

City of Southgate
Public Safety Commission
May 20th, 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, May 20th, 2026 and was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Commission Robert Hines.

Present: Commissioner Robert Hines, Commissioner Robert Beaver,
Commissioner Ed Sukel, Commissioner Hass, Commissioner Robinson

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

Excused: Commissioner Paul Knott, Commissioner Norm Loveday

Meeting Summary

- Communications
- Chief Mydlarz Update
- Chief Graves Update

Communications

The April 15th, 2026 Public Safety Commission meeting minutes were approved by the Commission:

- Public Safety Commission Minutes April 15th, 2026, Motion by Commissioner Hines, Supported by Commission Sukel, all in favor.

Chief Mydlarz Report

- **Backgrounds/Staffing:** Reed Wilkin graduated from the Police Academy last Thursday May 7th which leaves us 3 short. Wilkin is currently completing some in house training and will officially begin FTO next week. We also have 2 cadets who started this pay period. They will be attending the fall Police academy which begins July 10th.
 - Ofc. Dube and Stein remain on light duty and have follow appointments later this month.
- **FTO:** Colin Louzon completed the FTO program and is now counting toward manpower.
- **Lockdown Drills/Schools:** The lockdown drills at all of the schools were completed in the first week of May. Overall they went well but we did uncover a few area of improvement related to communication, the tablets, boot boxes, and dirty boot holes. Ofc. Parsons has shadowed Ofc. Parrish for several mornings/afternoons to get familiar with her routine.

- **Training:** Training: Ryan Lynch and Brad Brandt are attending Command Presence CTE training this week. Lt. Szymoniak is conducting DRONE training this week. Jake Kresslein completed basic narcotics training through MSP. D/Sgt. Shurkus and D/Sgt. Merony completed drafting technology warrants training. D/Sgt. Merony and A. Zielinski were selected by the SWAT commanders to attend a rappelling training at the end of July.

Deputy Chief Newsted Update

Categories	April 2026	April 2025
Calls for Service	1267	1412
Reports	334	360
Accidents	60	64

- 4/15/2026 12316 Brothers Fine Jewelry – Breaking & Entering
- 05/1/2026 16500 Quarry – Agency Assist Wyandotte Pursuit
- 4/20 & 5/17 2026: K9 deployments
- 5/18/2026: Mental Health Petition / Use of Force

Chief Graves Update

- Run totals:

	April	2026:	2025:	2024:
○ Fire Incidents:	62	213	221	201
○ EMS Incidents:	380	1442	1324	1470
○ YTD responses:		1655	1545	1671
- May 12th at 11:40 am E-81 and E82 responded to a possible house fire at 13132 Spruce. *Family was home with a small child, noticed smoke in the house and evacuated and called 911. Arriving PD officers used there extinguishers to knock the fire down and upon our arrival, we used a water cant to completely extinguish the fire. Fire was contained to the bathroom and was started by a fan in the ceiling.*
- Bank Tower. *We were scheduled to do a full alarm inspection on the bank tower a couple of weeks ago, they cancelled on us for some reason. They are looking to get their safety systems fully functional and tested in order to open an office and a show room*

- Training. *Drivers training for all employees have begun. It is taking place on superior next to the baseball diamonds. It does require us to shut down the road for a short while, even though some residents still want to drive within our training*
- All employees are back from duty injury
- We had a few interviews over the last couple of weeks, so far we sent the background check packet to one of them.

The next scheduled Public Safety Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17th, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. in the City of Southgate Caucus Room.

Moved by Commissioner Hines, supported by Commissioner Sukel, RESOLVED, that the meeting of the Public Safety Commission be adjourned at 5:04p.m. Carried unanimously.



Mark A. Mydlarz
Chief of Police

May 26th, 2026