



**Minutes of the
Public Safety Advisory Board
July 15, 2024**

**3:00 p.m. – Police Department
Administration Conference Room
10 NE Tudor Road, Lee's Summit, Missouri**

3:00 p.m. Chairman Pryde called the Public Safety Advisory Board to order.

ROLL CALL:

Council Liaison John Lovell	Present	<u>Staff Present:</u>	<u>Guests:</u>
Chairman Jim Pryde	Absent	Fire Chief Mike Snider	Present
Vice Chair Randy Johnson	Present	Asst. Fire Chief Jim Eden	Present
Board Member Kenneth Davis	Present	Chief Travis Forbes	Present
Board Member Bruce Trammell	Present	Major Josh Patterson	Present
Board Member Bill Morrow	Present	City Traffic Engineer	
Board Member Vanessa Hickman	Present	Susan Barry	Present
Board Member Mark Leetch	Absent	Chief Counsel of Public Safety – Civil law	
Board Member Jennifer Nussbeck	Present	Beth Murano	Absent
Board Member Dennis Savidge	Present		

1. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda

Vice Chair Johnson moved to adopt the agenda as printed and distributed; motion seconded and approved unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes (June Meeting)

Vice Chair Johnson moved to approve the June minutes as printed and distributed; motion seconded and approved unanimously.

3. Public Comments

- Reference was made of the recent Kansas City Police Department 911 performance statistics and requested similar data from the Lee's Summit system.
- It was noted that the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) manages regional 911 services and that Lee's Summit statistics often compare favorably, though some data was missing this month due to a MARC system issue.

4. Board Comments

- Brief discussion on a minor cash account correction; noted for follow-up.
- Chair acknowledged responsibility for related oversight.

5. Committee Reports

- Animal Control: No report.
- Ordinance Review: No report.
- Traffic Safety: No report.

6. Old Business

No items discussed.

7. Department Reports

Fire Department – Chief’s Update

- **Staffing:**
 - All communication center vacancies filled as of June 23; one no-show left one vacancy.
 - Training takes 6–9 weeks; max 3–4 trainees at a time.
 - Operations division fully staffed for past 30–60 days.
 - Annual eligibility list posting underway; last year’s list not exhausted for the first time.
- **Accreditation:**
 - Self-Assessment Manual in progress for 2027 reaccreditation.
 - Annual program appraisals underway.
- **Facilities & Projects:**
 - Station 1 rehabilitation deemed infeasible; alternative sites under review with council discussion expected Aug–Sept (closed session).
 - Joint Operations Center exterior nearly complete; anticipated completion mid-June 2026 (ahead of World Cup).
 - Station 8: Land purchased near airport; design budgeted but staffing not yet funded.
 - Fire Station Alerting System: Installation completed at Stations 2 and 6; Station 7 next. System will automate dispatch with consistent AI voice and allow bunk-room specific alerts.
- **Equipment:**
 - New fire boat participated in Lakewood July 4th parade; first deployment at Prairie Lea for a water rescue.
- **Public Engagement:**
 - PulsePoint app promoted for community use.

Fireworks Season – Fire Marshal’s Report

- 16 tents operated (down from 17); 129 inspections were conducted.
- Illegal fireworks (Roman candles, illuminated parachutes) were found in 3 tents; removed before sales.
- 20 operational violations found; operators educated on safe practices.
- Strong communication between tents and inspectors maintained via group messaging.
- Incidents: 11 total – 3 dumpster fires, 3 debris fires, 3 structure fires (mostly from improper disposal of spent fireworks), and 2 natural cover fires.
- No medical calls for fireworks injuries; St. Luke’s East treated 2 ER cases.

Monthly Statistics – June 2025

- Total calls: 1,107 (slight increase from previous month).
- Structure fires: Majority were working fires.
- Carbon monoxide alarm calls increased (reminder: detectors typically have ~7-year lifespan).
- Traffic accidents: 43 (down from 65).
- EMS calls: Up from 756 the previous month.
- Year-to-date calls: 6,283 (less than 1% below last year).
- Busiest stations: 1, 3, and 2.
- Busiest pumpers: 1, 2, and 3.
- Busiest med units: 1, 3, and 2.

Fire Department Update

- Encouraged public to contact the department regarding carbon monoxide concerns, emphasizing it is odorless and dangerous.
- One pre-hire employee failed to attend on Day 1 of training despite full engagement in pre-employment process; no contact could be established.
- Apparatus updates:
 - Nine pumpers ordered in 2022 – final inspections scheduled in Appleton during August.
 - Two medical units delivered last week; UTB ambulance expected August 2025 (possible delay into fall).
 - Noted significant price increases: \$810K each in 2022 vs. \$1.1–1.2M now.
- Station #4 open house & 150th anniversary: August [Insert Date], 9:00 a.m.–Noon (includes job fair).
- Pumper life expectancy: ~10 years; new purchases allow better rotation and fleet management.
- District system replaced ~6–7 years ago by “Fastest Routable” dispatch model.
- Monitoring impact of Prior Road closure on Station #7 response times.

Police Department Update

- Crash statistics slightly up due to traffic rerouting; targeted enforcement ongoing.
- Staffing:
 - Vacancies reduced from 14–15 to 13.
 - Record number of sworn officers currently serving.
 - Promotional ceremony scheduled for July 18th at 2 p.m..

- Police academy graduation: August 14, Kansas City Police Academy.
- CALEA Accreditation: Chief to appear before CALEA Board in August; award expected upon approval.
- South Substation ribbon-cutting planned for August 21 at 4:30 p.m.
- July 4th fireworks calls: 90 in 2025 (down from 106 in 2024 and 142 in 2020).
- Public Safety Attraction and Retention Bill signed; implementation pending rules/regulations.
- Real-Time Crime Center planned with new funding.
- New Communications Center will include mock dispatch training and serve as regional backup.

Public Works Update

- Chipman Road completion expected at the end of July.
- Colburn Road completion is targeted for September.
- Third Street project in progress; traffic shift scheduled; completion expected by November 14.
- Prior Road Phase 1 in progress; detour via Ward Road.
- Completion of Samson Road is expected for October.
- Library entrance improvements were finalized; includes new access points and turn lane additions.
- World Cup 2026 planning: multiple committees meeting; details remain fluid.

4. Other Discussions

- Upcoming community events:
 - **Tip-A-Cop** fundraiser: Texas Roadhouse, July 15, 4–8 p.m., benefiting Special Olympics.
 - **Pro Deo Birthday Celebration**: August 14.
 - **Green Street Grand Opening**: August 15–17.
- General updates from city and community representatives regarding infrastructure, events, and public safety readiness.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.