

City of Southgate
Public Safety Commission
April 15th, 2026

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, April 15th, 2026 and was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Commission Chairman Norm Loveday.

Present: Commission Chairman Norm Loveday, Commissioner Robert Hines,
Commissioner Robert Beaver, Commissioner Ed Sukel,

Also Present: Fire Chief Justin Graves, Police Chief Mark Mydlarz, Deputy Police Chief
Brent Newsted, Christan Robinson

Excused: Commissioner Paul Knott, Commissioner Greg Hass

Meeting Summary

- Communications
- Chief Mydlarz Update
- Chief Graves Update

Communications

The March 18th, 2026 Public Safety Commission meeting minutes were approved by the Commission:

- Public Safety Commission Minutes March 18th, 2026, Motion by Commissioner Loveday, Supported by Commission Beaver, all in favor.

Chief Mydlarz Report

- **Backgrounds/Staffing:** We are currently 3 short including Reed Wilkin who is in the police academy. We have 3 applicants who in which we are finishing up the background process. All 3 are in the medical/psychological phase of the hiring process. We will be looking to sponsor 2 into the July police academy. The other applicant is certifiable.
 - Police Academy: I received the week 12 update for Reed Wilkin. He is currently 9 of 55. Graduation is May 7th.
 - Officer Dube and Stein light duty update.
- **FTO:** Austin Mexico and Jacob Chapman have completed the FTO program and are now counting toward manpower. Colin Louzon has been doing very well in the FTO program so we have expedited his training and moved him into the shadow phase. He is expected to complete the shadow phase 4/19.

- **Lockdown Drills:** Lockdown Drills: The lockdown drills begin April 20th. All of the drills were submitted to MCOLES for CPE credit and approved. So far Wyandotte, LP, and Flat Rock intend to send officers to participate.
 - Ofc. Parson is beginning to shadow Ofc. Parrish in the schools for a few hours each week.
- **Training:** Officer Mexico and Chapman completed radar/laser training. We have several Officers scheduled for training at the in April and May including firearms instructor, tactical medical, and FTO training.

Deputy Chief Newsted Update

Categories	March 2026	March 2025
Calls for Service	1081	1235
Reports	325	368
Accidents	53	63

- 3/16/2026 16789 Barberry – Domestic Dispute (Shooting)
- 03/19/26 Brest / Howard – Recovered Stolen Vehicle (Axon LPR)
- 4/7/2026 Fort / Eureka – Agency Assist (Wyandotte PD) Flee & Elude
- 4/10/2026 13247 Dix-Toledo – Breaking & Entering

Chief Graves Update

- On Wednesday the 25th, Engine 81 responded to a vehicle accident at Fort and Eureka. *There was an F-150 heading westbound on Eureka, possibly at a high rate of speed, struck another F-150 heading southbound on Fort St. Driver of the F-150 on Fort Street denied transport to the hospital while the other driver had to be excruciated and likely had severe abdominal injuries.*
- Also on Wednesday the 25th Engine 81 responded to a vehicle fire at Phil's Auto parts. *One of the lower vehicles were on fire and in order to completely extinguish the fire the crews needed to wait until a worker arrived and was able to un-stack the vehicles.*
- On Friday the 27th Engine 81 and Engine 82 responded to a house fire at 13758 Backus at 5:17 am. *The homeowner's woke up to smoke in the house and initially evacuated and one of the homeowners attempted to go back into the house to get their dog out and suffered minor burns to her hands and face. After FM Niemann investigation the origin of the fire was in the basement and electrical in nature. Likely a fault of some sort that was outside of the outlet.*

- Bank Tower update. *Bank Tower is trying to get there life safety equipment up and running in order to get closer to being able to rent out some apartments. On Thursday last week we went to inspect the fire pump for the building and it was pumping the wrong way. We told them to call us back when everything gets fixed*
- Duty Injury updates. *Lt Kilander is back to full duty. Lt Lesko has been cleared for conditioning to return in a few weeks. Sgt Pawlaczyk informed me his is doing better and is hoping to return soon.*

The next scheduled Public Safety Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20th, 2026 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 5:03p.m. Carried unanimously.



Mark A. Mydlarz
Chief of Police

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