



Palmyra Public Safety

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September Palmyra Public Safety Update

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Department Overview

September priorities included maintaining public safety coverage, supporting school safety with the start of the new school year, preparing draft budgets for 2027, and planning for equipment and future service needs. The Public Safety Officer (PSO) program continued to demonstrate its value by providing additional personnel for numerous fire and EMS responses.

Police Division

The Police Division handled **81 calls for service in September**, bringing the year-to-date total to **1,008 calls**, compared with **602 during the same period in 2025**.

This represents an increase of **406 calls, or 67.4%**.

School safety remained a priority, including continued patrols and contact at the middle school/high school, and Montessori school.

We continue to strengthen our relationship with the schools and school district through regular communication and weekly coordination on student safety and concerns involving peer interactions. Our efforts include education, collaborative problem-solving, and referrals to appropriate resources when needed.

Police, Fire, and EMS resources supported football games and homecoming events. The homecoming parade and football game were successful and safe despite the construction on Main Street.

Speeding remains a community concern, and officers continue traffic enforcement.

There has also been community discussion about entries into vehicles. The department has received no recent formal reports of break-ins involving homes or locked vehicles. Residents are encouraged to report incidents directly to Palmyra Public Safety, or to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office during overnight hours, so officers can investigate and identify patterns.

Fire/EMS Division

The Fire/EMS Division responded to **32 incidents in September**, bringing the year-to-date total to **273 incidents**.

On September 24, crews responded to two back-to-back calls in the Town of Palmyra. While the ambulance crew was completing a hospital transport, a motor vehicle accident occurred on Tower Road.

Three PSOs were on duty, including the Public Safety Director, allowing a full engine crew and EMS crew to respond. Kettle Moraine provided ambulance transport because Palmyra's additional ambulance was not yet in service. This was another example of recent incidents in which the PSO program increased the department's ability to respond to overlapping calls.

As of that response, the additional ambulance was expected to enter service within the following weeks.

Regional Collaboration

The Public Safety Director, Fire Chief, and Village President continued to discuss and review our contractual coverage proposal for the Kettle Moraine Fire District. Discussions focused on opportunities for collaboration, shared resources, and potential service improvements. This remains a proposal under development, with an open mind toward regional collaboration.

Budget and Equipment Planning

Preparation of the draft 2027 public safety budget continued during September. A dedicated public safety budget meeting was requested to allow sufficient time to review staffing, coverage, equipment, and operational needs.

PD Squad replacement planning included consideration of a fully equipped 2025 or 2026 Ford F-150 or Ford Explorer, along with the potential sale of the 2020 squad in its current as-is condition. Purchase costs, financing options, and the anticipated sale value remained items for Board discussion.

Upcoming Priorities

- Complete and present the draft 2027 public safety budget.
- Follow through on placing the new ambulance into service.
- Continue discussing the Kettle Moraine FD contract and future collaboration in the region.
- Review and approve PD squad replacement and financing options.
- Continue working toward 24/7 police/PSO coverage, seven days per week.

Thank you to the Village Board, Town Board and community for its continued support of the department and our efforts to provide dependable, professional Public Safety services.