

SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA
Tuesday July 8, 2025

Call to Order at 6pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call Kevin Maloney, Steve Thorn. Kevin motioned to excuse Dave Sluka, Steve seconded, all ayes.

Others Present Denise Dilello, Chris Novotny, Mayor Tammy Meyer, Solicitor Bill Mason, Chief Joe Urso, Patrolman Miranda Brothers

Minutes Kevin motioned to accept June minutes as amended, Steve seconded, all ayes

Old Business:

- Events: Chalk on the walk Saturday August 9 from 11-3, PD is participating in 2025 Safety Town
- Introduction of new dispatcher starting today - Adriana Klepper.
- Diversion program - Students still successfully cycling through the program, echoed by Crestwood Superintendent and Principal.
- Ohio Collaborative - No progress, still working to finish the next group of steps.
- Traffic Cameras - Discussion of pros and cons. Joe is on the fence, but In the end, the committee agreed to move forward with looking into handheld units. Joe will be getting cost numbers from other jurisdictions and setting up a zoom call with a vendor.
- DORA - Chief hasn't seen the updated proposal; he will attend and discuss at Planning. Discussion of various safety-related questions followed that still need to be answered.
- Training - LCTC (competency training, current trends, etc) annual refresher training scheduled for Friday Aug 29.
- Staffing - 2 new dispatchers (Adrianna Klepper started today, Adrienne Yoder started July 3) currently in training. 3rd (Isabella) approved to train but needs to wait until there's a training opening. Tammy raised questions regarding Officer Brothers' contributions to OP&F/OPERS and dispatching hours; Joe and Miranda clarified.
- SRO - 3 applicants, 2 don't qualify. Waiting on the remaining 1 to complete the application.
- Officers - no applicants. Tammy asked why Patrolman Krebs wouldn't be put on FT; Joe clarified why. The discussion moved into a long discussion about reducing our current requirement of 24/7 coverage, budgeting, scheduling, hiring, probationary and wage issues. Chief volunteered to eliminate certain activities that distract from his core job responsibilities.
- Wages - Discussion about changing wage ranges of officers. Kevin suggested increasing pay scales for all PD officers, all agreed to the proposal and to submit it to the Finance committee.

New Business: none

Citizens: Miranda stated satisfaction with the current wages, suggested there are other issues that inhibit hiring, including interpersonal relationships, advancement, etc.

Next meeting: August 12 at 6pm.

Adjournment Steve motioned to adjourn at 7:19, Kevin seconded, all ayes.