

City of Southgate
Public Safety Commission
October 15th, 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, October 15th, 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, Commissioner Paul Knott

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

Excused:

Meeting Summary

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

Communications

The August 20th, 2025 Public Safety Commission meeting minutes were approved by the Commission:

- Public Safety Commission Minutes August 20th, 2025, Motion by Commissioner Austin, Supported by Commission Sukel, all in favor.

Director Marsh Report

- **Backgrounds/Staffing:** Several applicants in the background process. Applicant Nowak was given a conditional officer. He needs to still take his psychological and medical screening tests. Mexico and Chapman will be graduating the academy in November/2025. The goal is to bring all three on at one time for training purposes. Sgt. Mosczynski has resigned from the department. Currently we are 6 officers short.
- **Training:** On September 25th, 2025, MSP came in and conducted Livescan training with our detectives and dayshift officers. Outdoor Range training has been completed, Drone training was conducted on 09-29-25, Officers Stein, Parrish and Sembhi are doing Forensic Interviewing Training. Sgt. Tebedo has completed GST Instructor training. Emergency Vehicle Operation Training is still underway, our last two range sessions are next week, Lt. Szymoniak and Sgt. Shurkus are attending the Michigan Executives Development Seminar which is sponsored by the

FBI. Stein, Parrish, and Sembhi will all be attending a Forensic Interviewing Course designed to interview children.

- **School Lockdown Drills:** Yesterday, we started Lockdown drills – first drill was at Davidson. Drill went well, we had two Lincoln Park Officers (Sergeant and Officer) observing our drill. They want to participate in future drills. I have sent the drill schedule and plans to several other agencies. This drill we have integrated Central Dispatch and our patrol and fire are not staged rather are heading to the school from their locations once alerted by dispatch. Drill went very well today. Creative Montessori also contacted me yesterday morning letting me know they are running a Lockdown drill this afternoon at 2:15pm, but they did not want our involvement. Sgt. Murphy and I met with Creative Montessori in person on September 29th, 2025 to discuss our department involvement moving forward.
- **Accreditation:** I have Lt. Lukofsky and Sgt. Merony working on the accreditation to get us ready for some external reviews. Our mock assessment is set up for October 29th. The Final Assessment will be December 18th. I will provide more information about the final assessment as we get closer to the date.
- **Goodfellows:** Sgt. Murphy and I are still working with Bernadette on getting the bank account and other Goodfellow accounts signed over to our team.
- **DEA Position:** The DEA supervisor asked if we wanted to maintain our Task Force Officer position with them, I have verified that we do. I then put out an interest letter to the patrol officers and so far, have received two interest letters. Letters are being accepted until Friday, October 17th, 2025.
- **Grappler System:** We are requesting to purchase two Grappler Bumper systems for our patrol vehicles. These will help aid in a quick apprehension of fleeing vehicles.
- **Community Relations:** We had members working the First Responder Food Drive on Saturday, September 27th, 2025, from 11-4pm at Kroger. We partnered with Riverview PD.

Chief Mydlarz Update

Chief Mydlarz reported the following information to the Commission.

Categories	September 2025	September 2024
Calls for Service	1076	1238
Reports	290	307
Accidents	50	59

- 09/19/25 13335 Castle- Commitment
- 09/21/25 13200 Village Park Dr.- Rescue Assist
- 09/24/25 16705 Fort (Michigan First Credit Union)- Fraud
- 10/11/25 14900 Dix-Toledo (Walmart)- Embezzlement

Chief Graves Update

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

- Run totals:

	Sep	2025:	2024:	2023:
○ Fire Incidents:	46	500	491	550
○ EMS Incidents:	374	3115	3357	3352
○ YTD responses:		3615	3907	3810
- On Sunday the September 21st at 12828 Ward Rescue 81 helped deliver a baby.
- On Wednesday the 24th, Engine 81 responded to AJM Packing on Reeck Rd at 4:31 pm for an amputation.
- On Friday the 26th, Engine 81 responded to Crunch fitness on Eureka at 10:35 pm for an amputation.
- Yesterday we had an active shooter lockdown drill with PD at Davidson, they will be continuing all month.
- Captain Ken Swihart retired.
- New hire Jacob Ellis and Michael Sullivan are progressing nicely.
- New hire Dakota Coleman starts next Monday.

The next scheduled Public Safety Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19th, 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 4:43p.m. Carried unanimously.



Joe Marsh
Director of Public Safety

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