/21/25 14180 Huron Taylor – Agency Assist
- 05/27/25 Dix-Toledo/Cornerstone – Injury Accident
- 06/03/25 Goddard/Old Goddard – OWI
- 06/17/25 564 Lincoln LP – Agency Assist

Chief Graves Update

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

- Run totals:

	May	2025:	2024:	2023:
○ Fire Incidents:	52	273	266	315
○ EMS Incidents:	339	1663	1811	1891
○ YTD responses:		1936	2077	2206
- On Sunday at 6:25 pm there was a motorcycle vs Toyota Rav4 on Fort St and Argyle. A motorcycle was going northbound on the southbound lanes and he had a possible broken femur and skull.
- On Monday at 7:34 pm there was a motorcycle vs Ford Escape on Dix and Oakdale. A motorcycle was traveling at a high rate of speed northbound on Dix and struck a car at Oakdale. Upon arrival there was no pulse, obvious head trauma.
- On Tuesday May 27th at 4:27pm there was another serious motorcycle accident. A motorcycle hit a tire that was in the roadway on the ramp from Pennsylvania to Northbound Dix. Upon arrival there was obvious facial damage and a likely broken arm.
- Edison Update: We went to a lab to observe the testing of the gas pipe and appliances. While we know the cause of the explosion was natural gas and the ignition source was the stove, we are unable to determine why the house was filling up with natural gas.

The next scheduled Public Safety Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 16th, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in the City of Southgate Caucus Room.

Moved by Commissioner Austin, supported by Commissioner Sukel, RESOLVED, that the meeting of the Public Safety Commission be adjourned at 4:55p.m. Carried unanimously.



Joseph Marsh
Director of Public Safety

June 19th, 2025