



Village of South Russell

Chief of Police
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SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 24, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. @ SRPD

- **Dog Warden / Bite Incident**

An incident occurred in Lake Louise on 4/14/2025. The incident involved a Basset Hound and a Pitbull. Significant injuries to both handlers. The PD and the dog warden received calls related to this incident. The dog warden attended the Safety Committee Meeting and explained the Ohio Revised Code regarding control of dogs. After the investigation, the dog warden issued a summons to the owner of the Pitbull for failure to control and the dog may be subject to re-location and may be considered a dangerous dog if the owner is found guilty.

- **IT Service Provider**

Chief advised the committee of an incident where a Troy Township Fire Department employee had a computer infected with malware that was connecting to the Sheriff's Office systems. The CrowdStrike application identified the attack and blocked the infected PC.

However, ADP is re-assessing their VPN and site to site connections and may be forcing all Geauga County Police and Fire Agencies to be managed by ADP to permit access to the Spillman Network.

Due to this recent news, Chief recommended that we halt any efforts to move forward with an IT provider until we know whether or not ADP will be mandating this transition.

- **Staffing**

After discussion regarding police department candidates, the Safety Committee will ask Mayor to appoint Candidate Michael McIvor to the part-time position at the **April 28th Council Meeting - Effective May 1, 2025**, and;

Candidate Julie Aveni to the full-time position at the **May 27th Council Meeting - Effective June 1, 2025**.

- **Garage Project Update**

Chief gave an update on the project. Update as of 4/28/2025:

4/29/2025 – Drywall will be delivered

5/1/2025 – Electrical to be connected

5/3/2025 – Drywall scheduled to be installed

Service Department will assist with final grading upon completion of the building.



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- **Tornado Siren**

The committee decided to maintain the existing testing cycle for the Tornado Siren. The siren will be activated on Saturdays @ 2:00 p.m. March thru September.

- **Old Business** – Nothing to report.

- **New Business**

Items in Mayor's Report

Mayor complimented the Chief on the police department's evaluation forms and stated he was impressed with the content related to Appearance, Time Management, Enthusiasm, Attitude, Enforcement.

Mayor reported that the 911 tax was increased from \$.40 to \$.60 to support Next Generation 9-1-1 services.

Mayor indicated that CVD has distributed their annual report.

Mayor reported that the Village will be contracting with a Fire Prevention Officer to work the Lake Louise Fireworks show as Sean Davis is not available. Mayor further reported on the new software (First Due) that Chagrin Valley Fire Department will be providing to Sean Davis at no cost to the Village.

Mayor inquired as to the number of senior citizens that attended the police department's presentation at the Bainbridge Senior Center. Chief advised that it was well attended.

Mayor reminded Chief of the upcoming First Responder's Appreciation Day on May 24, 2025.

Mayor inquired about the \$339.50 mileage expense and availability of the village car. Chief reported that the PD will not be in need of the Admin car moving forward after the new cruiser is set up.

Mayor wanted to discuss a recent speeding complaint on Snyder Road. Chief reported that he was already in contact with the complainant and the Police Department has increased its presence on Snyder Road in the specified times reported.

Chief reported that he and Danielle were advised by ADP that they had been blocking all inquiries from the website contact form. After further investigation, the Chief determined that ADP had been blocking these entries since we transitioned to ADP around June of 2024. Chief received a log entry from our web provider containing approximately 40 unanswered messages from residents that were blocked. Chief worked with our website provider, Dynamics Online, and resolved the conflict.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:57 a.m.