City of Southgate
Public Safety Commission
July 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, July 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 Hass, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Paul Knott, Commissioner Ed Sukel, Commissioner Robert Beaver

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

Excused:

Meeting Summary

- Communications
- Chief Mydlarz Update
- Chief Graves Update

Communications

The June 17th, 2026 Public Safety Commission meeting minutes were approved by the Commission:

- Public Safety Commission Minutes June 17th, 2026, Motion by Commissioner Sukel, Supported by Commission Knott, all in favor.

Chief Mydlarz Report

- **Backgrounds/Staffing:** Staffing: We still have 2 officers on light duty and 1 on Administrative leave, and 1 who will be off on FMLA.
    - **Interviews**: We have 2 interviews scheduled for this Thursday. We also have a former employee still interested in returning.
    - **Cadets**: Our cadets started the Police Academy last Friday July 10th.
- **FTO:** Reed Wilkin has completed has completed the first phase of the FTO program and is progressing appropriately.
- **Critical Incident Debrief:** The Downriver Critical Incident Response Team conducted a debrief with officers on 6/30.

- **Radio Grant**: I was informed last week that we were approved for $222,000 grant for radio replacement. The DCC will cover the one-time $250 State of MI fee.
- **Event Updates:** There were no major incidents at the fireworks event held on July 3rd.

Deputy Chief Newsted Update

Categories	June 2026	June 2025
Calls for Service	1119	1124
Reports	343	292
Accidents	69	55

- 6/26 & 6/27 2026: Fort St Cruise
- 6/27/2026: Pennsylvania & Helen – Car / Pedestrian Fatal Accident
- 6/27/2026: 16300 Fort (Meijer): Critical Incident / Officer Involved Shooting
- 7/14/2026: 13186 Irene – Domestic Violence / Home Invasion

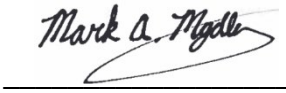
Chief Graves Update

	June	2026:	2025:	2024:
• Run totals:				
○ Fire Incidents:	54	321	322	331
○ EMS Incidents:	412	2230	2037	2155
○ YTD responses:		2551	2359	2486

- Basement fire.
- Cruise.
- Pennsylvania accident
- July 3rd storm.

The next scheduled Public Safety Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 19th, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. in the City of Southgate Caucus Room.

Moved by Commissioner Loveday, supported by Commissioner Hines, RESOLVED, that the meeting of the Public Safety Commission be adjourned at 5:07p.m. Carried unanimously.



Mark A. Mydlarz
Chief of Police

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