

Minutes of the St. Francis Police and Fire Commission Meeting

Held May 4, 2022

The Meeting was called to order by President Boknevitiz at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioners: Boknevitiz, Jaskulski, Paradinovich and Bilot, Kiepczynski

Also Present: Chief Hunter, Chief Nick Poplar

Minute's approval of the Police and Fire Commission meeting held on Feb 2,2022 : May 4, 2022

- Motion made by Commissioner Jaskulski and seconded by Commissioner Paradinovich to approve the minutes. Motion Carried.
- Note: 4/6/2022 Police and Fire Commission meeting had been cancelled.

Correspondence: None

New Business:

- Welcome Tom Bilot to the commission replacing Chris Stawski who moved out of the city.
- Commission will vote for commission officers at the next scheduled meeting (June1, 2022), since we did not have meeting in April and was not an agenda item in May.

Fire Department: Introduction of New Officers: Johnsrud,Han,Nisciewicz, Vazquez, Miller by Chief Poplar. All have been doing orientation at the station with the crews since hire. They will be attending the JFTA (Joint Fire Training Academy) held in Wauwatosa with other new recruits from Wauwatosa, North Shore and West Allis. This is the largest contingent from St. Francis in training since the city's inception. Captain Buckhalter will be assigned full time temporarily, to assist in the training at the site. All of the crews will also be periodically training there also to stay current on fire fighting science, safety and technique.

Fire Department Update- from Chief Poplar:

Incident Totals Since Last PFC Meeting: • 475 Calls for Service

Police & Fire Commission

May 3rd, 2022 Update

- 352 EMS
- 123 Heavy Apparatus Responses
- 12% Increase in Calls for Service vs. This Date in 2021

Detailed stats provided on attached documents.

50.56% Transported by SFFD BLS Ambulance

28.40% Treated/Transported (or) Received ALS Treatment/Assessment by Paramedic ALS Unit

2022 Total Fire Loss in City: \$500.00

*12% increase in calls for service vs. this date in 2021 (15% increase per year the past few years)

- Probationary FF Paramedic Alec Taczala resigned on March 16th.
- New paramedic ambulance delivered the first week in April.
- SFFD Hosted the Milwaukee Honor Guard Clinic at the St. Francis Civic Center.
- SFFD's current Paramedics are nearing the completion of their Milwaukee County Paramedic Onboarding process. (We are on time with time line schedule)
- New utility pickup truck due for delivery in May. (Sold old vehicle for \$19,300)
- SFFD 2021 annual report scheduled for release along with SFPD's on May 17th.
- Fire Code Compliance Officer Peter Trost started employment on Friday, February 4th.
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds briefing. (Funding go for radios, 2nd turn out gear)

New Hire Process

- Three FF Paramedic candidates selected for employment:

1) Justin Nisiewicz

2) Aurelio Vazquez Jr

3) Sean Miller

- Interns Spencer Johnsrud and Peter Han are also actively preparing for a career with SFFD.
- All three candidates started on Monday, May 2nd. They, along with Intern Han and Captain Buckhalter, will be assigned to JFTA for the next several weeks.

Police Dept Update: Chief Hunter: February 2, 2022 – May 3, 2022

Crimes investigated and other police activity:

Theft Investigations:

- Robbery
 - 1629 E St Francis Ave, Vehicle Stolen (recovered), Open Investigation
 - 03/28/22 – 9:06 AM- 3545 S Kinnickinnic Ave, (PNC Bank), Open Investigation
- Theft – Parts from Vehicle
 - 4230 S Kinnickinnic Ave, 2 Catalytic Converters, Open
 - 2825 E Armour Ave, Catalytic Converter, Open
 - 3120 E Norwich Ave, Catalytic Converter, Open
 - 2804 E Cudahy, Ave, Catalytic Converter, Open
- Theft – From Auto
 - 2233 E Eden Pl, Code Scanner, Open
 - 3970 S Lake Dr, 2 License Plates, Open
 - 1821 E Norwich Ave, Money, Open

- Theft all Other/Building
 - E Leroy/S Kansas Ave, Bicycle stolen, Recovered, Arrest Made
 - 4521 S Ahmedi Ave, Smart Phone, Open
 - 3120 E Norwich Ave, CD's, Open

- Motor Vehicle Theft
 - 2601 E Morgan Ave, 2020 Kia Sportage, Recovered, No Arrest
 - 3545 E Tesch Ave, 2013 Hyundai Elantra, Recovered, No Arrest
 - 4698 S Whitnall Ave, 2010 Hino Straight Truck, Recovered, Open
 - 4698 S Whitnall Ave, 2018 Ford Focus, Recovered, Arrest Made
 - 1390 E Bolivar Ave. 2011 Chrysler 300, Recovered, No Arrest
 - 3559 S Ellen St (ATTEMPTED), 2021 Hyundai Venue, Open
 - 4565 S Whitnall Ave, 1998 Honda CRV, Open

- Motor Vehicle Recovered in our City
 - 3545 E Tesch Ave, 2013 Hyundai Elantra, City of Milwaukee
 - 3242 E Waterford Ave, 1198 Oldsmobile Aurora, City of Cudahy

Battery – 5

Fraud - 10

Narcotic Violation – 18

OWI – 11

Disorderly Conduct – 19

Criminal Damage to Property – 11

Vehicle Pursuit – 2

Weapons Violation – 2

Total Calls for Service January 1, 2022- April 3, 2022: 3,054

Personnel Matters

- No internal investigations.
- No official citizen complaints.
- Sgt. Rodney Lucht will retire on Friday, May 6, 2022. After an almost 26 year career at St. Francis PD, he will be missed. He will be given a memorial flag and case with all of his badges.
- Probationary Officer Eric Armbruster is in the Shadow Faze of his 16 week Field Training. He is doing an outstanding job and has excellent performance. We have no concerns at this time.
- Probationary Officer Joseph “Joey” Pikulik is in step 2 of Field Training. He also is doing an outstanding job and is well liked by all.
- Sgt. Shane Czerniakowski will be going to Day Shift after Sgt. Lucht’s retirement.
- Sgt. Michael Scott will be going to Late Shift and Sgt. Jeffrey Skrivanek will remain on Early Shift.

- We will be looking to promote a 4th Sergeant before the end of the year who will take over the Power Shift position 8PM-4AM.
- TKO donation from Lake Lodge for 2 units, \$1000 a piece to knock out fires. Will be distributed to squads.
- 5 new sets of stop sticks
- Midnight Piper ceremony on 5/13 at 11:55 pm.
- Dept. will host Street Cop Training August 21, and Sept 29. Will get 10 free seats for hosting event.
- Conducted Landlord and Property Manger Training. Community outreach effort to have better relations and know how to handle problem events.
- Sabre Funds Act: \$21899 for radio equipment upgrade etc.
- Dept changing over from Smith and Wesson to Glock 17's. No cost to dept due to grant monies.
- Law Enforcement Memorial 5/5: Chief to attend since he is an officer in area chiefs association.

Next meeting discussion: June 1, 2022. Election of Officers

Old Business:

- None

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Jaskulski and seconded by Commissioner Paradinovich to adjourn.
Motion carried at 4:15 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday June 1, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Kiepczynski

Secretary