

City of Southgate
Public Safety Commission
January 21st, 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, January 21st, 2026 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, Commissioner Hass

Also Present: Fire Chief Justin Graves, Police Chief Mark Mydlarz

Excused:

Meeting Summary

- Communications
- Chief Mydlarz Update
- Chief Graves Update

Communications

The December 17th, 2025 Public Safety Commission meeting minutes were approved by the Commission:

- Public Safety Commission Minutes December 17th, 2025, Motion by Commissioner Austin, Supported by Commission Sukel, all in favor.

Chief Mydlarz Report

- **Backgrounds/Staffing:** Reed Wilkin began the Police Academy starting January 9th, 2026. Certified Police Officer Colin Louzon began his career with our department on 1/4/26.
 - Director Marsh has retired. The city has decided to revert back to a Chief / DC structure. We have an Assessment Center scheduled for February 10th, 2026. There are (2) Candidates Lt. Rob Lukofsky and Lt. Brent Newsted
 - Officer Stein is off on duty injury after suffering a concussion during an altercation with a combative prisoner. She is expected to return around the beginning of February.

- **Accreditation:** Our re-accreditation assessment was held on December 18th 2025. I have received our final report and we have been recommended for re-accreditation. We will go before the board in February for final approval at the MACP conference.
- **DEA Position:** We have two officers interested in the DEA position. The interviews for that position will take place tomorrow
- **SRO Position:** We conducted interviews for the SRO position for next school year. Chris Parsons has been selected and I have registered him for TEAM SRO training in Lansing hosted by MSP.
- **Community Relations:** Officer Stein and D/Sgt. Murphy are working with McKenna Tanguay a special education teacher at Southgate Anderson and coach for Unified Sports program to host a basketball game between Southgate's Unified Team and first responders with proceeds benefiting the Southgate Unified program. The game is scheduled for February 7th at 11:00 am at the high school.

Chief Graves Update

- Run totals:

	Dec	2025:	2024:	2023:
○ Fire Incidents:	62	664	645	736
○ EMS Incidents:	415	4248	4283	4423
○ YTD responses:		4912	4928	5159
- Motel 6 fire update
 - Looking like it was electrical
 - Brenden Pawlaczyk
 - What is next
- On Wednesday January 7th Engine 82 responded to 557 Ford Blvd at 5pm for a mutual aid house fire in LP. *Fire was contained to one room and no injuries were reported*
- On Friday January 9th Engine 82 and Rescue 81 responded to 15466 Poplar for a garage on fire at 12:48pm. *Due to the wind, a power line dropped onto the garage setting it on fire.*

The next scheduled Public Safety Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18th, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. in the City of Southgate Caucus Room.

Moved by Commissioner Austin, supported by Commissioner Sukel, RESOLVED, that the meeting of the Public Safety Commission be adjourned at 4:56p.m. Carried unanimously.



Mark A. Mydlarz
Chief of Police

January 23rd, 2026