

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION MINUTES
MEETING OF JULY 11, 2023**

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

Also Present: Police Chief Kussow, Fire Chief Moody, Assistant Chief Williams, Lt. Uitenbroek, Comptroller/Treasurer Ladick, City Attorney Beveridge, Records Bureau Supervisor Tork, Lead Records Specialist Long, Alderperson Kneebone

2. President's Report

Nothing to report from Commissioner Moore.

3. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Kirschling moved, seconded by Commissioner Mrozek, to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2023, meeting and the minutes of the June 20, 2023, special meeting as presented.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

4. Confirmation of Bills

Commissioner Ostrowski asked Chief Kussow to expand on the wellness visits for PD employees. Chief Kussow explained that each employee will be required to attend one to two, one-hour sessions per year, depending on job duties (i.e., sensitive crimes and crimes against children). Because of the types of incidents employees are subject to, we want to provide an additional tool to help them with emotional and mental health. All information is confidential between the counselor and the employee.

Commissioner Zenner and Commissioner Ostrowski stated they feel this is very important and hope the city will look into ways to help the PD fund the program.

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

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

5. Lt. Uitenbroek PD to give an update on the 2023 U.S. Senior Open Championship that was held at SentryWorld.

The Championship was very successful and all public safety entities worked together well. Preliminary information shows Friday was the busiest day with over 9,000 in attendance (not including staff, security, volunteers, etc.). There was a traffic issue at Michigan Avenue/Stanley Street on Friday, but it was quickly resolved. During the tournament, a few minor law-related incidents occurred, along with mostly minor medical events. The PGA would like to come back in the near future.

6. Police Chief's Report

July 11, 2023

Police and Fire Commission
City of Stevens Point

Re: June 2023 Chief of Police Report

Commissioners:

The Department would like to make you aware of the following updates:

Personnel: 45/49

Note of Interest:

- June was the start of the Law Enforcement Speed Grant, this grant is in cooperation with the Portage County Sheriff's Office and Plover PD.
- **6-2-23/6-5-23/6-8-23** - Rescue Task Force Training. Approx. 120 police Officers from 5 different agencies, 100+ Fire Fighters/paramedics/first responders from 5+ agencies and well over 200 teachers or staff members from the 3 school districts were trained participated in the training over the 3 days. There were also over 100 people who volunteered their time to act as role players/victims during the scenarios across the 3 days. The training consisted of presentations, breakout groups and a large-scale scenario, where everyone was involved. Initial feedback is that the training was huge success and a big opportunity for everyone involved to learn. The goal is for each group to go back and debrief and discuss what works well and what doesn't and to get better and be more prepared. Another goal is to continue to train with the school districts, whether it be on in-service days, small presentations or more trainings like this, in the next several years.
- **6-3-23** – Lead Officer Nissen helped organize and participated in the Cops-n-bobbers event at Lake Pacawa, Plover, WI.

- **6-6-23** – Honor Guard presented the colors for the WI IAAI Fire Conference at the Holiday Inn and Assistant Chief Rottier welcomed the participants to the City.
- **6-9-23** – Assistant Chief Williams graduated from Command College with a degree as a Certified Public Manager from UW Madison.
- **6-9-23** - Lt. Johnson and Det. Drossel were able to fly to the Challenge Academy at Fort McCoy in a Blackhawk II helicopter along with several members from several school districts. While at the Academy they were given a tour by a cadet and also given a presentation about the academy and the history behind it. The purpose of the tour was so we can be better informed and able to possibly refer kids who are struggling to the program.
- **6-14-23** – Stevens Point/Plover SWAT team completed their annual tryouts.
- **6-15-23** – Ofc. Kristi Ahrens, Linda Froehlich NAMI, Amy Pond (PCHHS) and Jessica Hake (PCHHS) were honored by the WI chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness for becoming a certified CPI (Crisis Intervention Partner). A team that works cooperatively to train non-sworn citizen members and business leaders how to spot a mental illness crisis and de-escalate it.
- **6-20-23** – Lt. Uitenbroek successfully completed probationary period and is now permanent status.
- **6-20-23** - Ofc. Radsek and Lt. Johnson gave a tour of the Police Department to 11 kids with the Madison View Boys and Girls Club. The kids got to see the inner workings of the PD, ask questions, get a tour of a police car and meet K9 Willow.
- **6-26-23** – USGA Senior Open event which will run through July 2, 2023.
- **6-29-23** – Officer Alan Raasoch retires after 26+ years of service with the Stevens Point Police Department and to the City of Stevens Point.
- **6-30-23** – Riverfront Rendezvous

