

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION MINUTES
MEETING OF MAY 2, 2023**

- 1. Roll Call:** Commissioners Kirschling, Moore, Mrozek, Ostrowski, Zenner

Also Present: Police Chief Kussow, Assistant Chief Gemza, Assistant Chief Williams, Assistant Chief Zvara, Lt. Johnson, Lt. Uitenbroek, B.C. Ewing, Alderperson Kneebone, Brandi Makuski – Point/Plover Metro Wire

- 2. Election of Commission President and Secretary.**

- **Following the election, the President will appoint liaisons to the Police Department and the Fire Department.**

Commissioner Ostrowski nominated Jerry Moore as Commission President for 2023-2024. Seconded by Commissioner Zenner.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Moore nominated Robert Ostrowski as Commission Secretary for 2023-2024. Seconded by Commissioner Kirschling.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Moore appointed Commissioner Zenner as Liaison to the Fire Department and Commissioner Kirschling as Liaison to the Police Department. Commissioner Mrozek will be helping out with special assignments and projects.

- 3. President's Report**

Big events coming up this summer: Riverfront Rendezvous, U.S. Senior Open Championship. The current situation with the AT&T cell tower that is affecting the community and public safety in general. The city is aware of it, Commissioner Moore has spoken with the Mayor, and it will hopefully be resolved soon.

- 4. Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Mrozek moved, seconded by Commissioner Zenner, to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2023, meeting as presented.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

5. Confirmation of Bills

Commissioner Kirschling moved, seconded by Commissioner Ostrowski, to approve the confirmation of the April 2023 bills.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. Lt. Uitenbroek PD to give an update on the upcoming 2023 U.S. Senior Open Championship at Sentry. Followed by an update by A.C. Gemza FD.

Lt. Uitenbroek: Planning and preparation is underway. At Sentry, they are building grandstands, shelters, chalets, etc. Public Safety is working with Sentry Security staff, the USGA, and other city entities. A traffic study has been completed by AECOM and will be working with city streets personnel, county highway personnel, Wisconsin DOT, and other entities on: message signing boards, traffic signals, directing traffic flow, etc. Several other Public Safety organizations are assisting: DNR, State Patrol, Marathon County EOD, K-9 Units from around the state, and other agencies. Discussion regarding compensation/payment for those resources has been worked out with Chief Kussow securing a written MOU with the USGA and Sentry to ensure that law enforcement services will be reimbursed. A tabletop exercise is coming up in May to go through various scenarios that could present during the Championship. Sentry and the USGA have contracted with a private parking service, for which there are pre-designated parking plans and shuttle routes to the course.

Alderperson Kneebone approached the podium to announce that City Transportation will be suspending bus fares that week and are working with event planners to provide free shuttles around the city.

A.C. Gemza: Over the course of that week, 45,000-50,000 people are expected in attendance. Contact was made with the hospital and medical staff from last year's event to estimate how much is needed at Sentry. Aspirus is the corporate partner with Sentry to provide on-site medical needs for participants, spectators, staff, etc. They will provide two medical tents, BLS rovers, BLS transport carts, bike EMS, an ALS response cart, and an on-site ambulance. Stevens Point Fire Department will be in the Operations Center and will transport patients out of that facility if needed. The plan is for someone who is injured, will be seen and treated right there on-site. Mass

casualty kits will be stationed in different areas of the golf course, and the Amherst mass casualty trailer will be on-site. Staffing will be flexible based on the time of the day (less people in the morning, etc.). Aspirus is bringing a dispatcher to sit with the Public Safety dispatcher. Patient tracking is through a state program that provides real time information to all medical staff. Overtime is not anticipated due to Aspirus partnering with Sentry to provide the majority of medical assistance. Riverfront Rendezvous will be covered the same as it is every year.

7. Fire Chief's Report/EMS Report

- Retired Fire Chief Pete Ugorek passed away. Fire personnel posted for his funeral.
- Retired Captain Paul Mattlin passed away. His celebration of life service was last Friday.
- Last Sunday, the department had a pancake breakfast for current and retired members.
- A strike team was sent to the Arcadia fire to provide assistance.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Ethan Przybylski became a Field Training Paramedic and Firefighter/Paramedic Joseph Gemza III became a Field Training Paramedic.
- Vehicle fire in Park Ridge. Due to the rapid response of the Fire Department, the fire was extinguished, the car was pulled out of the garage, and there was no damage to the structure.

