



CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS
7607 W. COLLEGE DRIVE, PALOS HEIGHTS, IL 60463



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
February 28th , 2023 – 6:30 P.M.

A G E N D A

MAYOR:	Robert S. Straz	COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
CITY CLERK:	Thomas Kantas	Alderman Robert Basso, Chairman
CITY TREASURER:	James Daemicke	Alderman Jack Clifford
CITY ATTORNEY:	Tom Brown	Alderman Jerry McGovern
		Alderman Brent Lewandowski
		Chief of Police: George Yott

CALL TO ORDER

1. ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 27th, 2022

3. POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT- 677 calls for service

4. TRAFFIC CRASH REPORT

Hit & Run	2
Property Damage	26
Personal Injury	3
TOTAL	31

5. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- a. Police Department Budget Report - see attached
- b. Red Light – 54 violations issued
- c. MSI Report – 11 citations issued
- d. Training Report – 666 Hours
- e. 2022 Department Stats

Traffic Stops	4,020
Full Custodial Arrests	248
DUI Arrests	51
Calls for Service	5,792
Mental Health Cases	91 (62-residents)
Training Hours	3,545

6. DUI SUMMARY – 5 Arrests

7. OLD BUSINESS:

8. NEW BUSINESS:

9. CORRESPONDENCE/EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

- Capri Restaurant sent dinner over to feed the patrolmen of the Palos Heights Police Department, much appreciated.
- A Letter of Recognition was given to both Officers, Paul Mikolajczak and Kevin Apostal. They were dispatched for a citizen assist, which turned out being a death investigation. They provided compassion, professionalism and dedication to this sensitive situation and they did it with grace. Excellent work.
- Sergeant T. Pirtle, from Worth Police Department, expressed his gratitude to Officer Renee Jones, who just recently retired from PHPD. Officer Jones helped locate a female juvenile in Worth that had suicidal tendencies. Officer Jones, spoke with the juvenile who opened up to the Officer and expressed some hardships she was going through. Officer Jones was able to develop a rapport with the juvenile and get her the help she needed.
- Hon. Judge Robert A. Stevenson wrote a letter thanking 3 of our Officers who responded to a possible home break-in. The officers went to the residence and found nothing out of the ordinary, but their quick response and support impressed the Judge, he was most grateful. He also sent a monetary donation to the Department, which benefit the Memorial Garden.
- The Principal of St. Alexander Church, Mrs. Sharon O'Toole, was very complimentary of our Police Department. She's thrilled that she and her school is partnered with the PHPD, who routinely go there and conduct lockdown drills/intruder drills, she also commented on how professional and impressed with Sergeant Jerry Wodka, who always remains after the drills to review protocols and provide suggestions.
- Judge Buikema, from the 5th Municipal District went out of his way to introduce himself to Chief and Deputy Chief Yott, expressing his impressiveness with case preparation and professionalism of the Palos Heights Police Officers.
- The PHPD received a plaque from the Special Olympics Illinois, for their outstanding Financial support to the 2022 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois. They raised \$17,075.29, they were one of the top fundraising departments.

10. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE * *Procedure for addressing the Committee: be recognized by the Chairman, rise, and give your name and address. Discussion is limited to 10 minutes, unless an extension is granted by a majority vote of the Committee. All meetings are tape recorded*

11. ALDERMEN'S COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT