

Minutes
CITY OF DELANO
Public Safety Commission
Monday, April 7th, 2025, at 7:00 PM
Delano Fire Department – Training Room

Meeting moved to City Hall Conference Room – Posted at the Fire Station on the Night of the PSC meeting.

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1902

2. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda

Casey O'Connor, Chris Van Schooneveld, Greg Keller, Lori Belz, Kallie Tappie, Jim Anderson

Also in attendance: Jason Franzen, Wright Co SO Sergeant Mark Olsen, and ESD Jeff Cielocha

Casey O'Connor made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Chris Van Schooneveld

3. Minutes

a. March 3rd Commission Meeting Minutes (attached)

Motion made to approve the minutes by Casey O'Connor, 2nd by Chris Van Schooneveld.

4. Speakers, Presentations, and Awards

Alex Roser- 4th of July Committee – Alex Roser provided an update on where the planning is at for the 4th of July celebration. An important update is the implementation of an emergency management plan (EOP). The celebration will have Ridgeview EMTs in the park full time. SO is confident there is adequate law enforcement officer (LEO) coverage for the event.

Jason Franzen mentioned the need to increase security by using items like jersey barriers to mitigate possible safety threats. The security trailer was also mentioned as an option. Alex Roser stated that the tree coverage may hinder the trailer. There is a structured LEO presence at the event. The event staff are required to call 911 to get responders to an incident. No one would be able to monitor the camera system. Staff people are clearly identifiable by the t-shirts they wear. More and more volunteers are present and walking around the event.

Kallie Tappie asked if there is a presence when the event closes for the day. Alex R. explained that personnel, including LEO, patrol the area throughout the night. There have not been any incidents with the beer trailer or rides, or people trying to break into them.

Jim Anderson expressed concern for severe weather notifications and safe places for fairgoers. Alex R. explained the actions taken by the 4th of July staff and carnival workers to notify fairgoers, how announcements are made, and the coordination/partnership with the city to potentially open up the public works building for carnival workers.

Kallie Tappie asked about a city-wide mass notification system. ESD Cielocha updated how the city sends emergency notifications through Wright Co and the IPAWS system.

Casey O'Connor asked about using jersey barriers to limit ingress and egress. Alex R. identified that it could be done, but it would also hinder emergency response due to the limited ability to move after they are placed.

As needed by Wright Co. and other law enforcement agencies, the event staff is updated on potential threats.

New events are being added this year. A trap shooting event is being added at the Delano Sportsman's Club. A professional group is also putting on an axe-throwing tournament.

5. Order of Business

a. Review Event Security and Accessibility

Tabled for all to review. Potential comments to be made at the next meeting.

b. Speed Sign on McKinley Parkway

This is the city's sign and will be getting moved soon. Move the sign to Franklin Ave W by the pond across from the park.

c. Delano Citizens' Academy

ESD Cielocha updated the group on what the citizen's academy is and how it has traditionally worked.

d. Increased Law Enforcement Presence

ESD Cielocha updated the PSC on Wright Co SO presence. Sergeant Olson reported that no speeder presence was noted.

e. Security Trailer

Casey O'Connor motioned to table the conversation about investing in the trailer, seconded by Chris Van Schooneveld.

f. River Floatation Devices

Casey O'Connor recapped the history of this topic. Jeff to prepare an update. Jim Anderson to provide an update on CERT activities for flooding.

g. Signage for Sidewalk on West Side of River St – City Engineer Shawn Louwagie's Suggestion – Move forward with his recommendation.

6. Communication and Announcements

a. Next Meeting

i. May 5th, 2025, at 1900.

b. Agenda items must be in by the deadline, or they will need to be moved to the following month's agenda.

7. Adjournment

Casey O'Connor made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lori Belz. Meeting adjourned at 2050