



Wauwatosa, WI

Police and Fire Commission

Meeting Minutes - Final

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

4:30 PM

Police Department
West Conference Room
1700 N 116th Street Wauwatosa WI
53226 and Zoom:
<https://servetosa.zoom.us/j/85484698352>,
Meeting ID: 854 8469 8352

Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Danielle Basil-Long called the meeting to order at 4:31 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present 4	Commissioner, Chair Danielle Long Commissioner Phillip Morris Commissioner Victor Plantinga Commissioner Stan Stojkovic
Remote 1	Commissioner Greg Leahy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This was approved.

1. Approval of minutes of the February 19, 2025, regular meeting

[25-0340](#)

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Stan Stojkovic
SECONDER: Victor Plantinga

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REPORT OF THE POLICE CHIEF

James MacGillis, Police Chief, presented.

Operational Updates

1. Proactive incidents related to crime [25-0468](#)
 - Capt. Gierach, 2 others moved to new bureaus
 - 3/11/25: Threats to Kingdom Prep. Patrol, SRO's, Detective Bureau collaborated to identify and arrest the suspect before the end of the school day
 - 2/28/25: Weapons offense arrest at Homewood Suites. Officers located and arrested a subject who threatened another resident with a firearm,

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**2. Traffic safety statistics**[25-0477](#)

- *Data for 2024 vs 2023*
 - *+12.95% overall CFS*
 - *-13.4% PI crashes*
 - *-2.6% PDO crashes*

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**Support Services****1. Hiring update**[25-0469](#)

- *As of 3/15/25:*
 - *98 sworn, 2 vacancies*
 - *4 laterals in progress*
 - *3 academy hires in progress*
 - *Applications for academy opened in 3/17/25*

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**2. Sergeant process update - named candidate**[25-0478](#)**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY****Administrative Updates****1. 2026 budget process**[25-0470](#)

- *Has started, budget restrictions continue to be a challenge*
- *Have "big ticket" items to pursue with City:*
 - *WPOA contract expires 12/31/25*
 - *Replacing a K9*
 - *Technology subscriptions*

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**2. Special event preparation**[25-0479](#)

- *Declared 5 large city events a public safety priority in order to properly set up Command and Staffing, is an industry best practice*
- *This will require mandatory ordering of certain personnel*
 - *July 4th parade & drone/fireworks show*
 - *Tosa Night Out*
 - *Tosa Fest*
 - *Holiday Train*

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF**

James Case, Fire Chief, presented.

Operational Updates**1. Monthly call volume**[25-0471](#)

- 762 calls in February; 1668 YTD
- 1,612 same period in 2024

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

2. Significant incidents [25-0472](#)

- House fire - 9800 block of Grantosa Drive. Kitchen fire, no one home, dog didn't survive

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

3. Shared services [25-0473](#)

- West Allis Consolidation discussions, study approved by both Common Councils

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

Administrative Updates

1. Personnel actions (retirements/resignations/promotions) [25-0474](#)

- 2 resignations (Gonzales/Timm)
- 2 members offered, then declined (One to Appleton, One to MFD)
- 1 retirement (A/C Erke)
- We will be holding a LT process later this year

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

2. Deputy Fire Chief - training appointment approval [25-0475](#)

- 15 applications (14 external/1 internal)
- Interviews held 2/18 (3 external/1 internal)
- Offered to external candidate, initially accepted then declined
- Offered to internal candidate; LT. Travis Padgett who has accepted. First day 3/24/25
 - 10 years on the department, experience with Racine and WCTC instructor
 - Associates from MATC, Bachelor's from UW-Oshkosh

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Victor Plantinga

SECONDER: Phillip Morris

3. Intern program hiring protocol updates [25-0476](#)

- 10 new interns in background check process
- 7 accepted positions/3 on hold due to age
- Will potentially be updating the PFC hiring rules depending on Work Comp rules

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M.