



**Minutes of the
Public Safety Advisory Board
April 18, 2023
3:00 p.m. – Police Department
Administration Conference Room
10 NE Tudor Road, Lee's Summit, Missouri**

3:02 p.m. Vice 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 Neil Ullery	Absent	Fire Chief Mike Snider	Absent
Vice Chairman Jim Pryde	Present	Asst. Fire Chief Jim Eden	Present
Board Member Fred Pickard	Present	Chief Travis Forbes	Present
Board Member Kenneth Davis	Present	Major Cary Colyne	Present
Board Member Bruce Trammell	Present	City Traffic Engineer	
Board Member Bill Morrow	Present	Susan Barry	Absent
Board Member Mark Leetch	Absent	Chief Counsel of Public Safety – Civil law	
Board Member Randy Johnson	Present	Beth Murano	Present
Board Member Jennifer Nussbeck	Absent		

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dale Coy recently contacted the police and fire departments for copies of reports regarding his wife, who was taken by ambulance to the hospital. He stated there should be an easier way to obtain the reports rather than going to two different departments. Chief Counsel Beth Murano advised Mr. Coy that due to the Missouri Sunshine Law and HIPAA laws, each department has to review what they can disseminate to the public. She suggested that if the need arises in the future, he should try and start with the City Clerk since that office designates someone from each department. Mr. Coy advised the City Clerk advised he needed to go to each department.

2. BOARD COMMENTS:

Vice Chairman Pryde advised the Board that Chairman Ullery was absent from the meeting.

Fire Awards Ceremony was extraordinary and moving. They were able to view the new Fire Truck. Would like to have the PSAB look at the new truck as well.

Reminded the Board that the Police Awards Ceremony was Thursday, April 20th at 4 p.m. at Legacy Christian Church.

Drug Take-Back will be on April 22nd.

Board Member Ken Davis advised there were 4 from the Fire Department who were escorting the Honor Flight from KCI Airport to Washington D.C. Fire Chief Snider confirmed there were several from Lee's Summit Fire Department attending the Honor Flight.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board member Ken Davis motioned for approval, Bill Morrow seconded the motion.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve March minutes as corrected was made by Ken Davis, Fred Pickard seconded the motion. (Original minutes showed Dale Hoy. Corrected to show Dale Coy.)

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Animal Control –

No issues to report.

B. Miscellaneous Issues –

No issues to report.

C. Ordinance Review

No issues to report.

D. Tow Committee –

No issues to report.

E. Traffic Safety –

No issues to report.

6. OLD BUSINESS: No old business

7. NEW BUSINESS: No new business

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. Fire Department –Fire Chief Mike Snider

The captain's process will be open from April 24th through April 28th. Currently at full staffing. Thirteen expected to be hired with 2 additional replacements. April 21st will open for fire fighter. There are 3 current vacancies in dispatch.

Twelve new hires with the Public Safety Sales Tax. Nine in the medical service, 3 to enhance prevention with 24-hour inspections.

Lee's Summit Fire Department along with six other agencies helped with the accreditation process.

UTV Ambulance for downtown events will be bought. Smaller, enclosed ambulance is 16-18 months out if ordered today.

FD will merge to Central Square RMS on 06/21. Same program as the police department.

Assistant Fire Chief Eden

The sale of fireworks begins on June 23rd and ends on July 4th.

Total responses are up a little from last year. Ten down from last year. Citizens assists going up to 71. EMS calls went up this month.

B. Police Department – Chief Travis Forbes

Police initiated calls for service are way up. Burglaries are slightly higher. Larcenies have increased some. The first area the police department is trying to work with the residents with the S.N.A.P (Secured Neighborhoods And Property) initiative, is the Lakewood Subdivision. This is the first area the police department will try and work with the residents to educate them about preventable crime.

There is a high rate of thefts in Lee's Summit associated to open/unlocked vehicles. Using officers for targeted patrol. LPR (license plate readers), specifically fixed LPR, will help with that effort.

LPR ordinance has a second reading at an upcoming city council meeting. Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) are used for surveillance, suspicious vehicles, felony warrants, etc.

Board member Bruce Trammel asked if SNAP was part of the neighborhood watch. It is not, and most traditional neighborhood watches have been phased out. Citizens are now using Facebook, social media and other HOA resources.

Council Liaison Fred DeMoro asked if SNAP followed incidents of crime or if HOA's were interested, would a presentation be available? Yes, the police would be happy to give presentations regarding the SNAP program. Major Cary Colyne advised that the police department does not want to miss an opportunity to educate the public outside of the designated SNAP area.

Board member Fred Pickard asked if solicitors still needed to get a permit. Yes, permits are still required to solicit in Lee's Summit. Call if solicitors have no permits or ignore request to show permit. Board member Bruce Trammell asked if solicitors are required to have ID. Major Colyne advised that yes, a picture ID is required of all solicitors. Board member Randy Johnson asked if the solicitors can be stopped if they are walking with clipboards in hand. No, there are some exempt groups which are allowed.

KCPD has pulled all of their resources for the NFL Draft being held in KC. LSPD has a group responding to assist with this event.

C. Public Works – Traffic Engineer Susan Barry

Colbern Rd. west of Douglas was a low bid. Work will start soon. Colbert and Douglas is a \$1 billion project. Will include apartments, restaurants, and retail.

Chipman and View High is out for bid and will eliminate a lane.

Changing parking signs in front of train station, southwest and southeast of Main St. to 2-hour parking. Amtrak signs have been revised.

Vice Chairman James Pryde asked if there was any update for 291 and 50. Traffic Engineer Susan Barry advised it's on hold due to the fact that they are looking for more money for the Highway Patrol building.

9. ROUNDTABLE:

Assistant Fire Chief Eden advised the process for fireworks tents for the 4th of July began on 4/1/23 only 17 applications were submitted. Currently going through the vetting process. Reminder that fireworks are only allowed on July 2nd, 3rd, & 4th.

Board member Jennifer Nussbeck asked if the PD and FD were lending support to the city of Kansas City during the NFL Draft? LSPD will be assisting as well as LSFD and will have an Emergency Operations Center.

Board member Bruce Trammell mentioned that the \$10 alarm permit fee was discontinued. Major Cary Colyne advised that because residents now have the RING door bells and other aids, there is no need for the permits.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Board member Ken Davis made a motion to adjourn with board member Bill Morros seconding the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.