

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Public Safety met in Executive Session on Wednesday September 21, 2022, at 8:32a.m. with Board President Daniel Jones, and Board Members Darryl Heller, Lee Ross, and Attorney Danielle Weiss. Board Member Al Kirsits was not present. The meeting was held in Classroom 1 at the Luther J. Taylor, Sr. Fire Training Center, 710 East Sample Street, South Bend, Indiana, for the purposes specified in I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(A) for discussion of strategy with respect to collective bargaining and I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6)(A) to receive information concerning an individual's alleged misconduct. The meeting ended at 9:11 a.m.

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY


 Daniel Jones, President



 Darryl Heller, Member



 Lee Ross, Member

ATTEST:



 Theresa Heffner, Clerk
II. REGULAR MEETING

September 21, 2022

The Board of Public Safety met in the Regular Meeting at 9:18 a.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, with Board President Daniel Jones, and Board Members Darryl Heller and Lee Ross were present. Also present were Police Chief Scott Ruskowski, Fire Chief Carl Buchanon, and Attorneys Danielle Weiss, Kylie Connell, Christine Shakour (virtual) and Board Clerk Theresa Heffner were also present. The meeting was held in Classroom 2-3 at the Luther J. Taylor, Sr. Fire Training Center, 710 East Sample St., South Bend, Indiana and virtually via Microsoft Teams at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/BPS-09212022>

Attorney Weiss asked that everyone mute their microphone when not speaking and reminded attendees that comments from the public should be saved for the Privilege of the Floor portion of the meeting. Attorney Weiss then read through the agenda to note any additions or corrections. Attorney Weiss welcomed the public, called roll, and confirmed the presence of all Board Members.

A. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Upon a motion by Darryl Heller, seconded by Lee Ross and carried by roll call, the Board approved the Minutes of the July 20, 2022 regular meeting.

Upon a motion by Lee Ross, seconded by Dan Jones and carried by roll call, the Board approved the Minutes of the August 25, 2022 special meeting minutes as presented. Darryl Heller was not present at the August 25, 2022 special meeting so he abstained from voting.

B. FIRE DEPARTMENT1. APPROVE CAPTAIN'S PROMOTION RANK LIST

Samuel Ellinger
 Brian Patterson
 Joshua Richhart
 Tony Schelske
 Justin Lachmund
 Troy Whitsel
 Tyler King
 Justin Riehm

Steve Gervais

Chief Buchanon submitted a letter requesting the approval of the above firefighters as having completed and received the top scores during the recently completed captain’s promotion process. The firefighters were presented to the Board of Public Safety Members in accordance with their ranking as Captain positions become available. Chief stated this list is good for two years or until exhausted.

Upon a motion by Darryl Heller, seconded by Lee Ross and followed by a roll call, the Board approved the Captain’s Promotion Rank List.

2. APPROVE PROMOTION’S TO CAPTAIN IN SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

- Samuel Ellinger
- Brian Patterson
- Joshua Richhart
- Tony Schelske
- Justin Lachmund

Chief Buchanon submitted a letter of recommendation for promotion of Captains in Special Assignment for the above firefighters. Chief Buchanon stated the SBF D currently has a vacancy for a Captaincy position and stated in accordance with the promotion policy established by the SBF D and IAFF local #362, eligible firefighters were ranked to fill open positions as a Captain in Special Assignments (CISA) for a one (1) year probationary period. Chief Buchanon noted during the probationary year the firefighters will continue to receive a minimum of four (4) performance evaluations. After successfully completing all requirements during the probationary year, the Fire Chief will make a recommendation for permanent promotion to the rank of Captain. Assistant Fire Chief Brandon Roark gave a brief bio for each individual before they were pinned by family members.

Upon a motion by Darryl Heller, seconded by Lee Ross and followed by a roll call, the promotions to Captain in Special Assignment have been approved effective September 21, 2022.

