

City of Southgate
Public Safety Commission
March 19th, 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

Also Present: Public Safety Director Joseph Marsh, Fire Chief Justin Graves, Chief Mark Mydlarz

Excused: Commissioner Douglas Gildner, Commissioner Ed Sukel

Meeting Summary

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

Communications

The January 15th, 2024 Public Safety Commission meeting minutes were approved by the Commission:

- Public Safety Commission Minutes October 16th, 2024, Motion by Commissioner Loveday, Supported by Commissioner Beaver, all in favor.

Chief Mydlarz Update (Police Department)

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

- **Police Staffing Update:** Officer Hesburn has completed the FTO training program and is now on a shift counting towards manpower. Officer Garcia is progressing nicely through the program and will be done with training April 10th, 2025. Officer Wilcox has submitted his resignation letter which takes effect on March 24th, 2025. That will make us three officers short. We have one candidate in backgrounds and one interview scheduled for this Friday. Lt. Scott is currently off on an FMLA leave.
- **Public Safety Academy:** We completed our first Public Safety Academy class and are going to be running another class that will start on Thursday, September 18th. This class will be 9 weeks and run through November 13th. Applications are available on our police department webpage.

- **Training:** We will be completing range training tomorrow. Sgt. McCue has completed New Detective School and a Google Data Analytic for Investigators course. Records has completed a Criminal Law & Records Personnel training course.
- **Cruise Detail:** Lt. Klonowski and Sgt. Merony have been working setting up support from Wayne County Sheriff and the Michigan State Police. Both have been contacted and have marked their calendars for our event. They have committed personnel, however, at this time we are not sure how many each will be sending.
- **ALICE:** Sgt. Murphy and Director Marsh met with the Library Director to discuss ALICE training for the library staff. We have scheduled a training course for March 21st. They also met with the principal at St. Pius and will be attending an upcoming lockdown drill that they are running and are actively working on building an active shooter training plan for them.
- **Police Equipment:** We have two vehicles currently being outfitted by Winders. We picked up a third vehicle that will be replacing our K9 vehicle soon. Today at City Council meeting we will be requesting to purchase 26 police radios. These will replace a significant portion of our current radios. I am actively working with Axon on renewing our body camera agreement.

Discussion: Commissioner Austin asked if the Police Department is still using Cadets or has a Cadet program. The commission was advised that we do not currently have any Cadets employed but the Cadet program is still active with two budgeted positions. The Commission was advised that we have recently been bringing in candidates that we plan to sponsor into the police academy as Cadets to get them acclimated to police work before the police academy starts.

Chief Graves Update

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

- Run totals:

	Jan	2025:	2024:	2023:
○ Fire Incidents:	59	59	57	46
○ EMS Incidents:	336	336	399	356
○ YTD responses:		395	456	402
- Run totals:

	Feb	2025:	2024:	2023:
○ Fire Incidents:	47	106	100	169
○ EMS Incidents:	336	672	752	739
○ YTD responses:		778	852	908
- On Tuesday the 11th at 8:30pm Engine 81 responded to a possible basement fire at 13182 Chestnut.

- On Monday February 10th at 8:00 am there was a kitchen fire at 14194 Poplar. No injuries, family was home at the time.
- On Thursday February 27th, Engine 81 and Ladder 81 responded to the old Holiday Inn on Northline for a possible roof fire.
- On Wednesday the 12th Engine 81 responded to 630 5th street for a house fire.
- This morning Engine 82 responded to a business on fire in Lincoln Park on Southfield (old Flappers)

Non run related/house keeping

- Still waiting to hear if FEMA grants will be awarded
- Everyone is being recertified in Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS). This training is renewed every other year.
- The Ladder truck passed its annual inspection without anything major this year.
- Still have 5 openings for Firefighters/Paramedics and 2 potential candidates are in the background check currently

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

Moved by Commissioner Loveday, supported by Commissioner Austin, RESOLVED, that the meeting of the Public Safety Commission be adjourned at 4:52p.m. Carried unanimously.



Mark A. Mydlarz
Chief of Police

March 21, 2025