



**Minutes of the
Public Safety Advisory Board**

July 16, 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	Staff Present:	Guests:
Chairman Jim Pryde	Present	Fire Chief Mike Snider	Present
Vice Chair Randy Johnson	Absent	Asst. Fire Chief Jim Eden	Absent
Board Member Kenneth Davis	Present	Chief Travis Forbes	Absent
Board Member Bruce Trammell	Present	Dep. Chief J. Boenker	Present
Board Member Bill Morrow	Present	Capt. Patterson (for Mjr Colyne)	Present
Board Member Vanessa Hickman	Present	Traffic Sgt. Aaron Evans	Present
Board Member Mark Leetch	Present	City Traffic Engineer	
Board Member Jennifer Nussbeck	Absent	Susan Barry	Present
		Chief Counsel of Public Safety – Civil law	
		Beth Murano	Present

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Introduction of new Council Liaison John Lovell
- Introduction of Dennis Savidge
- Mr. Coy reminded the Board of his donation of the clock in the Administration Conference Room. He also mentioned the clock was still showing the wrong time.

2. BOARD COMMENTS:

- Board member Bill Morrow gave kudos for the two Fire Captains' funeral services. Nicely done.
- Fire Chief Snider advised that LSFD is partnering with 42 Cares. They provide resources to members and their family by providing counseling sessions, peer support, etc..
 - Also partnering with Rachel Murdoch.
 - Deploying additional resources.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to Approve April 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, but Chief Forbes did state an ordinance revision for liquor control would be presented directly to City Council soon.

D. **Tow Committee – Ken Davis** - No issues to report.

- **Traffic Sergeant Aaron Evans**-

- a. Times are great
- b. No negative feedback
- c. Response times are great
- d. No need for tow logs-no problems

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 – Fire Chief Snider**

On 4th of July weekend.

- Citizens are conditions with hours of discharging fireworks
- 44 calls 4th of July weekend
- 80 calls for service
- Legacy Blast not attended as in years past. Possibly due to weather
- 7 incidents
- 2 dumpster fires
- 3 structure fires
- 1 EMS call

- **QUESTIONS posed to FIRE:**
 - o Mr. Dennis Savidge asked if fireworks that were legal on the LSFD's website. Chief Snider stated every individual who purchases a permit will receive a list of what can be fired. Mortars are legal to fire. Both the fire department and police department post on the FB page.
Conducted 118 Firework tent inspections daily. Only three violations within the tents.

B. Fire Chief Snider

- Thankful for support.
- 4 vacancies
- 3 to resign
- One promoted to Captain.
- 2 additional coming in the coming months.
- Chief Manley retired after 40 years
- Back ordered apparatus price continues to go up. Getting dates for delivery for late this year or late next year. Some items were ordered in 2022.
- Stations 4 & 5 have been in service awhile. Have received a lot of attention from various departments nationwide.
- Station 1 – feasibility study still working on review. Not suitable for remodel for fire station.
- Projects with Public Safety Sales Tax live training has fence. Will notify of ribbon cutting.
- Partnering with LSR7 in training high school students. Seven to ten students were interested.
- Fire report numbers about the same as last year.

C. Police Department – Deputy Chief John Boenker

- The PD has 152 hired officers. The PD is allotted for 170.
- The south sub-station's design is complete.
- Captain Josh Patterson attended and graduated from a 10-week Command school.
- Major Nicole Walters attended and graduated the National FBI Academy.
- Thirty-two participants graduated from the Jr. Police Academy. All parents attended.
- Calls for Service calls are slightly down.
- Animal Control calls for service and shelter visits are up. And are under new leadership.
- Legacy Blast requested 33 officers to work overtime.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS posed to Deputy Chief Boenker:

- o Mr. Dennis Savidge advised he previously attended a Citizens Police Academy and was a very enjoyable experience.
- o Mr. Ken Davis asked what the minimum age is to participate in the Jr. Police Academy.
- o Ms. Vanessa Hickman asked if there would ever be a curfew in downtown Lee's Summit. Deputy Chief Boenker advised that it was something that had been thought about.
- o Chairman Pryde asked if signing up for the Citizens Academy was available online or paper? Both are available.

- Mr. Mark Leetch asked about Jefferson and Scherer. Deputy Chief Boenker stated that the items on the mobile trailers did not belong to the PD. Also advised that a lot of Fords were being stolen. Mr. Bruce Trammell asked if the data was being collected by the LPR/fixed LPR's. Deputy Chief Boenker advised that FLOCK feeds live.

D. Public Works – Traffic Engineer Susan Barry –Nothing to report.

- With Kansas City hosting the FIFA World Cup in 2026 there have been several committee meetings. Three countries will be stationed here. July 4th, 2026 will be in the middle of the World Cup and will also be the 250th Anniversary of the United States.

9. ROUNDTABLE:

- Mr. Ken Davis welcomed both new members of the Public Safety Advisory Board.
- Mr. Bruce Trammell asked where Q39 BBQ would be located. Advised it was still in the planning stage.
- Mr. Bill Morrow asked Ms. Vanessa Hickman about the youths attending Youth Court. She advised the participants are anywhere from 11 to 14 YOA. Violations in school are going up. Community Service for those participating. Could be anywhere from working in churches cleaning and wiping down walls. Rediscover is in partnership with Youth Court in providing drug and parenting classes.
- Mr. Bruce Trammell advised that Dr. Herzog passed away and he was a true friend of LSPD. He wanted the appreciation of Dr. Herzog noted.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Pryde at 3:51 pm.