3. RECEIVE MONTHLY STATISTICAL ANALYSIS REPORT AUGUST 2022

Chief Carl Buchanon submitted the monthly statistical analysis report for August 2022. Chief Buchanon pointed out the dramatic increase in property damage estimates from August 2021 compared to August 2022. He added that the Department has been working on inspections and re-inspections to get businesses open after the Covid-19 pandemic. He noted that escalation in EMS calls could be due to Covid-19 as well as the Opioid epidemic

AUGUST 2021	AUGUST 2022
STRUCTURE FIRES Property Damage--Buildings & Contents (Estimates)	
\$729,500	\$1,337,680
INSPECTION DIVISON	
307 Inspections 155 Re-Inspections	256 Inspections 134 Re-Inspections
INVESTIGATION DIVISON	
14 Investigations	13 Investigations
6 Incendiary 6 Accidental 0 Natural 2 Undetermined	1 Incendiary 4 Accidental 0 Natural 8 Undetermined

C. POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. APPROVE 2022 HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

Chief Ruskowski submitted a letter to the Board for the SBPD Halloween Trick or Treat hours to be held on Sunday, October 31, 2022, from 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. Chief Ruskowski also noted that the annual Cops and Goblins event will be held October 24, 2022 from 5:00p.m. to 7:30p.m. at Four Winds Field.

Upon a motion by Darryl Heller, seconded by Lee Ross, and followed by a roll call, the Halloween Trick or Treat hours were approved.

2. ACCEPT LETTER OF RESIGNATION TIMOTHY BARBER

Chief Scott Ruskowski submitted a Letter of Resignation from Timothy Barber effective September 15, 2022.

President Jones accepted the Resignation on behalf of the Board.

3. RECEIVE LEXIPOL POLICIES

334 - Public Safety Video Surveillance System

343 - Facial Recognition Technology

Attorney Kylie Connell said that the IT and Public Safety committee are working on a camera expansion program including a real-time crime center. She asked the Board receive the policy updates to look them over for voting at a future BPS meeting. There will also be community action groups related to these topics on October 4, 2022 at 6:30p.m. – 7:30p.m. at the O’Brien Fitness Center to further discuss the technology upgrades and corresponding policies. Chief Ruskowski informed the Board the information would be posted to their website and a link for the public to provide input would be posted as well.

President Jones received the Lexipol Policy updates on behalf of the Board.

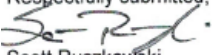
4. FILE MONTHLY STATISTICAL ANALYSIS REPORT FOR AUGUST 2022

Chief Scott Ruskowski submitted the monthly statistical analysis report for August 2022. He noted a twelve percent (12%) reduction in overall Part-One Offenses; however, there were one-hundred (100) people shot in August in South Bend with seventeen (17) of those being fatalities.

President Jones received the Monthly Statistical Analysis Report for August 2022 on behalf of the Board.

The AUGUST 2022 analysis is as follows:

PART 1 OFFENSES	YEAR TO DATE					
	2021	2022	CHANGE	2021	2022	CHANGE
HOMICIDE/MANSLAUGHTER	0	1	1	12	17	5
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE*	0	1	1	1	3	2
RAPE	6	7	1	45	44	-1
ROBBERY	23	29	6	212	205	-7
AGGRAVATED ASSLT	214	161	-53	1437	925	-512
BURGLARY RES	43	46	3	291	320	29
BURGLARY NON RES	23	48	25	119	234	115
LARCENY	186	237	51	1696	1597	-99
MOTOR VEH THEFT	58	51	-7	400	339	-61
ARSONS	5	6	1	23	25	2
GRAND TOTAL	558	586	28	4235	3706	-529

Respectfully submitted,

 Scott Ruskowski
 Chief of Police

Month: AUGUST 2022

<u>PART 1 OFFENSES</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
HOMICIDE /MANSLAUGHTER	12	17	42%
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE*	1	3	200%
RAPE	45	44	-2%
ROBBERY	212	205	-3%
AGGRAVATED ASSLT	1437	925	-36%
BURGLARY RES.	291	320	10%
BURGLARY NON RES.	119	234	97%
LARCENY	1696	1597	-6%
MOTOR VEH THEFT	400	339	-15%
ARSONS	23	25	9%
GRAND TOTAL	4235	3706	-12% <i>✓</i>
-12% CHANGE IN PART 1 CRIMES THROUGH		AUGUST 2022	

D. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Attorney Weiss reminded the public to use the hand-raising function of Microsoft Teams to indicate their desire to speak during Privilege of the Floor. She reminded attendees that they would be allotted three (3) minutes to speak. There were no individuals in person or online that indicated they wished to be heard.

E. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion by Darryl Heller, seconded by Lee Ross and carried by roll call, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47a.m.

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ATTEST:



Theresa Heffner, Clerk