



**Minutes of the
Public Safety Advisory Board
November 16, 2021
3:00 p.m. – Police Department
Administration Conference Room
10 NE Tudor Road, Lee's Summit, Missouri**

3:00 p.m. Chairman Ullery called the Public Safety Advisory Board to order

ROLL CALL:

Council Liaison Fred Demoro	Present	<u>Staff Present:</u>	<u>Guests:</u>
Chairman Bruce Trammell	Present	Fire Chief Mike Snider	Present
Vice Chairman Neil Ullery	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 Jim Pryde	Present	Director of Public Works	
Board Member Bill Morrow	Present	Michael Park	Present
Board Member Fred Delibero	Absent	Chief Counsel of P. S. – Civil law	
Board Member Ken Carter	Absent	Beth Murano	Present
Board Member Jennifer Nussbeck	Present		

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

2. BOARD COMMENTS:

Jim Pryde brought up a speeding issue on Chipman Rd. east of 470. Advised petition has been started.

3. APPROVAL OF ADENDA:

Vice Chairman Ullery requested approval of the Agenda. Board Member Bill Morrow moved to approve the Agenda with Board Member Kenneth Davis seconding the motion. The Agenda was approved with no-one opposed.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice Chairman Ullery requested approval of the minutes from the October 19, 2021 meeting. Board Member Ken Davis moved to approve the Minutes. Board Member Jennifer Nussbeck seconded the motion. Board Member Ken Davis asked to amend page 4, paragraph 4. Amend a word from the first statement "Kenneth Davis advised that a cart **from**" be changed to "near". Vice Chairman Ullery requested approval of the correction. Board member Bill Morrow moved to approve with Board Member Fred Pickard seconding the motion. The minutes were approved with none opposed.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Animal Control – Bill Morrow

No issues to report.

B. Miscellaneous Issues – Fred Pickard

No issues to report.

C. Ordinance Review - James Pryde

No issues to report.

D. Tow Committee – Fred Pickard

No issues to report.

E. Traffic Safety – Jennifer Nussbeck

No issues to report.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

There being no items to discuss, the Board moved onto New Business.

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8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. Fire Department – Chief Mike Snider

Chief Snider advised that Medical 7 has moved to Station 3 on October 25th. As of yet, this has been a right move for responses for that area.

Captain Mike Hale retired after 33 years with Fire.

On January 8th, the Fire Headquarters will be located at Station #2.

There were several promotions:

Deputy Chief-Administration: Brian Austerman

Deputy Chief-Operations: Arby Todd

Assistant Chief: Mike Mohrman

Assistant Chief: Mike Weissenbach

Assistant Chief: Dave York

Battalion Chief: Kris Presnell

Battalion Chief: Ben Hicks

Captain: John Hummel

Captain: Jeremy Rushton

Captain: Bryce Buchanan

Captain: Kasey Smith

Accreditation was completed. There were 16 recommendations for improvement. Also acknowledged many best practices to use in their own departments. Will go in front of Commission on December 15th for accreditation. The final report will be available for all.

Still looking to fill positions in the Com Center. Hired 1-2 but still looking to hire more.

Looking to go to a three- number radio system. Ops will be 100, 200, Prevention 300.

Assistant Fire Chief Jim Eden advised in October of 2021 there was an increase in the number of all calls. This year, EMS calls were 673 compared to last year of 648. Motor vehicle accidents were slightly higher. As well as Emergency Medical calls went up from 8,498 last year, to 9,435 this year.

Jim Pryde asked if there were any reasons as to the increase in numbers.

The spring of 2020 the number of Emergency Medial calls were down. Since then, the numbers have gone up due to people waiting longer to call 911. However, as the population increases, fire calls remain the same.

Jim Pryde asked if EMS personnel needed to be increased. Chief Snider

B. Police Department – Chief Travis Forbes

Concerned with staffing issues as population grows. The police department has had 3 homicides this year. Some know involved parties and the detectives are working tirelessly to solve cases.

Patrol is 12 officers down. Currently it is Very competitive to hire officers. The current methods to hire are hyper competitive in the 30 years in this field. Other officers from other agencies are approaching LSPD.

The police academy will begin in January of 2022. LSPD only has three openings at the Kansas City Regional Police Academy. LSPD is currently looking at other alternatives for police academies.

CMS is better staffed than 3 months ago. Moral is better. Captain Patterson has done a great job. Continue to look to increase staffing in CMS.

Council meeting tonight, November 16th looking to change the liquor license to approve those administratively. No liquor license has been disapproved.

The Taser 7 platform is the newest and need to look more in to the technology for Use of Force. The lease agreement approval went through Council last week. Included with package is virtual reality training.

Whataburger is better today (11/16/21) with the traffic issues.

Ken Davis asked if any issues arose with Whataburger's opening. Major Cary Colyne advised there were some crashes, and five vehicles ran out of gas while waiting in line.

Ken Davis also asked if the police department has had any citizens coming in to the police department claiming they were 1st Amendment Auditors. Chief Travis Forbes advised that there have been people in the past who have claimed this.

Jennifer Nussbeck asked if there were any other cities experiencing the same issues with staffing. Is KCPD also low on staff for the KC Regional Police Academy? Chief Forbes advised that the LSPD pays for the spots in the academy.

Chief Forbes advised that the city of Independence, Missouri passed a Public Safety Tax which will allow them to get 30 more officers. However, IPD is looking to get 35 – 40 officers.

Current trend in narcotics is Fentanyl. East coast is experiencing high numbers in over doses of Fentanyl.

Chairman Bruce Trammell asked if the Tasers have cameras. Chief Forbes advised the new tasers do not have cameras since officers currently have their body cams.

Major Colyne advised the LSPD has a new K9. His name is Roy and is a Dutch Shepherd. K9 handler will be changing his partners name.

C. Public Works – Director of Public Works Michael Park

Snow plow training finished last week. Currently updating equipment. Public Works is currently dealing with staffing challenges as well. Forty percent of new employees are inexperienced in heavy equipment and will need to be trained.

PW has new construction manager with 28 years of experience. Perry Allen will start some time within the next 2 weeks.

Issues regarding scooters be address at City Council meeting tonight.

James Pryde again brought up the topic of crashes on Woods Chapel. Advised that a petition has been started to install a traffic light. Director Michael Park advised traffic lights are not installed by petition requests.

Citizen Dale Coy inquired about why the city of Lee's Summit doesn't have a snow operation map like the cities of Kansas City & Olathe Kansas have. Citizens are able to see the location and status of snow trucks. Director Michael Park advised what is currently in place is accurate. Checking with vendors on delayed mapping system. It would not be "real time" but possibly a thirty-minute delay. Citizen Dale Coy suggested contacting the city of Overland Park, Kansas.

9. ROUNDTABLE:

Board member Jennifer Nussbeck reminded everyone of the 12 Bars of Christmas. Have already sold 1,000 tickets to the event. This fundraiser benefits Hope House.

Fred DeMoro acknowledged that the staffing issues do not go unnoticed on and off the record. How to help with the staffing issues has been discussed.

Micro mobility, golf carts, E-bikes, electric motorized scooters will be discussed at City Council tonight.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairman Neil Ullery made a motion to adjourn with Board member with Kenneth Davis seconding the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.