



**Minutes of the
Public Safety Advisory Board
December 16, 2025
3:00 p.m. – Police Department
Administration Conference Room
10 NE Tudor Road, Lee's Summit, Missouri**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman Johnson.

ROLL CALL:

Council Liaison John Lovell	Absent
Chairman Jim Pryde	Absent
Vice Chair Randy Johnson	Present
Board Member Kenneth Davis	Absent
Board Member Bruce Trammell	Present
Board Member Bill Morrow	Present
Board Member Vanessa Hickman	Present
Board Member Mark Leetch	Present
Board Member Jennifer Nussbeck	Present
Board Member Dennis Savidge	Present

Staff Present:

Fire Chief Mike Snider	Present
Asst. Fire Chief Jim Eden	Present
Chief Travis Forbes	Present
Major Josh Patterson	Present
City Traffic Director & Engineer Susan Barry	Present
Chief Counsel of Public Safety – Civil law Beth Murano	Present

1. Public Comments

None presented.

2. Board Comments

None presented.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion made to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion made to approve the minutes with the three noted changes.
Minutes approved by voice vote with no opposition.

5. Committee Reports

- **Animal Control:** No issues reported
- **Miscellaneous Issues:** No issues reported
- **Ordinance Review:** No issues reported
- **Tow Committee:** Current tow service contract reported as performing satisfactorily with no complaints.
- **Traffic Safety Committee:** No issues reported

6. **Old Business:** None

7. **New Business:** None

8. Fire Department Report –

- **Emergency Operations Center (EOC) & Joint Operations Center Progress**
 - The Joint Operations Center is progressing rapidly.
 - Tours will be coordinated through Chief Snyder; PPE (hard hats and safety vests) is required.
 - The EOC is targeted to be operational by June, aligning with World Cup events.
 - Individual tour scheduling was noted as the most efficient approach.
- **World Cup Planning and Mutual Aid**
 - Ongoing planning continues related to World Cup impacts, mutual aid, and departmental roles.
 - Roles are becoming clearer as teams and game schedules are confirmed.
 - Members expressed both excitement and concern regarding anticipated city impacts.
- **Fire Department Equipment and Fleet Transition**
 - Nine new pumpers are nearing service, with Conrad Equipment Company completing installations.
 - Assistant Chief Mike Weisenbach will oversee equipment standardization and fleet transition.
 - Retired trucks were sold through a third party, identified as Brindle Mountain (online sales).
- **2024 International Fire Code Adoption and Regional Alignment**
 - Amendments are being developed to adopt the 2024 International Fire Code in coordination with ICC building, energy, and mechanical codes.
 - Fire and building code amendments are being aligned (e.g., hydrant distances and sprinkler thresholds).

- Lithium-ion battery provisions have significantly expanded (from approximately 2 pages to 20 pages).
 - Adoption pathway includes Board of Appeals → Community Economic Development Committee → City Council.
 - Accreditation and ISO rating requirements necessitate remaining within two code cycles.
 - Regional coordination is underway through MARC-affiliated groups to ensure metro-area alignment.
- **Fire Department Statistics (Monthly and Year-to-Date)**
 - Structure fires (residential and commercial) increased by four to seven compared to last year.
 - CO detector calls decreased (25 previously; typical winter trend).
 - Illegal burns increased to 12 from 4.
 - Natural gas odor calls totaled 17 in November and 2 in the most recent month.
 - Motor vehicle collisions declined.
 - Emergency medical calls: 728; citizen assists: 20; lift assists: 62.
 - Total calls last month: 1,047.
 - Busiest stations: Station 1, followed by Stations 3 and 2.
 - Station 3 recorded the highest combined calls (249) across two apparatus.
 - Year-to-date calls:
 - 2024: 11,671
 - 2025 YTD: 11,795 (~1% increase)
 - Enhanced statistical reports with heat maps are planned (to be developed by Julia).
- **Lithium-Ion Battery Fire Practices and Public Education**
 - Current best practice allows isolated vehicle battery fires to burn if away from structures due to suppression demands (hours and ~3,000 gallons of water).
 - Fires near structures require knockdown and vehicle removal to protect buildings.
 - Increase noted in battery charging fires, particularly in garages.
 - Public education emphasized safe charging practices, quality batteries, supervision, and proper disposal.
 - Trash transfer station incidents are monitored; damaged batteries are isolated and removed.
 - Local and metro-level training opportunities were discussed, including Samsung plant coordination.

9. Police Department Report

- **Police Department Staffing, Training, Grants, and Operations**

- Staffing: 160 of 173 positions filled; 9 patrol vacancies; 4 additional uniformed vacancies.

- Eight officers currently in FTO; six expected to be released this week (largest cohort in 5–7 years).
- Typical FTO attrition ranges from 15–20%.
- Retirements announced:
 - Officer Scott Collins (25 years of service).
 - Captain Rod Schaefer retiring January 30; transitioning to Pettis County Sheriff's Department.
- Internal promotions forthcoming (captain and sergeant positions).
- Recent and upcoming community events were reviewed.
- Grants:
 - Blue Shield grant was awarded for ballistic shields and API integration.
 - Additional grant being pursued for AEDs in patrol vehicles.
- **Downtown Event Safety and Carnival Footprint**
 - Increased activity and safety concerns noted at Downtown Days and Oktoberfest over the past 3–4 years.
 - Ongoing discussions with the Chamber and Downtown Main Street regarding carnival safety and footprint changes.
 - Prior investments in barriers have improved safety.
 - CDC presentation provided expanded data; discussions with event organizers continue.
 - Stakeholder perspectives varied regarding the value and necessity of the carnival.
- **Crash Reduction Project – Ward Road**
 - Six-month project was initiated due to increased crashes related to west-side construction.
 - Crash reductions typically emerge in months 4–5.
 - November showed the first reduction compared to the previous year.
 - Extension or relocation of the project will be discussed with leadership.
- **Compliance Checks and Officer Recognition**
 - Crime Reduction Team conducted semi-annual liquor and tobacco/vape compliance checks, report forthcoming.
 - Officer Timbrook was recognized by a body armor manufacturer following a line-of-duty incident.

10. Public Works Report

- **Traffic Enforcement, Infrastructure, and Public Safety Updates**
 - Raintree & 3rd open
 - Scherer east and west open

11. Roundtable

- Pedestrian refuge island installation on 3rd Street.
- Enforcement at Ward & County Line
- Panhandling and homelessness at Douglas & Colbern

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:04 pm.