48 Members Approved
46 positions Funded
41 Staffed

Significant Events

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| • Live Burn Training Second Street North | 04/08/2023 |
| • Acadia DNR Wildland Fire | 04/13/2023 |
| • Field Training Paramedic Course | 4/17-21/2023 |
| • Chief Peter Ugorek Funeral Ceremony | 04/24/2023 |
| • Promotion Ceremony of FF/P Joey Gemza, and Ethan Przybylski to Field Training Paramedic | 4/25/2023 |
| • Nicaragua Donation of SCBA's | 04/28/2023 |
| • Captain Paul Mattlin Celebration of Life Service | 04/28/2023 |
| • SPFD Family Pancake Breakfast | 04/30/2023 |

Mutual and Automatic Aid Fire Response: (9)

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| • 5409 Vern Holmes Drive (City) | YTD (19)
04/04/2023 |
| • University Road @ Brown Thrush Road (Rudolph) | 04/05/2023 |
| • 650 Highway K (Stockton) | 04/06/2023 |
| • 3455 County Road N (Rudolph) | 04/07/2023 |
| • 538 Old Wausau Road (Hull) | 04/12/2023 |
| • 2601 Forest Drive (Plover) | 04/12/2023 |

- 910 State Road 54 (Black River Falls) 04/13/2023
- 6434 Old Highway 18 (Stockton) 04/13/2023
- 7375 White Spire Road (Rothschild) 04/14/2023
- 1430 Torun Road #326 (City) 04/22/2023

Fires

- Structure Fires-5 YTD (9)
- Vehicle Fires-1 YTD (2)
- Brush, Grass, Wildland Fires-3 YTD (3)
- Trash/Dumpster Related Fires-0 YTD (0)
- Cooking Incidents-1 YTD (6)
- Chimney Fire -0 YTD (1)
- Excessive Heat, Scorch, No Fire- 1 YTD (6)
- Electrical Issues-5 YTD (10)

EMS/Rescue

- EMS Assist Calls-60 YTD (233)
- Assist Invalid-0 YTD (0)
- Vehicle Accidents-4 YTD (9)
- Assist Other Government Agency-0 YTD (1)
- EMS Call, Other-0 YTD (1)

Alarms

- False Alarms Responses-13 YTD (40)

Hazardous Materials

- Carbon Monoxide Detected-1 YTD (3)
- Natural Gas Detected-1 YTD (5)
- Gasoline and Flammable Leak/Spill-0 YTD (1)
- Hazardous Investigation nothing found-2 YTD (10)
- Oil/Combustible Spill included Vehicle Accidents-1 YTD (1)
- Chemical Spills-0 YTD (1)

Other Incidents

- Animal Rescue-1 YTD (1)
- Burning Regulation Issues-19 YTD (22)
- Citizen Complaints-0 YTD (0)
- Water/Steam Leak-0 YTD (0)
- Smoke Scare, Odor of Smoke, Steam Mistaken for smoke-3 YTD (7)
- Ring Removal-0 YTD (1)
- Dispatched and Cancelled Enroute-5 YTD (15)
- Nothing Found on Arrival- 1 YTD (1)
- General Service Call-0 YTD (0)
- EMS or Fire Standby-2 YTD (2)

- Bomb Scare-0 YTD (0)

Technical Rescue

- Water/Ice Incidents-0 YTD (4)
- Rope/High Angle Rescue-0 YTD (0)
- Extrication of Victim from Elevator-0 YTD (1)
- Extrication of Victim from a Vehicle-0 YTD (1)
- Extrication of Victim from Building-0 YTD (0)

Monthly Total (129)

Year to Date Total (397)

Total Fire Losses City Property-\$100

YTD: \$10,100

Total City Property Saved-\$147,500

YTD: \$2,215,100

Monthly Training:

- Applebee's Training -Search and Rescue/Ladders
- Live Burn 2nd Street North
- Truck 22 Pump Training
- Truck 22 Aerial Ladder Training
- Field Training Paramedic Course
- Oshkosh Sawdust Expo

Public Activities:

- o Fox Valley Technical College Public Safety Fair 04/11/2023
- o Station Tour 04/19/2023
- o Epi Pen Training Water Department 04/26/2023
- o SPASH Career Fair 04/27/2023
- o CPR AED Nasal Narcan Class 04/27/2023
- o Station Tour 04/28/2023

Firefighter/ Paramedic Interviews: 3 potential candidates were interviewed. We will have 2 recruits starting the May academy.