Calls of Interest:

06-19-23, One Vehicle Roll Over Church and Centerpoint, The crash vehicle took corner too fast and rolled. Driver and occupants fled the scene. Some of the occupants returned to the scene at which time, a parent of one of the occupants (known to L.E. based on prior contacts) physically challenged officer and was arrested for D.C and resisting. Upon further investigation all occupants were identified and medically treated for injuries sustained in the crash. One of the juvenile occupants was a listed runaway.

06-16-23, Disturbance, 1000 blk of Park St. Officers were called to investigate a domestic disturbance. Upon further investigation, it was discovered the male had busted out several windows while making threats to the female. The male was later contacted and arrested.

06-14-23 Physical Disturbance, 1100 blk of Main St for a domestic between Male and Female residents. Male trashed a light and tossed a computer against the wall. Initially barricaded himself in his room with the couch up against the door. Didn't want to come out at first, but eventually did. Male was not very cooperative like usual. Male was arrested for domestic disorderly conduct and

damage to property, 3 counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and 1 count of felony bail jumping.

06-14-23 Restraining Order Violation, 200 blk of Union, Ex- husband entered the property.

Female called to report the violation. Ex-husband was arrested on TRO violation.

06-13-23, Assist Portage County Sheriff's Office and Division of Criminal Investigations with Arson investigation.

06-13-23 Welfare Check, 400 blk of West St N, Officers investigate report of three young children left home alone. Upon further investigation, three children ages 8, 6, and 3 were left unattended at home by mom. CPS contacted and responded to location. Family is already working with CPS.

06-13-23 Disturbance Elbow room, SPPD Officers responded to report of black female who punched a patron, was kicked out by staff and later urinated on the sidewalk. While Officers were enroute, the female left the area in a vehicle with no lights on at night. A SPPD Officer passed the suspect vehicle which then turn 180 degrees around driving towards the police squad stopping approx.. 3 ft in front. The female suspect exited her vehicle and walked towards officers. The female was contacted by officers at which point the suspect physically resisted officers, grabbing a male officer on the groin causing pain. The female suspect appeared to be under the influence and was arrested for OWI and resisting.

06-13-23, Welfare Check, Officers checked the welfare of a male who became upset after playing video game fortnite. The male reportedly grabbed a knife to cut himself as he lost the game. The knife was put away prior to officer arrival.

Safety plan put in place by Green Bay Crisis.

06-13-23 Assault Robbery, Report by a female who was drug out of her vehicle by her hair and had her money, keys, and other items taken. A group of 5-6 suspects participated in the assault. The incident was captured on downtown cameras. Vehicle keys recovered and the investigation is still pending.

06-12-23 Stolen Vehicle, complainant reported his vehicle stole from the area by Pfiffner park. Use of the FLOCK cameras located the vehicle traveling S/B on Post road. Waupaca PD located the vehicle which was driven by 16 year old runaway from Green Bay.

06-11-23 Traffic stop, Male driver was stopped for traffic violation by SPPD Officer. Male driver was later arrested on Marathon Co. Warrant. Vehicle was searched as a strong odor of marijuana was observed. During the search a rifle was located. The male driver had conditions of bond not to possess firearms due to domestic abuse injunction.

06-09-23 Assist DNR, SPPD Officer was able to assist DNR with vehicle lic. Plate from Flock cameras. The suspect vehicle was identified in relation to an arson investigation.

06-08-23, Warrant, Flock camera alert notified SPPD officers of a vehicle with Registered Owner with warrant. SPPD Officers located vehicle and later arrested the male.

06-07-23 Disturbance, 5110 Main after the fact report by female who reported the male boyfriend beat her after an argument. The male was kicked out of the hotel due to the disturbance by staff. Officers later located and arrested the male.

06-01-23, Death Investigation, SPPD Officers responded to Water St. residence at which adult son located father decease of an apparent self-inflicted gun shot

wound. Detectives requested to process the scene and investigate.

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

Number of Use of Force Incidents: 4 (16)

June Use of Force Summaries

- **6/13/23** – Officers were called to the area of the square for a suspect who had created a disturbance downtown and then left in a vehicle, striking two other parked vehicles. The vehicle was located and stopped after almost colliding head on with a squad car. The suspect approached Officers yelling at them and ignoring their commands. One SPPD Officer drew their firearm and held it at the low ready while commanding the suspect to the ground. Once on the ground the suspect resisted Officer's attempts to get handcuffs on them and at one point grabbed one Officer's groin, causing that Officer pain. The Officer delivered 3 elbow strikes to the suspect's lower back to get them to stop this, which was successful. The suspect was then handcuffed. Both Officers received scratches and scrapes to their knees, hands and arm, but the injuries were not significant. The suspect was arrested for Operating while impaired along with battery to Law Enforcement Officer and other charges.
- **6/14/23** – SPPD Officers were called to a residence for a domestic disturbance. The suspect had barricaded inside a bedroom. When Officers were able to get the bedroom door ajar, they noticed the suspect with their arms crossed. One Officer removed their taser from the holster and held it at the low-ready position as they issued commands to the suspect. The suspect eventually came out of the room and was handcuffed. No injuries.
- **6/16/23** – SPPD Officers were investigating a domestic abuse incident. Officers located the suspect hiding in a garage and was failing to obey Officer's orders. K9 Barry was present, and the handler gave commands to the suspect, advising if the suspect did not follow the commands, they may be bitten. The suspect then followed the commands and was taken into custody without incident or injury.
- **6/17/23** – Officers from SPPD were investigating a car accident when a parent of one of the involved occupants arrived on scene and became aggressive towards Officers. The parent chest bumped the Officer and squared off to fight them. The Officers were able to grab the suspect, advising the suspect they were under arrest and the suspect continued to pull away. The Officers were forced to put the suspect to the ground, face down. While on the ground the suspect still tried to resist, but Officers were able to get the suspect handcuffed. During the struggle on the ground, two of the Officers that used force were also injured. They received scrapes to their knees and hands. The injuries were minor. The suspect was not injured.

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

- Total welfare checks for 2023 = 399
- 70 Welfare checks
- 7 Voluntary
- 2 Chapter 51's
- 1 suicide by firearm

Training:

06/05-09-23	Week 6 Command College	State Patrol Academy	Williams
06-11-14-23	WI Police Executive Group Leadership Conf.	Minnesuing Acers	Rottier
06-11-14-23	WI Police Executive Group Leadership Conf.	Minnesuing Acers	Kussow
06-13-15-23	School Resource Conf.	Appleton	Quisler
06-13-15-23	School Resource Conf.	Appleton	Kramer
06-13-15-23	School Resource Conf.	Appleton	Marchel
06/15/23	Undercover Tactical Operations	Waukesha Tech	Lawryn
06/15/23	Undercover Tactical Operations	Waukesha Tech	Lepinski
06/16/23	Undercover Survival Tactics Cancelled	Waukesha Tech	Lawryn
06/16/23	Undercover Survival Tactics Cancelled	Waukesha Tech	Lepinski
06-21-23-23	LEAP Conf.	Eau Claire	Tork
06-21-23-2023	LEAP Conf.	Eau Claire	Rlong

Field Training (FTO):

- Probationary Officer Will Klismith continues progressing well through step 1.

Auxiliary Unit:

- Jack Stand Matchbox Races
- Auxiliary monthly meeting

School Resource Officers:

SPASH

- SRO Kramer is assigned to the Investigation Bureau for the summer.

PJ Jacobs

- SRO Quisler is assigned to Patrol for the summer.

Ben Franklin

- SRO Marchel and K-9 Willow are assigned to the Investigation Bureau for the summer.

K9 – Barry

- June 6 – Portage and Second St. traffic stop o 3.41grams of marijuana concealed under seat. o Paraphernalia
- June 6 – McDill Ave and School St. traffic stop o .01 grams of meth o Floor board

K9 – Willow

- June 12 – Aging and Disability Resource Center o Met 4th and 5th grade students partnered up with senior citizens •
- June 11 – Iverson Park
- o Next Home Luke Day Community Appreciation

Respectfully submitted,

*Chief Robert Kussow
Stevens Point Police Department*

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

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

7. Discussion, with possible action, on filling new Deputy Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Coordinator position with Justin Malin.

