



**Minutes of the
Public Safety Advisory Board
March 15, 2022
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 Neil Ullery	Present	Fire Chief Mike Snider	Present
Vice Chairman James 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	Absent
Board Member Bruce Trammell	Present	Director of Public Works	
Board Member Bill Morrow	Present	Michael Park	Absent
Board Member Mark Leetch	Present	Chief Counsel of P. S. – Civil law	
Board Member Randy Johnson	Present	Beth Murano	Present
Board Member Jennifer Nussbeck	Present		

Captain Rod Schaeffer sat in for Major Cary Colyne and Susan Barry sat in for Michael Park.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

2. BOARD COMMENTS:

No board comments.

3. APPROVAL OF ADENDA:

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Ullery requested approval of the minutes from the February 15, 2022 meeting. Board Member Ken Davis moved to approve the Minutes. Board Member Bruce Trammell seconded the motion.

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 went over personnel updates including – years of service recognitions, 2 upcoming retirements. Also noted 6 expansion positions that will soon be filled. Two new communications specialists have been hired. Some internal promotions will soon be taking place.

Chief Snider noted that they continue to train paramedics in house. Also advised of a new hire, Caroline Wiggins, over the accreditation process.

Covid protocol updates- masks are no longer required in the fire station, but still worn on calls for service.

Fire station is beginning to open back up to the public for the first time since Covid shutdown and they will start public safety inspections again.

Assistant Chief Eden provided information on fire stats and noted comparisons from last month (February) and last year – calls down 22% from last year. (Believes much of the higher rates of calls last year were due to the freezing weather.)

- Total EM medical calls – 561 (up from 550 last year)
- Total calls for service – 806 (down from 938 last year)

Fire awards ceremony will be held on April 9th @ 3 pm.

Board Member Randy Johnson asked Chief Snider if it were possible for fire to go over stats in detail with the board members? Chief Snider responded that fire would go over the stats in detail with board members.

B. Police Department – Chief Travis Forbes

Chief Forbes advised that the calls for service are returning back to normal after Covid. The current calls for service in the report are slightly skewed due to a reporting error in the CAD system.

The police department is down thirteen positions, but hiring – have been able to hire laterally and a couple of the recruits are currently in the academy.

Communications unit is down five positions.

Animal control is down three positions.

Only major crime to report is the homicide in Lakewood which is currently under investigation.

LSPD and other agencies will be joining the Missouri Highway Patrol's campaign to help reduce traffic accidents on 50 hwy.

Chief Forbes went over the LPR (License Plate Reader) stats and how beneficial it has been to the department specifically in recovering stolen autos.

Some bills have been presented to reduce / limit the use of drones and what information they can gather. Drones have been very beneficial, so the department hopes nothing will change.

Board Member Randy Johnson noted his appreciation for the Lee's Summit Police Department taking part in the campaign with the Highway Patrol and also requested to go over agency states in more depth at a later time.

C. Public Works – Susan Barry for Director Michael Park

Susan Barry discussed the 50 Hwy/Chipman closure for road/bridge repairs. Ramp closures will begin March 21st, with a section of Chipman closing April 11th. Contractor for this project is Pyramid.

Public Works plans to be heavily involved with MODOT to address traffic problems this will cause and make sure detours are working.

Question was raised by Chief Snider regarding emergency access. Susan Barry was not sure about the plan for emergency vehicles, but believes the barriers were moveable (not concrete). Can get more information from contractor and Public Works director.

9. ROUNDTABLE:

Beth Murano noted the City has hired a new prosecutor and would like to have her sit in on the next board meeting to get to know everyone.

Board Member Randy Johnson suggested a revised job description for dispatcher position to make it more appealing and clearer in what the role is. Chief Forbes and Chief Snider agreed, although noted all agencies have a difficult time hiring for this position.

New Board Member Mark Leetch thanked everyone for the warm welcome.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Neil Ullery moved for the meeting to adjourn. Board member Bill Morrow motioned with Board Member Bruce Trammell seconding the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.