



**Minutes of the
Public Safety Advisory Board
December 19, 2023
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	Present
Vice Chair Randy Johnson	Present	Asst. Fire Chief Jim Eden	Present
Board Member Kenneth Davis	Present	Chief Travis Forbes	Present
Board Member Bruce Trammell	Present	Major Cary Colyne	Present
Board Member Bill Morrow	Present	City Traffic Engineer	
Board Member Vanessa Hickman	Absent	Susan Barry	Present
Board Member Mark Leetch	Present	Chief Counsel of Public Safety – Civil law	
Board Member Jennifer Nussbeck	Absent	Beth Murano	Present

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

2. BOARD COMMENTS:

Board member Mark Leetch recognized board member Bruce Trammell's years of service with the LSPD and as a board member and to wish him a happy birthday.

Major Colyne advised the tow contract will be going to finance and budget committee this month and then in front of council on the 23rd of January. Board member Ken Davis commented that the contract process raises ire with tow companies about not being awarded. Tow committee has been in place since the 1970's. Major Colyne advised that this process has been very competitive and cutthroat but very content with entire process. Board member Ken Davis stated there are businesses that don't like to lose a bid. And there's no doubt some losing companies will be at the council meeting in January.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to Approve Ken Davis, Bill Morrow, seconded.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to Approve Ken Davis, seconded by Bruce Trammell.

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 – Fire Chief Mike Snider

One vacancy and that position was offered to a firefighter/paramedic. Expecting some retirements within the next 3-6 months.

Update on Stations 4 & 5 – Progressing well. Station #5 Open House will be in February. Working with the Mayor and staff to coordinate a date. Station #4 will be approximately 4 months later. Exterior, paving is currently being done.

Station #1 remodel or rebuild – WSKF contracted and will begin phase 1 study if there is any life left of the station for the future. Will take the council's recommendation.

Burn facility broke ground last month.

Implementation of the records management system. Computer aided dispatch system.

Fire dispatchers all trained in emergency medical.

Assistant Chief Jim Eden

Vice Chair Randy Johnson asked Asst. Chief Eden about the Ops Center. Advised it will probably be a couple of years, in early 2026. Once all components are in place.

Fires increased in November. Illegal burns also increased.

Motor vehicle crash went from 49 to 62 this month. Could have been winter weather.

Medical calls went up from 1013 last month to 1060 this month.

Station #1 was the busiest station, followed by #3. November 11th truck was put in service.

EMS calls went down. Fire calls went up. Hazardous Material calls were down while Rescue calls went up.

Chairman Pryde mentioned the boot drive. Assistance Chief Eden mentioned Local #2195 off duty Chief officers were out asking for donations and raised over \$28,000.

B. Police Department – Chief Travis Forbes

Number of calls for service were up. Violent crime rates are slightly flat. Our focus this year is property crimes. SNAP program flyers have been distributed throughout the city.

Kia's & Hyundai's being stolen. LSPD using intelligence to find trends. Phase 3 of renovation will include real time crime reduction.

CRT (Crime Reduction Team) working Summit Fair & Summit Crossing during holiday season.

Shop with a Cop was sponsored by the FOP this year.

Dispatch has made progress. Currently have 4 or 5 in the background process. More than previous hiring process. A lot more changes in requirements.

Council Liaison Fred DeMoro asked about finding the “major players” with Summit Fair. Chief Forbes stated LSPD is talking with KCPD, IPD and other agencies regarding retail thefts. Boosting/selling on Facebook. Well organized crime. Room for improvement to work together.

C. Public Works – Traffic Engineer Susan Barry

3rd Street & McLellan will open on Friday. Thanks to the PD for sitting at Colbern Rd project. Will have challenge with 2 large pipes. One across Colbern and another across Douglas. Look for ways to minimize traffic inconvenience.

Phase II of retaining walls/sidewalk gaps. Applied for funding with Climate Action Plan through MARC.

Chairman Pryde asked if Public Works was ready for snow. Affirmative.

9. ROUNDTABLE:

No discussion.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Ken Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mark Leetch seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.