

# **Minutes of the St. Francis Police and Fire Commission Meeting**

**Held October 4, 2023**

The Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Boknevitiz at 4:02 p.m.

Present: Commissioners: Paradinovich, Kiepczynski, Boknevitiz

Also Present: Chief Hunter, Chief Nick Poplar

Excused: Bilot, Jaskulski

## **Minute's approval of the Police and Fire Commission meeting held on September 6, 2023**

- Motion made by Commissioner Boknevitiz and seconded by Commissioner Paradinovich to approve the minutes. Motion Carried.

**Correspondence: None**

## **Police Dept. Update**

**September 6, 2023 – October 3, 2023**

### **Theft Investigations:**

- Theft – Bicycles
  1. 3852 S KK Ave, 2 Mountain Bikes, Open
- Theft – All Other
  1. 1775 E Bolivar Ave, Theft of Service
  2. Planet Fitness, Theft of keys
- Theft – from Auto
  1. 4032 S Alabama Ave, I Pad & I phone, Open
- Theft – Auto Parts
  1. 3795 E Denton Ave, Rear license plate
  2. 3926 S Lake Dr., Catalytic Converter
- Theft – Purse Snatching
  1. Pick N Save, Gucci Wallet w/money and misc. Cards

- Burglary
  1. 4031 S Alabama Ave, Backpack w/chrome book and Red Toro Edger, Open
- Motor Vehicle Theft
  1. 4600 S Ahmedi Ave, 2020 Honda CRV, Credit Cards inside, Arrest Made

**Other Incidents:**

Battery – 4

Fraud - 2

Narcotic Violation – 1

OWI – 2

Disorderly Conduct – 10

Vehicle Pursuit – 1

Accidents – 6

CAD calls 01/01/22-10/03/22: 7,053

CAD calls 01/01/23-10/03/23: 7,496 (results are up)

Traffic Stops for 01/01/22-10/03/22: 1338

Traffic Stops for 01/01/23-10/03/23: 1526 (results are up)

**Training:**

- Detective Zachary Gilden attended the highly sought after (lottery system for acceptance) two (2) week Death Investigation School in Green Lake, Wisconsin. It is the first time in 10 years, we were able to get a Detective through this particular Death Investigation School. (Cost:\$1000, but a coup for the SF Detective Bureau to attend)
- September 12-13, the St. Francis Police Department hosted a Sex Offender training, attended by officers and detectives from around the region. As a result, we received two seats, with the cost of admission being \$495/student, **at no cost to the City of St. Francis.** (“A cream of the crop” class presentation and another coup for the Department to experience this particular training).

## Other Matters:

- No formal citizen complaints
- No Internal Investigations
- No grievances
- Lakefront Marathon, held Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Full 26.2 mile marathon. Closed Lake Drive from 0700-1100 hours, with 1400 runners. Numerous EMS calls, which caused both St. Francis FD and their mutual aid departments to be over extended. Officers had to assist with EMS calls, even transport to hospitals. The organizer indicated that there were more EMS calls for this marathon than any he has organized in the last 41 years. Both the PD and FD will have a debrief with the organizer in the near future as they want to make this an annual event. (Note: That weekend weather was extremely warm and humid for this time period of the year so that probably attributed to the amount of calls.)
- 3 search warrants executed by the South Shore Joint Tactical Unit – one being Federal. All were drug and weapon offenses with one being in South Milwaukee and two being in the City of Milwaukee.
- **WE ARE STILL SHORT ONE OFFICER.** We have received another application from \*\*\*\*\* from Caledonia PD who indicated that he made a mistake by turning down St. Francis and staying with Caledonia as they broke promises they made to retain him.
- We are trying all social media outlets and exhausting all of our resources to obtain viable candidates. We have received numerous applications, but over 90% do not meet our minimum criteria to apply. The others are from out of state, which we are exploring.
- We also have one candidate that works for Pleasant Prairie. We will interview him again and set up a ride along.
- We are in communications with other agencies to try and set up a hiring consortium, similar to what the FD does. We will likely have to put a candidate through the academy which is in December, which means that they would not be out of field training until summer of 2024.
- A citizen engagement event, “Coffee with a Cop” was held at LaFinca Coffee House in St. Francis on Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting from 8:30- 10:30 am. Citizens mingled with officers, including chief and command over coffee and cookies. Twenty Five citizens attended. Commissioner Kiepczynski attended as a citizen and reported good feedback from the citizens who attended. The officers who interacted with the citizens presented themselves and the PD well. Officers Mielcarek and Czerniakowski did a fine job setting up the event. There is a possibility that another event may occur in the future depending on department time constraints.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chief Kevin Hunter

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 UPDATE**

**Incident Totals Since Last PFC Meeting (September 6, 2023):**

- 169 Calls for Service
- 144 EMS

79 ALS Responses and Assessments by MED-12  
61 ALS Transports

- 27 Heavy Apparatus Responses

Heavy response time of 2 minutes or less was 93.1%  
Heavy response time between 2 and 3 minutes was 4.3%

**Call Volume to Date in 2022**

1473

**Calls Volume to Date in 2023**

1390

-6 % Change

- No labor / management disputes.

**JOINT HIRING PROCESS KICKED OFF ON 10/02. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 10/23 @ 4:30 PM**

**Next Meeting of Commission:** December 6, 2023 (unless either chief needs to call for a November meeting for emergency or employment issue)

**Call to Adjourn:** Kiepczynski motioned, Boknevitc seconded, motion carried at 4:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary Tom Kiepczynski