

City of Palos Heights



Public Safety Committee
Tuesday, May 25, 2021
Minutes

Call to Order/ Roll Call

The Public Safety Committee was held on May 25, 2021 at the Palos Heights City Hall. Chairman Basso called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. In attendance were Chairman Basso, Alderman Clifford, Alderman Lewandowski, and Alderman McGovern. Also in attendance were Chief Yott, Deputy Chief Czajkowski, Deputy Chief Yott, and Recording Secretary Margaret Carey.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Basso moved to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2021 Public Safety meeting, seconded by Alderman McGovern. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Police Chief Yott reported as follows:

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

527 total calls for service April, 2021

TRAFFIC CRASH REPORT

Hit & Run	1
Property Damage	25
Personal Injury	4
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>30</u>

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- a) Police Department Budget Report
- b) SafeSpeed Report – 95 violations
- c) MSI Report – 44 citations issued
- d) Training Report - 200 hours
- e) DUI Summary - 2 arrests

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Correspondence/Employee Recognition

- An area resident (and former police officer) sent an email commending Deputy Chief Bill Czajkowski and 2 officers on how they dealt with a Palos Heights resident who was very emotionally disturbed. Their empathy, compassion, and professionalism toward this man was exemplary.

Questions/Comments from the Audience

None

Aldermen's Comments

Alderman McGovern asked for an update regarding the stabbing incident. Chief Yott said it was a domestic situation and the victim did not cooperate and did not want to proceed. He was treated and released from the hospital. Since there was no complaint, there were no charges filed.

Alderman Clifford said we can take the speed sign down at 71st Avenue. Deputy Chief Czajkowski said he studied the data and determined there is not a speeding issue at that location.

Police Night Out will take place the first week of August.

Alderman Lewandowski inquired about training. Deputy Chief Czajkowski reported that officers take part in different types of training. There are State mandates regarding required hours, but our department far exceeds the minimum requirement. We found it difficult to find mental health training, so we sent 1 officer to a "train the trainer" course and he trains our other officers.

Alderman Basso inquired about the bike path crossing at Route 83 near the high school. Are vehicles required to stop at that crossing? I have seen cars do that. Chief Yott said vehicles are only required to stop if a pedestrian is IN the crosswalk; otherwise, no.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chairman Basso made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Clifford. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Carey, Recording Secretary