



**Minutes of the
Public Safety Advisory Board
October 31, 2023
3:00 p.m. – Police Department
Administration Conference Room
10 NE Tudor Road, Lee's Summit, Missouri**

3:10 p.m. Chairman Pryde called the Public Safety Advisory Board to order.

ROLL CALL:

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

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Coy thanked the Fire Department for handling a gas line break due to construction. He also advised the Fire Department that he submitted a question through the department's website and never received a response. He stated he submitted again, approximate 1 week ago and Assistant Chief Eden called him and told Mr. Coy that sometimes the g-mail account gets "stuck". Mr. Coy suggests the system do some sort of notification if emails are rejected.

Taylor and Mike McCoy with Jim's Tow introduced themselves if anyone had questions regarding towing services.

2. BOARD COMMENTS:

No Board comments.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to Approve Jennifer Nussbeck, Bill Morrow, seconded.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to Approve Bruce Trammell, seconded by Bill Morrow.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Animal Control – Bill Morrow

No issues to report.

B. Miscellaneous Issues –

No issues to report.

C. Ordinance Review - Jim Pryde

No issues to report.

D. Tow Committee – Ken Davis

No issues to report.

E. Traffic Safety – Jennifer Nussbeck

No issues to report.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Tow Update

- Process closed for Bids on 10/20/2023
- 5 companies submitted responsive bids: Jim's Tow, Elite Tow, Ron's/Jackson County Tow, Santa Fe Tow, Independence Tow
- No bids were considered unresponsive
Original plan and reason for moving this month's meeting to today was to have bids scored and a recommendation ready for consideration at this meeting.
- Some COVID at City Hall caused delays and upon meeting to score the documents last week, it was decided to slow down so nothing was missed.
- Currently on the agenda for December's Finance and Budget Committee.
- Will be ready for the PSAB meeting on 11/21/2023

Tow Committee-Meet before-hand?

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. Fire Department –Assistant Fire Chief Brian Austerman

Question posed to Asst. Fire Chief Austerman if the City of Lee's Summit sends the expense of broken gas lines, due to construction, back to the contractor. Assistant Chief advised he did not believe the city provides a bill. However, now pipes are installed where any pressure change in the pipe and it will stop any leaks.

B. Police Department – Major Cary Colyne

- Gearing up for the winter months
- Hiring:
 - Officer: 12 total vacancies-two recent retirements
 - Communication/Call Taker: 14 combined vacancies, 4 expansion slots
 - Detention: 3
 - ACO and AC Civilian: 2 plus 1
 - Currently a total of 7 officers in the Academy (three graduate this Thursday) and two in field training.
 - All of the processes regarding the above vacancies are open and active, hiring staff is working hard to get caught up.
- SNAP continues, currently finishing out the month in Raintree, where we have had a really nice response to our efforts; pivoting a little this month and will shift our focus to the retail side and the increased incidents of shoplifting that goes along with it.
- Boo's Barks and Badges was this weekend, had a very good turnout despite the weather. We will close out special event season with the VFW Parade, the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting, Trip the Lights 5K and the Candy Cane 5K. Little break then start all over in March; Shop with a Cop is coming up on 12/11/2023, always a well-received event and is fun for the officers and the kids.
- Citizen's Police Academy is ongoing with a final meeting/graduation date of 11/07; educational program that is ran by our CIO's to expose and educate citizens on police processes.
- Crash Reduction Project: work continues on 291 between NE Colbern and the East Junction, it varies based on the weather, but at last count we show a 9.5% decrease from 2022 numbers using the same area; concludes at the end of November, Special Operations is currently looking at our next focus area and it may be a combined Speed/Crash Reduction project on SW Ward Road and SW 150 Highway.
- Public Safety Initiatives:
 - South Substation: architect selected and negotiations continue
 - Joint Operations Center: combined work with the FD continues on selecting architects and construction managers.
 - Phase II Remodel
 - Command Post: PSST initiative, starting with a smaller model while recognizing we will still need to ultimately solve for a larger solution; Van Do It Mobile Response Vehicle: T-350 van design that is capable of

responding on a number of scenes, making it flexible. Set for Finance and Budget in December.

- **Crime Stats**
 - Citizen calls up 41% for the month and significantly higher YTD, busy. Note the Police Initiated calls are also significantly higher YTD, which is a great sign that even though we are handling more calls, we are still conducting self-initiated activity at a steady rate
 - Offense are unremarkable, but Larcenies and MVT are done; still notable given metro trends; SNAP influence.
 - 1st Shift response time is creeping up, notable on anything over 5:30, will need to monitor.

Chairman Pryde asked if the 50 or 51 LPR's were stationary throughout the city. Major Colyne advised the PD currently has 4 throughout the city and have already received "hits". Board member Trammell asked if the LPR's will alert to warrants and if it would go back to dispatch. Major Colyne advised that the Crime Analyst would see in real time.

Vice Chair Johnson mentioned that the response times have gone down. Does the PD have strategies to make that happen? What's causing that is dispatch will hold calls, which in turn, affect the response times.

Board member Trammell asked how the kids for Shop with a Cop are selected. Lee's Summit Cares and the LSR7 School District work together for this event.

Board member Jennifer Nussbeck asked if the relationship with the LSPD and the Jackson County Prosecutors Office has improved? Major Colyne advised he would ask Major Nicole Walters for input.

C. Public Works – Traffic Engineer Susan Barry

McClendon ditch on 3rd Street will be closing for up to 30 days.

Name your snow plow.

9. ROUNDTABLE:

No discussion.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.