Field Training Paramedic Promotions: FF/ Paramedics Ethan Przybylski and Joseph Gemza III were promoted to Field Training Paramedic.

North Central Regional Trauma Advisory Council: BC Ewing and AC Gemza attended the North Central Regional Trauma Advisory Council Conference held in Wausau.

Field Training Officer Courses: Stevens Point Fire Department hosted two different National EMS Management Association Courses, "Basic EMS Field Training Officer" and "Developing and Managing the EMS Field Training Evaluation Program" Leaders and future leaders from our department and area departments participated.

Developing and Managing the EMS Field Training Evaluation Program SPFD Participants:

- AC Joe Gemza
- BC Anthony Ewing
- Lt Matt Zander
- Lt Shane Westphal
- Lt Ross Oestreich
- FTP Ethan Przbylski
- FTP Joe Gemza III
- FF/Medic Austin Lewandowski

Basic EMS Field Training Officer Program SPFD Participants:

- AC Joe Gemza
- BC Anthony Ewing
- Lt Matt Zander
- Lt Shane Westphal
- Lt Ross Oestreich
- FTP Ethan Przbylski
- FTP Joe Gemza III
- FF/Medic Austin Lewandowski
- FF/Medic Conner Pelot
- FF/Medic Jen Petkoff
- FF/Medic Tim Ewers
- FF/Medic Jake Butler
- FF/Medic Chris Wornski

Medic 1			
	Month	YTD	2022 YTD
Responses	189	701	695
Transport/Treat ALS	132	485	438
Transports BLS	2	5	25

Medic 2			
	Month	YTD	2022 YTD
Responses	84	394	383
Transport/Treat ALS	59	260	220
Transports BLS	0	4	16

Medic 5			
	Month	YTD	2022 YTD
Responses	0	9	3
Transport/Treat ALS	0	4	3
Transports BLS	0	0	0
Cancel/Refuse/No Trans	0	3	1
Hosp to Hosp	0	0	0

Simultaneous Calls			
Units	Month	YTD	2022 YTD
2	53	260	224
3	13	28	18

Car 5 Response			
	Month	YTD	2022 YTD
Responses	8	78	67

Medic 3			
	Month	YTD	2022 YTD
Responses	15	136	77
Transport/Treat ALS	11	94	55
Transports BLS	0	6	3

RRU Response Location			
	Month	YTD	2022 YTD
V Plover	1	9	3
V Almond		0	0
V Amherst		0	1
V Amherst Jct		0	0
V Jct City		4	2
V Nelsonville		0	0
V Park Ridge		0	0
V Rosholt		2	3

Medic 4			
	Month	YTD	2022 YTD
Responses	26	54	36
Transport/Treat ALS	14	29	17
Transports BLS	4	4	1

T Alban		1	1
T Almond		0	0
T Amherst		0	1
T Belmont		0	0
T Buena Vista		0	0
T Carson	2	10	8
T Dewey		6	3
T Eau Pleine	1	3	2
T Grant		0	0
T Hull	2	13	14
T Lanark		1	0
T Linwood		1	4
T New Hope		0	0
T Pine Grove		0	1
T Plover		4	0
T Sharon		5	5
T Stockton	1	8	8
Other		0	0
St Point	1	12	0

Fire Department Apparatus

	Month	YTD	2022 YTD
Responses	0	0	n/a
Transport/Treat ALS	0	0	n/a
Transports BLS	0	0	n/a
Cancel/Refuse/No Trans	0	0	n/a
Hosp to Hosp	0	0	n/a

Totals			
	Month	YTD	2021 YTD
Responses	314	3081	3080
Transport/Treat ALS	216	1992	1984
Transports BLS	4	96	95
Cancel/Refuse/No Trans	92	973	966
Hosp to Hosp	0	17	19

Vehicle	Year	Make	Model	Current Vehicle Miles
51Med1-A918	2021	IH	CV	1899
51Med2-A187	2018	Ford	F-550	87800
51Med3-A184	2018	Ford	F-550	83600
51Med4-A211	2015	Ford	F-550	74333
51Med5-A554	2010	IH	4300	161844

Commissioner Moore moved, seconded by Commissioner Ostrowski, to approve the Fire Chief's report and place it on file for April 2023.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

8. Police Chief's Report

- Assistant Chief Williams attended her fifth week of Command College. Her final week will be in June and then graduation will follow.
- Lt. Johnson has been representing the department at career fairs throughout the state.
- Officer Schultz participated in the annual spring Prescription Drug Take Back. Over 1,000 lbs of prescription drugs were discarded.
- Officer involved shooting in beginning of April. Wish to thank those agencies that reached out: Stevens Point Fire Department, Portage County Sheriff's Officer, State Patrol, Division of Criminal Investigations, Wisconsin Professional Police Association, Plover Police Department, and all other Chiefs and board members from around the county and the state. Thank you for offering to help out and making sure we are all ok.
- A mental health professional has been reaching out on a daily basis to all officers involved in the shooting and working with them closely.
- A mental health awareness program is being established for officers. Officers will be mandated to meet with a mental health professional once a year. Officers who work with crimes against children or sensitive crimes will meet twice a year. A policy is currently being implemented.
- Lt. Johnson is preparing for Rescue Task Force (along with help from other agencies). The Commissioners are invited to stop by and see how the scenario plays out and all the work put into it. The location is not disclosed to officers until the scenario starts to simulate a real event.

Personnel: 45/49

Note of Interest:

- Crossing Guard David Wagner resigned from his position after working since January 13, 2023. He left the position for a better paying job with more hours.
- 4-11-23 Lt. Johnson attended the Fox Valley Technical College Public Safety Career Fair.
- 4-20-23 New Hires, William and Kylie, began their pre-employment testing for expected start date of 5-22-23.
- 4-22-23 Ofc. Schultz participated in the Annual Spring Prescription Drug Take-back. Over a 1,000 pounds of unused, expired or unwanted prescription drugs were disposed of through the program in Portage County.
- 4-24-23 Ast. Chief Williams attended her 5th week of Command College.
- Throughout the month of April, several members from SPPD observed and critiqued lockdown drills at Pacelli High School, St. Peter's Middle School, St. Stephen's Elementary School, St. Paul's Elementary School, SPASH and other schools within the district.

- 4-24-23 Ofc. Stankowski and Lt. Johnson participated in a bike rodeo at Madison Elementary School on April 24th. Well over 50 students participated in the event. Ofc. Stankowski showed off one of SPPD's Bike Patrol Bicycles.
- 4-25-23 Lt. Johnson, Lt. Brooks, Lt. Moss and Ofc. Brooks continue to work closely with SPFD, Plover PD, PTSO and other agencies to include the Stevens Point School District on Rescue Task Force Training scheduled in June 2023.
- 4-27-23 Lt. Johnson met with area officials for the first TRIAD(SPPD, PTSO and Seniors) Meeting, after the Committee folded during COVID. TRIAD's goal is to enhance the quality of life of older adults, through education and active participation in statewide programs and projects, by partnering with law enforcement, senior serving agencies and seniors to help reduce criminal victimization of older adults.

Calls of Interest:

