**City of Southgate**
**Public Safety Commission**
**September 16th, 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, September 16th, 2026 and was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Commission Chairman Norm Loveday.

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| Present: | Commissioner Robert Hines, Commissioner Hass, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Paul Knott, Commissioner Ed Sukel, Commissioner Robert Beaver |
| Also Present: | Police Chief Mark Mydlarz, Fire Chief Justin Graves |
| Excused: | Commission Chairman Norm Loveday |

## Meeting Summary

- Communications
- Chief Mydlarz Update
- Deputy Chief Newsted Update

## Communications

The August 19th, 2026 Public Safety Commission meeting minutes were approved by the Commission:

- Public Safety Commission Minutes August 19th, 2026, Motion by Commissioner Sukel, Supported by Commission Knott, all in favor.

## Chief Mydlarz Report

- **Backgrounds/Staffing:** Staffing: We still have 1 officers on light duty and 1 on Administrative leave, and 1 off on FMLA.
    - Matt Dube is returning to full duty tonight.
    - Reed Wilkin successfully completed the FTO program on Monday 9/14.
    - We have 2 currently in backgrounds. Eric Garfat has completed his medical and psychological and is currently in the RPTE program.
- **LEIN Audit:** LEIN Audit: We had our LEIN audit at the end of August. Trina had us well prepared. The audit occurs every (3) years.

- **Community Relations:** We will be participating in a Pack the Pantry event hosted by Shelters PTO on 9/18. Kroger and 99.5 reached out regarding their annual pack a patrol car. This year the event will be 9/26 from 11-3PM.

- **St. Pius Festival:** There were no major issues at the St. Pius festival. D/Sgt. Shurkus has completed a debrief as well.

- **Training:** Training: Brent is in New Chief's School this week. Records and Trina are attending the LERMA conference at the end of next week. Ryan Venner, Jake Kresslein, and Mike Waeghe attended a quarterly drone training at the CREST center last week hosted by the DEA. Jake Chapman and Mike Tebedo attended GST instructor training last week. Keith Shurkus and Zach Zielinski attended Taser instructor training.

- **Schools:** ALICE refresher training for the school staff during their designated in-service training days is ongoing through 9/28. D/Sgt. Murphy also sat in on a Downriver Safety Task Force meeting where MSP presented on the state wide lock down terminology.

    - Homecoming Parade is next Friday.

**Fire Chief Graves Update**

| | Aug | 2026: | 2025: | 2024: |
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| Run totals: | | | | |
| Fire Incidents: | 62 | 461 | 454 | 443 |
| EMS Incidents: | 334 | 3003 | 2741 | 2868 |
| YTD responses: | | 3464 | 3195 | 3311 |

- **14573 Irene**. *At 944 am on the 4th, Engine 81 & Engine 82 responded to a possible house fire. Upon arrival flames were coming through the roof. Apparently the house was struck by lighting and started a fire in the attic. Home owner was home at the time, heard the boom and had no idea the house was on fire until neighbors knocked on the door. The house lost power the day before. Lincoln Park and Wyandotte assisted and nobody was injured.*

- **11620 Fordline**. *On Sunday August 23rd at 6:50 Engine 81 responded to a fallen power line. Upon arrival a secondary power line broke off and was laying on 2 vehicles. The home owner heard the wires arching and was attempting to go outside and move his vehicles before the wire fell and was unsuccessful. DTE was notified, and the wire on one of the trucks, which had a trailer attached to it, started to arc and caught the vehicle on fire. Since there was a live wire on the truck the only thing the crew could do was to protect the house. After a few minutes the vehicle started rolling down the driveway and into the street and stopped on the opposite side of the street when it hit the curb while still on fire. The vehicle fire was then extinguished since it rolled away from the wire. If DTE arrived 6 minutes earlier the vehicles would have been saved*

- **Grant**. *Applied for an equipment grant with the state of Michigan. I requested 50 thousand dollars for the purchase of battery powered Jaws and cutters*

- **Interviews.** *3 interviews set up this week. 2 are in school 1 is fully qualified*

- **Station EMS license**.

The next scheduled Public Safety Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21st, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. in the City of Southgate Caucus Room.

***Moved by Commissioner Hines, supported by Commissioner Knott, RESOLVED, that the meeting of the Public Safety Commission be adjourned at 4:59p.m. Carried unanimously.***

Mark A. Mydlarz
Chief of Police

September 18th, 2026