



Village of South Russell

Police Department

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SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES **October 16, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. @ SRPD**

- **Executive Session**
 - Purpose of conducting police candidate interviews per Section 121.22(G)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code and inviting in Police Chief, Candidate Stephen Brenner, and Jordan Fedor.
- **Hiring Process**
 - Chief expressed concerns over the hiring process regarding Mayor making contact with references or current employers prior to the candidate being approved by H.R. and Safety Committee as it could negatively impact a candidate's current employment. Councilman Berger suggested the police department be permitted to complete the background investigation process without interference to maintain the integrity of the process. Councilman Berger also indicated that H.R. intends to review the Village hiring process tailored to individual departments.
- **Old Business - None**
- **New Business - None**

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:20 a.m.