City of Southgate
Public Safety Commission
October 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, October 21st, 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: Police Chief Mark Mydlarz, Deputy Chief Brent Newsted, Fire Chief Justin Graves

Excused:

Meeting Summary

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

Communications

The September 16th, 2026 Public Safety Commission meeting minutes were approved by the Commission:

- Public Safety Commission Minutes September 16th, 2026, Motion by Commissioner Sukel, 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.
    - Eric Garfat started October 11th, 2026. He is currently in the Onboarding phase of FTO.
    - Our 2 Cadets in the Police Academy are scheduled to graduate November 5th.
    - We have 1 currently in backgrounds.

- **Community Relations:** On 9/26/26 Officers along with Riverview PD participated in a pack the patrol car event at Kroger. They collected 1520 lbs. of food donations during the event. We are participating in several trunk or treats. We are also working on our Shop with a Hero event and Goodfellows No Child Without a Christmas.

- **Lt. Testing:** All 6 eligible Sgt.'s have indicated they will take the Lt. exam. The written in is scheduled for 1/13/27 and oral interview is 1/26/27.

- **Training:** Sgt. Venner attended the annual CNT Conference. Our SWAT operators completed their annual training as did Sgt. Wasiukanis and K9 Recon. Brent and Lt. Lukofsky attended basic and advanced FOIA last week. We have also finalized the schedule for required in-house training for the remainder of this year. We have CPR, Taser/Pepper spray, CQB, and GST scheduled between now and mid-December.

- **Schools:** We meet with Sharon last week to discuss the next round of lockdown drills. They will begin 11/5 and conclude 11/19.

- **Accreditation:** Our accreditation managers are beginning to catch up on proofs for the current calendar year. D/Sgt. Lipsey is finishing up a full audit of the property room and hopes to be completed by next week.

Deputy Chief Newsted Update

Categories	September 2026	September 2025
Calls for Service	1286	1085
Reports	322	300
Accidents	63	50

- 8/27/2026: 15225 Dix-Toledo – Armed Robbery
- 9/20/2026: 12715 Agnes – Missing Person
- 9/28/2026: 15800 Trenton – Davidson Middle School
- 10/12/2026: 12045 Dix-Toledo – Assault & Battery / CCW

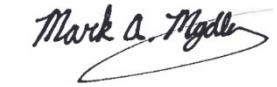
Fire Chief Graves Update

	Sept	2026:	2025:	2024:
• Run totals:				
○ Fire Incidents:	50	511	500	491
○ EMS Incidents:	382	3385	3115	3357
○ YTD responses:		3896	3615	3907

- Lawn mower accident.
- BASF training.
- Grant. *Still waiting to hear back from the grants*
- Interviews. *1in background*
- New Chief and FM. *There was a signup sheet for interest in these positions, of the eligible employees, 1 person signed up for each position*

The next scheduled Public Safety Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18th, 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 5:27p.m. Carried unanimously.



Mark A. Mydlarz
Chief of Police

October 22nd, 2026