City of Southgate
Public Safety Commission
November 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, November 18th, 2026 and was called to order at 4:40 p.m. by Commissioner Robert Hines.

Present:	Commissioner Robert Hines, Commissioner Hass, Commissioner Paul Knott, Commissioner Robert Beaver
Also Present:	Police Chief Mark Mydlarz, Deputy Chief Brent Newsted, Fire Chief Justin Graves, City Council President Zoey Kuspa
Excused:	Commission Chairman Norm Loveday, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Ed Sukel

Meeting Summary

- Communications
- Chief Mydlarz Update
- Deputy Chief Newsted Update
- Chief Graves Update

Communications

The October 21st, 2026 Public Safety Commission meeting minutes were approved by the Commission:

- Public Safety Commission Minutes October 21st, 2026, Motion by Commissioner Hines, Supported by Commission Knott, all in favor.

Chief Mydlarz Report

- **Backgrounds/Staffing:** We have 1 officer that remains on light duty, all others have returned to full duty. We are currently fully staffed.

    - Eric Garfat is doing well so far in the FTO program.
    - Our 2 Cadets graduated the police academy 11/5 and are in the onboarding phase.
    - Jacob Chapman successfully completed his one year probationary period.
    - We have 1 currently in backgrounds.

- **Community Relations:** We will be receiving 25 Turkeys from Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries which will be distributed to families identified through the school district.
    - Our Community Relations team and Southgate Goodfellows will have their "No Child without a Christmas" on 12/8. Our Shop with a Hero event is scheduled for 12/16 at Meijer.
    - The 3rd Annual Southgate Citizens Public Safety Academy schedule is set and registration is open. The class will begin January 28th 2027 – March 18th, 2027.
- **Training:** We completed department wide Taser/Pepper spray training last week. Next week we will begin department wide CPR/BLS recertification.
- **Schools:** We are finishing this round of lockdown drills. We have one drill remaining tomorrow. We have had Officers from Wyandotte, Lincoln Park, and Romulus participate. We have also had Administrators from CMA and Christ the King observe the drills.
- **Accreditation:** We recently completed full audit of our property room. D/Sgt. Merony and Shurkus are beginning to work on our proofs for the current year.

Deputy Chief Newsted Update

Categories	October 2026	October 2025
Calls for Service	1299	1154
Reports	323	312
Accidents	59	65

- 10/20/2026: 14249 Mulberry – Fraudulent Activities
- 10/31/2026: 17201 Northline – Breaking and Entering
- 11/2/2026: 15380 Devoe – Threats Complaint
- 11/8/2026: 12744 Pearl – Weapons Offense

Fire Chief Graves Update

	Oct	2026:	2025:	2024:
• Run totals:				
○ Fire Incidents:	48	559	555	545
○ EMS Incidents:	354	3739	3492	3564
○ YTD responses:		4298	4047	410

- 12667 Pearl.
- Blanzy Clinic.
- Grant.
- Engine 82 accident.

The next scheduled Public Safety Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 16th, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. in the City of Southgate Caucus Room.

Moved by Commissioner Hines, supported by Commissioner Hass, RESOLVED, that the meeting of the Public Safety Commission be adjourned at 5:03p.m. Carried unanimously.

Mark A. Mydlarz
Chief of Police

November 19th, 2026