



# Village of South Russell

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## Police Department

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### **SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES** **February 13, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. @ SRPD**

- **IT Contract**  
The committee was advised that ADP and Cable Communications Inc. (CCI) were still working on a proposal to have ADP as IT provider for the Police Department which will include a new phone system and a new camera system at the recommendation of ADP. Chief will provide the proposal as soon as it is completed.
- **TextMyGov**  
The committee was advised that the initial opt-in text for our new notification system was scheduled for Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. The new notification system will allow the Village to send out routine and emergency alerts.
- **Fire Contract**  
The current fire contract with Chagrin Valley Fire Department will be up for renewal at the end of 2025. Councilman Galicki offered to reach out to the fire department to obtain an overview of potential increases for the next 3 year contract.
- **Staffing**  
Chief indicated that the Police Department would be conducting a robust campaign to hire 2 to 3 part-time officers should we have success in finding any interested candidates. The committee was advised of the difficulties in hiring part-time officers over the last few years due to a lean candidate pool and the vast availability of full-time police jobs. Our current part-time rate is comparable to agencies in our area.
- **Mayor's Topics**  
The Mayor was not present for the meeting, however he asked that the committee discuss an offer from Chagrin Valley Fire to share a new software for the Fire Prevention Officer called, "First Due." The topic was acknowledged but no one had any information to discuss further.
- **Old Business** – Councilman Bell inquired about the level of details in the Police Department's Month End Report, indicating that there used to be more detail in the report such as a summarization of significant or unusual incidents. Chief explained that he was instructed to reduce the amount of detail in his reports, as they were overly detailed. Councilman Bell indicated that he would like to see more detail in significant incidents.



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- **New Business** - Councilman Galicki inquired about the overall condition of the police fleet and how the Ford Explorers have performed over the years. Chief reported that Ford introduced the first "Pursuit Rated" Explorers back in 2013 when the Ford Crown Victoria was retired. It was noted that the earlier models had some issues with water pumps and catalytic converters, however, there have been no significant issues for many years. We primarily see routine oil changes, brakes and rotors, and an occasional wheel bearing replacement. Most repairs and routine maintenance are done by the service department.

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:10 a.m.

Next Safety Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.