- **04-23-23 Traffic Stop with Drug Seizure-** SPPD Officer conducted a traffic stop west side, and ended up finding 2 pounds of THC and THC products. Lots of gummies and cartridges. Driver stated he purchased out of state for personal use. Driver in jail, on charges.
- **04-22-23 OverDose,** Officer responded with Med unit to an address at 2600 blk Bush St. to assist with a person who had consumed alcohol and sleeping pills. Subject transported medically.
- **04-21-23 Welfare Check/ Drug arrest,** Officers were dispatched to North Point Pub to check the welfare of male passed out in vehicle. Officers observed drug paraphernalia in plain view and subsequent search located 10 grams of possible heroin or fentanyl. Also located were scales, baggies, and cash. Driver was arrested for possession with intent to deliver and P&P Hold.
- **04-21-23 Driving Complaint,** PTSO Deputy and SPPD Officer conducted a traffic stop on suspect vehicle in driving complaint. Driver of suspect vehicle would not cooperate or get out of the vehicle. The driver ingested unknown substance in front of officers, a med unit was requested. Search of vehicle located suspected meth and us currency.
- **04-21-23 Suspicious Person,** Officers responded to 1000 blk Franklin for report of unknown male tearing down a garden shed. Male was disoriented possibly under the influence. Male became uncooperative with officers and took a fighting stance. Male was tased and hand cuffed. Upon medical clearance the male was taken to jail.
- **04-19-23 Death Investigation,** SPPD Officers responded to Schmeekle Reserve to investigate a death. SPPD Detectives responded as well as the medical examiner. Case turned over to UWSP PD.
- **04-18-23 Disturbance,** SPPD Officers responded to physical disturbance between father and son. Son was arrested for strangulation, battery. Son initially removed his ankle monitor, however he was located by Officers in a nearby park.
- **04-17-23 Driving complaint,** SPPD Officer responded to area of Rogan's shoes to investigate a driving complaint. The suspect vehicle was located and stopped. Driver refused field sobriety testing, .312 BAC which required further medical clearance prior to going to jail.
- **04-17-23 Suspicious,** SPPD Officers responded to area of 100 blk Minnesota Av. to investigate report of male in black jacket banging on doors at multiple residence waking people up. The male was contacted by Officers and later taken into custody on P&P hold.
- **04-15-23 Disturbance after the fact,** SPPD Officer investigated a report by female who stated her husband beat up her boyfriend in Bukolt Park. Turns out the boyfriend sustained a broken jaw and needed further medical attention. Officers contacted Department Of Corrections to request a warrant for the husband who had left the scene.
- **04-15-23 OverDose,** Officer responded to 400 blk Washington for report of a male overdosing on heroin. Another male residence took items and left the residence prior to Officer arrival. Male who OD'ed was medically transported and treated, he also had a pending Department Of Corrections warrant .

- **04-14-23 Suspicious**, Officer responded to the area behind the Days Inn 100 blk Division St, for report of two subjects with flash lights. Officers made contact with two subjects who stated they were shinning for deer. One of the subjects was arrested on P&P warrant.
- **04-13-23 Disturbance/ Med call**, Officer responded to 900 blk Second St to investigate a report by a female she had a seizure due to being thrown to the floor by a male. The male was later arrested on Probation Hold and charges forwarded to DA.
- **04-13-23 Suspicious**, Officer responded to a male in the Point After lot to locate a male sleeping in the car. Caller thought the subjects were casing the business. Drug paraphernalia in plain view, which led to a Probation & Parole hold.
- **04-12-23 Disturbance**, 1600 Division report of a black male screaming at people and throwing items. Officers contacted the male who was taken into custody on P&P warrant. Another involved male was also arrested on a warrant.
- **04-12-23 Driving Complaint**, Officers responded to Nebel and Water, for report of female who stop and a red flashing light and not responding to caller. Further investigation found female to be under the influence and arrested.
- **04-07-23 Suspicious**, Report of suspicious male. SPPD Officer responded to investigate. During the investigation Officers located a male who produced a firearm and shot at officer. Officers returned fire striking the subject who was secured and given medical treatment. Department of Criminal Investigation requested to investigate the Officer Involved Shooting.
- **04-02-23 Threats**, Officer investigated report of known male threatening to kill everyone in the Democratic Party Head Quarters with a gun. Upon further investigation the male suspect arrested for terroristic threats.
- **04-01-23 possible bomb**, 1700 blk Oak St. caller reported finding a possible WW2 bomb under the floor. Marathon Bomb Squad reported to remove the item.

