

Minutes of the St. Francis Police and Fire Commission Meeting Held October 5, 2022

The Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Boknevitc at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioners: Boknevitc, Paradinovich, Bilot, Kiepczynski

Excused: Jaskulski

Also Present: Chief Hunter, Chief Nick Poplar

Minute's approval of the Police and Fire Commission meeting held on June 1, 2022

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

Correspondence: None

New Business: Chief Hunter introduced newest Officer Joseph Pikulik to the commission. Officer Pikulik gave a brief background of his personal background as well as his MPD experiences and present SFPD experiences.

Fire Department Update- from Chief Poplar:

- 406 Heavy Apparatus Responses

2022 Total Fire Loss in City \$4500.00 Incident Totals to

Date in 2022:

- 1454 Calls for Service
- 1119 EMS

50.94% Transported by SFFD BLS Ambulance
30.03% Treated/Transported (or) Received ALS
Treatment/Assess. by Paramedic ALS Unit/

- 10% Increase in Calls for Service vs. This Date in 2021 (each year increase is ~ 10% for each successive year. Calls have been for various issues sometimes non-fire safety related but for basic social needs/concerns, (e.g.: leaky faucets, tooth aches, etc, when a person doesn't know who to contact for help)
- New Ambulance In Service
- New Pickup Truck In Service
- FFOP Spencer Johnsrud started on Thursday, September 22nd. He is an R.N. and is in JFTA right now for Fire Training.
- Fire Lieutenants Promotional Assessment Center was conducted on Thursday, August 25th.
- Jeffrey Trudell was promoted to the rank of Fire Lieutenant on Friday, August 26th. (Zolinski and Haselow are next on the promotion list for this position which shall last for 24 months from date of 8/25/2022)
- Intern Peter Han is currently in Paramedic School.
- FF/Paramedic Ali promoted to HEO after completion of SFFD training and testing. (Adam Lenzke is next on the list for this position.)
- SFFD is ready for Phases 3 & 4 in the BLS to ALS transition; awaiting CBA agreement / bargaining with L2717.
- Fire Education- October Fire Prevention Month: The crews are conducting instruction and demonstrations at the schools for students and staff. The department is also using social media to promote fire prevention to the general public.

Police Dept Update: Chief Hunter:

Police & Fire Commission Updated

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June 1, 2022 – October 4, 2022

Crimes investigated and other police activity:

Theft Investigations:

- Burglary
 - 3536 S Ellen St (No Force/Garage) - \$1230 of tools, unlocked
 - 2713 E Van Norman Ave (No Force/Garage) \$700 Bicycle, Later located.
 - 2431 E Van Norman Ave (No Force/Garage) \$268 (Meds, Wallet, cell phone, 2 bb guns)

- Theft – of Bicycle
 - 4062 S Kinnickinnic Ave – Specialized Rockhopper 29 Mountain Bike - \$800
 - 4698 S Whitnall Ave – Giant LIB Woman’s bike - \$800 value

- Theft – All Others
 - 4224 S Kirkwood Ave, Dirt Bike helmet (\$100)
 - 1838 E Layton Ave, Wood Pallet
 - 2828 E Bolivar Ave, Debit card taken – charged \$479 of charges
 - 3679 S Arctic Ave – Medication (open)
 - 3651 S Rutland Ave – Window Service (\$16,423) Pending

- Theft – From Yard
 - 3035 E Crawford Ave – Snow Blower (\$350)

- Theft – Building
 - 4154 S Clement Ave – 2 Carat Wedding Ring w/wedding band (\$13,800)
 - 2910 E Bolivar Ave #17, Prescription Meds
 - 1320 E Waterford Ave, Tools & Materials (\$3000)
 - 4561 S Whitnall Ave – 2 Paper checks

- Theft - From Auto (*all vehicle entries were unlocked vehicles- KH*)
 - 3400 block S Lake Dr – Prescription Meds (Unlocked)
 - 2926 E Allerton Ave – Clothing & Shoes (Partial Recovery) (Unlocked)
 - 3666 E Lunham Ave - \$20 change (Unlocked)
 - 3045 E Koenig Ave – 2023 Registration Sticker
 - 2218 E Eden Pl - \$56 in cash (Unlocked)
 - 1821 E Norwich Ave - \$100 and Prescription Sunglasses (Unlocked)

- Theft – Auto Parts
 - 4698 S Whitnall Ave – Catalytic Converter
 - 1217 E Norwich Ave – WI License Plate
 - 4062 S Hately Ave – Catalytic Converter
 - 4658 S Whitnall Ave – IL License Plate