Commissioner Kirschling moved, seconded by Commissioner Zenner, to approve filling new Deputy Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Coordinator position with Justin Malin.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

8. Discussion, with possible action, on moving forward with the employment of entry level Firefighter/Paramedic Jared Higgins.

Commissioner Zenner moved, seconded by Commissioner Kirschling, on moving forward with the employment of entry level Firefighter/Paramedic Jared Higgins.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

9. Fire Chief's Report/EMS Report

Police & Fire Commission

Fire Chief's Report – June 2023

48 Members Approved

46 positions Funded

43 Staffed

Significant Events

- Recruit Academy Graduation and Promotion of Conner Pelot 06/16/2023

- New Water Rescue Boat in-service 06/23/2023
- USGA 43rd Golf Event 06/26/2023

Mutual and Automatic Aid Fire Response: (6)

- 3200 Ellis Street (City) YTD (30)
05/03/2023
- 0 Whiting Ave (City) 06/08/2023
- 1109 Fremont Street (City) 06/12/2023
- 2524 Whiting Ave (City) 06/20/2023
- 401 Michigan Ave (City) 06/23/2023
- 816 Prentice Street (City) 06/25/2023

Fires

- Structure Fires-3 YTD (14)
- Vehicle Fires-0 YTD (2)
- Brush, Grass, Wildland Fires-2 YTD (6)
- Trash/Dumpster Related Fires-1 YTD (3)
- Cooking Incidents-1 YTD (15)
- Chimney Fire -0 YTD (1)
- Excessive Heat, Scorch, No Fire-1 YTD (8)
- Electrical Issues-4 YTD (17)

EMS/Rescue

- EMS Assist Calls-45 YTD (335)
- Assist Invalid-0 YTD (0)
- Vehicle Accidents-2 YTD (15)
- Assist Other Government Agency-0 YTD (1)
- EMS Call, Other-1 YTD (2)

Alarms

- False Alarms Responses-9 YTD (61)

Hazardous Materials

- Carbon Monoxide Detected-0 YTD (4)
- Natural Gas Detected-2 YTD (8)
- Gasoline and Flammable Leak/Spill-1 YTD (2)
- Hazardous Investigation nothing found-0 YTD (12)
- Oil/Combustible Spill included Vehicle Accidents-0 YTD (6)
- Chemical Spills-0 YTD (1)

Other Incidents

• Animal Rescue-1	YTD (4)
• Burning Regulation Issues-8	YTD (39)
• Citizen Complaints-0	YTD (0)
• Water/Steam Leak-0	YTD (0)
• Smoke Scare, Odor of Smoke, Steam Mistaken for smoke-1	YTD (9)
• Ring Removal-0	YTD (1)
• Dispatched and Cancelled Enroute-1	YTD (18)
• Nothing Found on Arrival- 0	YTD (1)
• General Service Call-1	YTD (1)
• EMS or Fire Standby-0	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/Machine-0	YTD (2)
• Extrication of Victim from a Vehicle-1	YTD (2) •
• Extrication of Victim from Building-0	YTD (0)

Monthly Total (85)

Year to Date Total (596)

Total Fire Losses City Property-\$176,000

YTD: \$206,100

Total City Property Saved-\$2,034,200

YTD: \$5,754,300

Monthly Training:

- Recruit Academy
- RTF Training Pacelli, SPASH and Rosholt Schools
- Hose Testing
- Pump/Nozzle Training
- EV Car Training
- CPR/Spinal Immobilization and Drownings
- G2 Paging Training
- Water Training
- EM Tracker Training
- EMS Heat Related emergencies, trauma, burns
- EMS Protocols
- USGA Crew briefing
- WI Fire Chiefs Convention

- WI IAAI Fire Investigation Conference

Public Activities:

- Ride on a Fire Truck 06/01/2023
- Pacelli Softball Team Escort 06/10/2023
- Excel Preschool truck and tour
06/13/2023
- World Elder Awareness Day
06/15/2023
- Fleet Farm Touch a Truck
06/23/2023

**Stevens Point Fire and EMS Department
Activities Report
June 2023**

Public Education: CPR / Spinal Immobilization / Drownings training with Stevens Point Municipal Pool staff.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: Participated in World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and Ice Cream Social at the Lincoln Center

Recruit Academy Graduation/Swearing in: Probationary FF/Medics Justin Peppard and Madeline Avery. Graduated from the Academy and were Sworn in as Stevens Point Firefighter/ Paramedics on June 16th.