Monthly Use of Force Reporting (annual total in parenthesis):

Number of Use of Force Incidents: 2 (10)

April Use of Force Summaries

- 4-7-23 – SPPD was involved in an Officer Involved Shooting. Division of Criminal Investigations is investigating this incident.
- 4-21-23 – SPPD Officers responded to a residence where a male was trespassing and tearing down a shed that did not belong to the person. Upon contact with the person, they appeared under the influence of drugs and were not making sense. During the entire contact the suspect was uncooperative, yelling, making weird noises and swearing at the Officers. Once the Officers told the suspect they were not free to leave, the suspect turned around, clenched his fist and squared off with an Officer. The suspect was tased. The suspect fell to ground and the Officers handcuffed the suspect. The suspect requested an ambulance, but had no injuries.

Mental health related incidents: Officers Responded to the following in April:

- Total welfare checks for 2023 = 278
- 63 Welfare checks
- 4 Voluntary
- 3 Chapter 51's
- 1 Alcohol Commitment
- 1 Suicide

Training:

04-19-21-23	WAHI Training Seminar	Kohler, WI	Drossel
04-17,19,2023	Bi-Annual EVOC	NTC, Merrill	All Officers
03-27-31/04-10-14	First Line Supervisor 2 weeks	Chippewa Valley Tech	Beach
04-24-28,23	Week 4 Command College	Fort McCoy	Williams
04-25-27-23	Basic FTO	Waukesha Tech	Stankowski
04-25-27-23	Basic FTO	Waukesha Tech	Wierzba
As Needed	FAA Part 107 Drone Pilot	SPPD	O'Neil

Field Training (FTO):

Auxiliary Unit:

- 4-8-23 Aux at City Easter Egg Hunt
- 4-13-23 Aux at Trivia Parade
- 4-22-23 Aux at SPASH Prom
- SPPD Auxiliary training for April included scenario based training with a disturbance and downed subject scenario. SPPD Auxiliary recruiting video was completed by Stevens Pont City Media, the video was posted via social media by Lt. Johnson PIO

School Resource Officers:

SPASH

- Calls for service-113
- 4 Weapon related investigations: Three involving knives and one complaint about a student possibly having a gun. 3 knives located and handled with school consequences, the gun complaint was unfounded.
- 5 Vaping investigations, one citation issued and the rest completed the vaping education course in lieu of a citation
- 5 Truancy citations
- 5 Thefts, all handled with school consequences
- 10 Disorderly Conduct Motor Vehicle, handled with school consequences
- 1 Sexual assault- incident reported (did not happen at SPASH)-investigation continuing.
- Training was completed with several staff regarding our reunification kit at SPASH, and we had two in house security meetings.
- There was a student walkout for transgender rights, lots of assistance from other officers with that.
- Prom was held this past weekend at the Holiday Inn and went well.

PJ Jacobs

- Calls for service - 117
- School consequences - 43
- Citations for Disorderly Conduct - 3
- Juvenile referrals - 4
- Truancy citations - 1
- YES program referrals - 1
- SRO been working on our second round of Lockdown drills in the schools (two are required per calendar year). Also tornado drills were done in all of our schools.

- SRO Quisler had a sexting investigation which required the help of our detective bureau, as the victim lived in Wausau. The result was a juvenile referral and a phone seized as evidence.

Ben Franklin

- Calls for service - 116
- 57 receiving school consequences
- 3 YES referrals
- 6 NTC's 2 for sexting, 2 for DC, 1 UAL and 1 for vaping
- 2 Juvenile Referrals Prescription drug related (selling and possessing)
- 1 Sexual assault investigation passed on to another agency for follow-up
- 2 Sexting investigations resulting in 2 citations and interviews of nearly 2 dozen students at multiple schools
- 1 Physical fight between two students resulting in school consequences
- 1 Theft resulting in school consequences
- 3 Students were Out of School Suspended for Bullying with warnings of Harassment if it continued
- SRO Marchel had multiple reports of vaping both from nicotine vapes and thc vapes with multiple vapes located and 1 thc dab pen located.
- Multiple Securely reports of students doing searches related to weapons that all turned out to be related to research for a school project except for one.
- SRO Marchel taught 3 classes of 7th graders in FACS class for our Police Outreach Program on how the internet works and cyberbullying as well.

Commissioner Ostrowski moved, seconded by Commissioner Zenner, to approve the Police Chief's report and place it on file for April 2023.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.