- 4200 S Lake Dr – Catalytic Converter
- 4056 S Hatley Ave – Catalytic Converter
- 2000 E Layton Ave – Catalytic Converter
- 2801 E Elizabeth Ave – WI License Plate
- 3011 E Armour Ave – Catalytic Converter
- Theft – Retail Theft
 - Pick N Save - \$1680.98 of Liquor & Food (Arrest Made)
 - 3048 E Layton Ave – Shampoo & Shopping Basket (Open)
 - Pick N Save – Liquor and food (Arrest Made)
 - 3048 E Layton Ave – Waist Band Phone Case (Arrest Made)
 - 3048 E Layton Ave – Laundry Detergent (Open)
 - 3048 E Layton Ave – Red Bull & Cell Phone Chargers (Open)
 - 4698 S Whitnall Ave – Liquor, cleaning supplies, baby Products (Recovered) (Open)
- Motor Vehicle Theft
 - 4025 S Packard Ave, 2017 Hyundai Sonata (Recovered in Milwaukee)
 - 4421 S Nicholson Ave, 2005 Chrysler Sebring (Recovered in Milwaukee)
 - 4261 S Pennsylvania Ave, 2019 Jeep Grand Cherokee (Recovered in Milwaukee)
 - 1209 E Norwich Ave, 2017 Hyundai Elantra (Recovered in Milwaukee)
 - 3729 S Packard Ave, 2022 Hyundai Elantra (Pending)
 - Chief Hunter spoke on behalf of other local chiefs to the MKE County District Attorney and U.S. Attorney for stricter measures on prosecuting auto thieves (e.g. “Kia Boyz”) due to the rash of repeat offenses and more violence taking place with the auto theft in the communities.
- Motor Vehicle Recovered in our City
 - 4563 S Vermont Ave, 2011 Honda CRV stolen from Milwaukee
 - 3700B E Lunham Ave, 2009 Nissan Altima stolen from Milwaukee

Battery – 12

Fraud - 9

Narcotic Violation – 23

OWI – 17

Disorderly Conduct – 19

Criminal Damage to Property – 11

Vehicle Pursuit – 2

Traffic Stops - 733

Accidents - 39

Total Calls for Service 2022 to date: 7,082

Bureau Updates (Unclassified Information)

PNC Bank Robbery

- The bureau and our own tactical officers served 3 search warrants on homes in the City of Milwaukee and recovered evidence, including clothing, on the offender. One of his accomplices was also identified. The offender was arrested by Hales Corners PD on federal arrest warrants. Both offenders

are in federal custody and we are awaiting indictment decisions by the US attorney's office. We worked closely with the FBI utilizing technology and resources that were made available by them for our use.

Theft by Fraud

- The bureau, along with the HIDTA and numerous agencies across the state, served eight simultaneous search warrants on homes associated with offenders utilizing fake checks to purchase and retitle vehicles across Wisconsin and IL. The home that McManus and Gilden were assigned had five stolen vehicles alone valuing over \$250,000. All vehicles were towed and returned to their rightful owners. 10 offenders were arrested. The task force seized 8 recovered stolen vehicles, boxes of fake checks and equipment associated with printing them, kilo of cocaine, pounds of marijuana, measurable amounts of heroin & fentanyl, 13 firearms, and approx. \$100,000 in cold hard cash. We expect to receive federal forfeiture monies on this case.

Other Information

- At the Council Meeting dated October 4, 2022, the overnight parking hours were changed from 0300-0600 to 0300-0500 (2-hour period). (The Council did this in response to citizen complaints/requests to change the hours. - KH)
- K9 Bane Hero Fund—over \$25,000 in received/committed funding. Goal is \$50,000. Upcoming events: Jen's Sweet Treats brat fry on Sunday, Oct 23 and the Community Center is looking to host an event for Bane. K9 Bane is still receiving acupuncture and other therapies. He requires assistance going outside, and is dragging his legs behind him when moving, but overall is in good health and spirits. He's still grumpy.

Squad Update

We received our new 2022 Ford Police Interceptor. It has been up fitted and striped. There needs to be one minor change to the computer placement in the squad before it goes into service. The 2016 Ford Police Interceptor will be stripped of its lettering and sold via the Wisconsin Surplus Auction within the next month. The 2016 has approximately 80,000 miles on it and should provide a good return on our original investment. Those monies will be placed back into the Capital budget to assist in the purchasing of two new squads in 2023 – a Dodge Charger to replace a 2018 Dodge Charger and a Dodge Durango to replace a 2018 Dodge Durango.

Training

- "Street Cop" training. This training is the most advanced patrol related training in the country at this time. Our department has hosted two classes (they offer various classes) this year. We just hosted a class of 60 L.E. officers from Illinois and Wisconsin on Thursday the 30th of September. For every 10 students, we receive one free seat – as a result, we received over \$1300.00 of free training for 6 of our officers at no cost to the city. They did not receive overtime as since I became Chief, we flex their duty hours for training. *(SFPD has become a hub for the training which is a big positive for city and PD image as well as excellent training opportunities for our officers- KH)*

- PO Alex Conrad, the Assistant Team Leader for the South Shore Joint Tactical Unit is competing for his second year in the Wisconsin County Mutual Advanced Law Enforcement Risk Training Law Enforcement Challenge today. Last year he placed just outside of the top three (3) with over 30 officers qualified to compete throughout the state. **The Department Awards:** The top three competitor's departments will receive a check made out to the department to be used at their discretion.

1st place: \$10,000

2nd place: \$8,000

3rd place: \$6,000

(Note this is an invite only event so kudos to Officer Conrad for this honor- KH)

The top three **officer individual awards:**

1st place: \$1,200

2nd place: \$1,000

3rd place: \$800

We wish PO Alex Conrad Luck!

Personnel Matters

- Probationary Officer Eric Armbruster and Officer Joseph "Joey" Pikulik are doing an excellent job. PO Armbruster, being new to the profession is taking a little longer to get acclimated, but is progressing as a newly minted officer should. PO Pikulik, being the veteran he is, is doing an outstanding job – nothing surprises him and he fits in perfectly in our community.
- There have been no Internal Investigations in 2022.
- There have been no formal citizen complaints in 2022.

Old Business:

- None

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Paradinovich and seconded by Commissioner Bilot to adjourn.

Motion carried at 4:45 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday November 2, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Kiepczynski

Secretary