

City of Southgate
Public Safety Commission
March 18th, 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, March 18th, 2026 and was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Commission Vice Chairman Jim Austin.

Present: Commission Vice Chairman Jim 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, Deputy Police Chief Brent Newsted

Excused: Commission Chairman Norm Loveday,

Meeting Summary

- Communications
- Chief Mydlarz Update
- Chief Graves Update

Communications

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

- Public Safety Commission Minutes February 18th, 2026, Motion by Commissioner Sukel, Supported by Commission Hines, all in favor.

Chief Mydlarz Report

- **Backgrounds/Staffing:** We are currently 3 short including Reed Wilkin who is in the police academy. We have conducted several interviews over the last few weeks. We currently have 1 certifiable candidate in the background process and 2 candidates that we are interested in potentially sponsoring.
 - Jonathon McCue was officially promoted to the rank of Lieutenant March 15th, and Jason Jones was promoted to the rank of Sergeant March 15th. Sergeant Keith Shurkus accepted a lateral transfer to the DB.
 - Officer Dube has returned to work on light duty and Officer Stein remains on light duty with a follow up appointment in early April.

- **FTO:** Austin Mexico and Jacob Chapman are in the shadow phase of the FTO program which is scheduled to be completed at the end of next week. Colin Louzon is in the second phase.
- **Awards:** Tonight we are recognizing several officers and firefighters from the American house fire on October 24th, 2025.
- **Training:** We have completed our annual MCOLES firearms qualification, Chris Parsons completed the TEAM SRO training, Nick Merony and Keith Shurkus completed Basic Detective training. Austin Mexico and Jacob Chapman will be attending radar/laser training at the end of March.

Chief Graves Update

- Run totals:

	Feb	2026:	2025:	2024:
○ Fire Incidents:	42	83	106	100
○ EMS Incidents:	319	677	672	752
○ YTD responses:		760	778	852
- Annual ACLS and CPR training is ongoing for all FD employees.
- Had 1 interview last week
- The windy day on Friday the 13th had 13 down power lines

The next scheduled Public Safety Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15th, 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 4:44p.m. Carried unanimously.



Mark A. Mydlarz
Chief of Police

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