



**Minutes of the
Public Safety Advisory Board
March 19, 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 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	Present
Board Member Kenneth Davis	Present	Chief Travis Forbes	Absent
Board Member Bruce Trammell	Present	Major Cary Colyne	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	Absent	Beth Murano	Present

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dale Coy asked if the LSPD had any training with recent events at IPD. Major Colyne advised that the LSPD officers have yearly use of force training and active shooter training drills at local schools.

Attending the Board meeting was Teresa Vollenweider who wanted to show videos of her arrests. However, due to her late arrival, after Public Comments, she has been moved to the April 16th PSAB meeting and was advised she will have 10 minutes for the showing.

2. BOARD COMMENTS:

Board member Ken Davis asked if the Mayor or City Council would be assigning a new board member to replace Fred Pickard. Council liaison Fred DeMoro advised that it's possible that no one has shown interest or submitted their names for consideration.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to Approve Ken Davis, Bill Morrow, seconded. All were in favor.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to Approve February minutes Ken Davis, seconded by Bruce Trammell. All were in favor.

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:

No new business.

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. Fire Department – Assistant Fire Chief Jim Eden

Chief Snider apologizes for being out again this month. He is out with Chief Forbes working on the design for the Operations Center with the police department.

Stations 4 & 5 are nearing completion. All are invited to the open houses. March 21st @ 2pm will be the Open House for Station #5. If parking is not available at the station, parking will be available around the shopping area near Station #5. Station #4 is a little behind #5. Open House for Station #4 will be April 4th @ 11 am. Both stations will be operational approximately one week after the open houses.

Promotion process beginning with Assistant Fire Chief Dan Manley's retirement in September. Promotion to new Assistant Chief in Emergency Management is Ben Hicks. This position plans for city/region activities. Such as during the KC Chiefs parade. Captain Potberg to Battalion Chief on C Shift Operations. Conner Eller promoted to Captain.

Caleb Montgomery was sworn in a few weeks ago in Operations.

Going through a hiring process and establish eligibility list. Same with Communications Specialists. Although they are currently fully staffed. Currently takes 6 to 7 months to get communication specialists hired and trained. Ricarda Echolson is in the training period. Currently taking calls and answering 911 calls.

Fire Chief Snider was elected as the President of the Missouri Association of Fire Chiefs, for the next 2 years.

Burn tower is nearing completion.

Stats- 999 calls for service. Fire calls were down. Illegal burns were up. EMS calls 725. City assist were up slightly. Lift assists were slightly down.

Station #1 is still the busiest to include the Pumper/Ambulance. Station #3 following closely behind.

Board member Ken Davis asked how many years of service will Dan Manley have upon his retirement. Asst. Chief Eden advised he will have 41 or 42 years of service.

Chairman Pryde asked what the anticipated response time would be with the new allocation. Asst. Chief Eden advised it's anticipated that the response time would stay the same with possibly less response time.

Vice Chair Randy Johnson and Council liaison DeMoro asked if ambulance crews were ever more busy than other stations or can they take "breathers". AC Eden advised that the schedule worked at fire stations are 48 hours on 48 off. Some calls may move around to other available crews to take the slack during busy times.

B. Police Department – Major Cary Colyne

Personnel – Currently down 10 positions for PO, 6 positions in CMS and 5 in the Jail. All positions have open, ongoing hiring processes (3 in KCPD Academy, 4 in Field Training and 5 lateral officers in the hiring process).

Det. Ryan Brownell was recently promoted to the position of sergeant and is wrapping up his training process. His initial assignment will be in patrol.

Independence – LSPD assisted IPD with the ceremonies for Officer Cody Allen. Our police motors performed a number of escorts over the course of the week, and LSPD officers worked a security detail at the church during the services. That following Monday, a group of 10 officers handled calls for them while all of their employees attended a critical incident stress de-brief.

Special Events – Officer handled a 5/10 K and the inaugural “Shamrock the Block” St. Patrick’s Da celebration. The pub crawl on the 9th was well attended and had no issues. Downtown Days, extra security.

Tow Contract – Almost a month in and no issues to report. We will present our first quarterly at the June meeting and will tie in the month of March.

Public Safety Initiatives

C. Public Works – Traffic Engineer Susan Barry

Construction on Colbern & Douglas will be changing on to signal controller and will be closed overnight.

Neighborhood Traffic Safety program watching speed through neighborhoods. Board member Bruce Trammell asked about through traffic by GEHA, if the city plans on opening the street for through traffic. Susan stated the citizens of that neighborhood complain but most likely they are the ones speeding through the neighborhood. Neighbors are the ones wanting it closed.

Vice Chair Randy Johnson requested that the road construction contractors be notified of signs being left after hours. Check about removing them after a day’s work.

Chipman west bound from Douglas to Ward will be closed due to Evergy lines being put in. Closed for about 6 weeks.

Lee’s Summit Road closed through the year.

9. ROUNDTABLE:

Board member Vanessa Hickman mentioned the City of Lee’s Summit becoming an Autistic Certified City. And to let her know if anyone would be interested in training or

being a part of this. Lee's Summit would be the 2nd city in the world. First Autistic Certified City is Mesa, Arizona.

Board member Bill Morrow advised that Pro Deo is teaming up with Summit Tech and lead panel on April 22nd from 6:30 to 8 pm regarding youth and mental health.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Pryde at 3:42 pm.