

City of Southgate
Public Safety Commission
May 21st, 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, May 21, 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,

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

Excused: Commissioner Norm Loveday, Commissioner Ed Sukel

Meeting Summary

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

Communications

The April 16th, 2025 Public Safety Commission meeting minutes were approved by the Commission:

- Public Safety Commission Minutes April 16th, 2025, Motion by Commissioner Austin, Supported by Commissioner Gildner, all in favor.

Chief Mydlarz Update (Police Department)

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

Categories	April 2025	April 2024
Calls for Service	1408	1594
Reports	344	440
Accidents	63	61

- **Training:** Sgt. Venner completed Shield Leadership training which is a six month leadership program geared toward new first line supervisors. Sgt. Shurkus and several patrol officers

attended Command Presence CTE/FTO training which is a new model FTO program that focuses on more of a teaching and training approach rather than evaluation and grading.

- 04/30/24 Mulberry/Kimberly – R/A
- 05/09/25 18854 Northline (Sunoco) – UDAA
- 05/10/25 17700 Rudgate – F/A
- 05/11/25 McCann/Plum – OUID

Chief Graves Update

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

- Run totals:

	Apr	2025:	2024:	2023:
○ Fire Incidents:	57	221	201	278
○ EMS Incidents:	304	1324	1470	1479
○ YTD responses:		1545	1671	1757
- Update on Edison explosion.
- On April 22, 2025 at 12:07am between 2 and 3 acres were on fire near Noecker Way.
- Pressure testing of the Bank Tower is ongoing, new fire pump for the sprinkler system have been installed.
- Multiple interviews over the last month, moving them onto the background portion

The next scheduled Public Safety Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 18th, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in the City of Southgate Caucus Room.

Moved by Commissioner Austin, supported by Commissioner Knott, RESOLVED, that the meeting of the Public Safety Commission be adjourned at 4:41p.m. Carried unanimously.



Mark A. Mydlarz
Chief of Police

May 28, 2025