

City of Southgate
Public Safety Commission
November 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, November 19th, 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

Meeting Summary

- Communications
- Chief Mydlarz Update
- Chief Graves Update

Communications

The October 15th, 2025 Public Safety Commission meeting minutes were approved by the Commission:

- Public Safety Commission Minutes October 15th, 2025, Motion by Commissioner Loveday, Supported by Commission Hines, all in favor.

Chief Mydlarz Report

- **Backgrounds/Staffing:** Officer's Mexico and Chapman have graduated from the police academy on November 13th, 2025. They are now in our field training program. We currently have 4 patrol vacancies. One officer still out on medical. Another officer out of Administrative Leave. There are two officers in the background process. One is a certified police officer and the other will need to be sponsored into the police academy. Officer Cameron Hesburn completed his probationary period on November 10th, 2025.
- **Training:** We have completed our Fall round of lockdown drills with the schools. Additionally, we have conducted our outdoor range qualifications and are currently in the process of conducting CQB training.
- **Accreditation:** Lt. Lukofsky and Sgt. Merony are in the process of finalizing us for our final accreditation assessment which will take place on December 18th, 2025.

- **Goodfellows:** The department's Community Relations Team have taken over the Goodfellow's program. Flyers have been sent to all homes/businesses within the City looking for donations for our holiday programs. This includes our Shop with a Hero program which provides toys, jackets, and gloves to families in need.
- **DEA Position:** We have two officers interested in the DEA position and I am awaiting the DEA supervisor to schedule interviews with the interested officers.
- **Grappler System:** I am still awaiting word from the Grappler System company on their availability to install the devices on our patrol cars.
- **Community Relations:** There are two different events scheduled for Shop with a Hero in December, one is at Meijer and the other at Walmart. We also have received a shipment of almost 400 toys and we will be handing them out during the holidays.

Chief Graves Update

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

- Run totals:

	Oct	2025:	2024:	2023:
○ Fire Incidents:	55	555	545	604
○ EMS Incidents:	377	3492	3564	3697
○ YTD responses:		4047	4109	4301
- American House fire
 - Miracle no deaths: Shout out to everyone on scene (police, fire, EMS) to everyone that helped out at the senior center.
 - Time of call to water on fire was 6 mins
 - 14 fire departments were there. Everyone from Detroit to Grosse Ile and Rockwood.
 - Fire was in the attic and we were playing catch up the whole time.
 - Saturday and Sunday we had some rekindles
 - Investigation: we know where it started, we don't know why it started.
- All three new hires are progressing

The next scheduled Public Safety Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 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 4:52p.m. Carried unanimously.



Mark A. Mydlarz
Chief of Police

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