Field Training Paramedic Appointment: FF/Medic Connor Pelot was appointed Field Training Paramedic on June 16th.

USGA Senior Open: was part of the Joint Operations Center for all 7 days of the USGA Senior Open.

Riverfront Rendezvous: Firefighter/ Paramedic Shane Westphal ran the "Family Fun Safety Day" on Saturday at Riverfront. Each child received a safety passport which was stamped when they completed each safety activity. When the passport was fully stamped, and the passport was turned in, the child received a prize.

Maintained an EMS presence during Riverfront.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Gemza, Jr.

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Assistant Chief of EMS

Medic 1			
	Month	YTD	2022 YTD
Responses	183	1087	1007
Transport/Treat ALS	126	751	642
Transports BLS	2	13	34
Cancel/Refuse/No Trans	55	323	323
Hosp to Hosp	0	3	11

Medic 2			
	Month	YTD	2022 YTD
Responses	102	628	599
Transport/Treat ALS	68	429	362
Transports BLS	1	5	22
Cancel/Refuse/No Trans	33	194	213
Hosp to Hosp	0	1	2

Medic 3			
	Month	YTD	2022 YTD
Responses	23	169	144
Transport/Treat ALS	15	115	105
Transports BLS	2	9	5
Cancel/Refuse/No Trans	6	45	33
Hosp to Hosp	0	0	1

Medic 4			
	Month	YTD	2022 YTD
Responses	8	67	47
Transport/Treat ALS	2	33	24
Transports BLS	4	9	1
Cancel/Refuse/No Trans	2	25	15
Hosp to Hosp	0	0	0

Medic 5			
	Month	YTD	2022 YTD
Responses	3	15	5
Transport/Treat ALS	2	9	4
Transports BLS	0	0	0
Cancel/Refuse/No Trans	1	4	2
Hosp to Hosp	0	0	0

Fire Department Apparatus			
	Month	YTD	2022 YTD
Responses	0	0	2
Transport/Treat ALS	0	0	0
Transports BLS	0	0	0
Cancel/Refuse/No Trans	0	0	2
Hosp to Hosp	0	0	0

Totals			
	Month	YTD	2021 YTD
Responses	319	3086	3080
Transport/Treat ALS	213	1989	1984
Transports BLS	9	101	95
Cancel/Refuse/No Trans	97	978	966
Hosp to Hosp	0	17	19

Vehicle	Year	Make	Model	Current Vehicle Miles
51Med1-A918	2021	IH	CV	23715
51Med2-A187	2018	Ford	F-350	91414
51Med3-A184	2018	Ford	F-350	84085
51Med4-A211	2013	Ford	F-350	74714
51Med5-A334	2010	IH	4300	162257

Simultaneous Calls			
Units	Month	YTD	2022 YTD
2	56	394	354
3	15	55	35
4	2	6	10
5		3	2

Car 5 Response			
	Month	YTD	2022 YTD
Responses	19	110	103

RRU Response Location			
	Month	YTD	2022 YTD
V Plover	2	11	4
V Almond		0	0
V Amherst		1	1
V Amherst Jct		0	0
V Jct City	1	6	2
V Nelsonville		0	0
V Park Ridge		0	0
V Rosholt	1	4	4
V Whiting	3	13	17

T Alban	1	2	4
T Almond		1	0
T Amherst		0	1
T Belmont		0	0
T Buena Vista		0	0
T Carson	2	12	10
T Dewey	3	10	5
T Eau Claire		4	3
T Grant		0	0
T Hull	2	19	23
T Lanark		1	0
T Linwood	1	3	6
T New Hope		0	0
T Pine Grove		0	1
T Plover	1	5	1
T Sharon	1	6	5
T Stockton	1	10	15
Other		0	0
St Point		2	0

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

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

10. Revisions to Policies and Procedures for the Police and Fire Commission.

City Attorney Beveridge went over sidebar comments regarding possible changes to the existing policies and procedures and asked for policy input from commissioners. Comptroller/Treasurer Ladick was present to give input on the budget policies/procedures.

Next discussion to be added to the agenda for the August 8th, 2023, Police and Fire Commission meeting.

11. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.