



**CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS**  
7607 W. COLLEGE DRIVE, PALOS HEIGHTS, IL 60463



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**February 22nd, 2022 – 6:30 P.M.**

**A G E N D A**

<b>MAYOR:</b>	<b>Robert S. Straz</b>	<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS:</b>
<b>CITY CLERK:</b>	<b>Thomas Kantas</b>	<b>Alderman Robert Basso, Chairman</b>
<b>CITY TREASURER:</b>	<b>James Daemicke</b>	<b>Alderman Jack Clifford</b>
<b>CITY ATTORNEY:</b>	<b>Tom Brown</b>	<b>Alderman Jerry McGovern</b>
		<b>Alderman Brent Lewandowski</b>
		<b>Chief of Police: George Yott</b>

**CALL TO ORDER**

**1. ROLL CALL**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 26th, 2021**

**3. POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT-601 calls for service for November, 2021.**

**4. TRAFFIC CRASH REPORT**

Hit & Run	8
Property Damage	26
Personal Injury	<u>2</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>

**5. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

- Police Department Budget Report - see attached
- Red Light – 103 violations issued
- MSI Report – 10 citations issued
- Training Report – 240 Hours

**6. DUI SUMMARY – 2 Arrests**

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE/EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

- Congratulations to Officer Jake Wiegand who has successfully completed his twelve month probationary period with the Palos Heights Police Department.
- Officer Forrest Marcinowski was nominated by Officer Joe Carlson for Peer Recognition Award. A resident was struggling with home life and work responsibilities and PHPD

had numerous service calls at this residence, during one of the final contacts, his wife was especially complementary to the care and compassion Forrest showed both her, and her husband during his troubles.

- One of the Administrator's from Promedica, which is the new operator of the former Manor Care facility, was very impressed and highly complementary of the professionalism both displayed by our PHPD and PHFD officers.
- Sergeant Jeff Crowley nominated both Officer Tony Delaney and Officer Eric Czajkowski for Peer Recognition Award. Both officers responded to an incident for an ambulance assist. They were immediately met by the patient's wife who directed them to the victim who was lying on the floor, unresponsive. Without delay, they initiated CPR until the fire department arrived to take over. They were able to console the wife while obtaining pertinent medical information about the victim. The victim's wife was most appreciative to both departments and couldn't thank them enough.
- On Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at approximately 2:17AM, an armed robbery was reported at the Shell gas station, located at 12121 S Ridgeland Ave. Palos Heights police officers, who had recently completed a fatal automobile crash, responded to and secured the scene. They learned from the victim clerk that two male suspects entered the gas station, one being armed with a handgun, and ordered the clerk to the ground. Lottery tickets, cigarettes, and cash were taken during the armed robbery. Palos Heights PD crime scene investigators processed the scene and video surveillance footage was analyzed.

Palos Heights PD detectives spearheaded and lead a multi-jurisdictional effort with police departments locally, and as far away as Jasper County, Indiana, as they had similar incidents occur within their jurisdictions.

On February 1, 2022, Palos Heights detectives took the suspect, 30 year-old Sedgwick REAVERS into custody, subsequently acquiring and executing search warrants on residences and vehicles associated with REAVERS in Chicago, IL in the following hours. Evidence corroborating REAVERS's involvement with the armed robberies was seized as a result of the search warrants.

On February 2, 2022, Palos Heights detectives presented the case to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, at which time felony approval was given for Armed Robbery and Unlawful Use of a Weapon, receiving substantial bonds of \$2 million dollars for each Armed Robbery charge, and \$1 million dollars for a violation of bond.

The Palos Heights Police Department prides itself on providing top-quality professional services to the community we serve, with our capabilities and professionalism unmatched by departments of similar size, as we daily provide services typically associated with large departments.

We thank our community for the resounding praise we received on social media for our success in this investigation, and Sergeant Parnitzke individually recognized the extraordinary work done by the following members with letters of recognition:

Officer Belseth, Officer Castor, Officer Clark, Officer Delaney, Officer Droba, Officer Evans, Detective Hutchinson, Officer Marcinowski, and Officer Paluch.

**10. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE** \* *Procedure for addressing the Committee: be recognized by the Chairman, rise, and give your name and address. Discussion is limited to 10 minutes, unless an extension is granted by a majority vote of the Committee. All meetings are tape recorded*

**11. ALDERMEN'S COMMENTS**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**