

Village of South Amherst
Safety Committee Minutes
February 18, 2026

Attendance

David Troike, Anthony Savage, Jeanne Maschari, Police Chief Frazier, Fire Chief Grimm, Lieutenant Kudela

POLICE CHIEF

> Body Cams and Tasers.

Police Chief Frazier presented on body cams and tasers. Training VR Goggles comes with the package.

After the contract is up, equipment stays with the PD. Extra licensing if want to keep access to video.

> NOPEC

Pink foam for the garage to keep insulated.

SOFT BILLING

All services i.e.: MVA's, Lift assist, ems assist,

EVENTS

- Easter Egg Hunt suggestion by safety committee, SAPD, and SAFD to move to baseball fields.
 - Ample parking
 - Could use soccer field for real little kids
- For Village Lighting explained about trucks staying outside during festival
- Not a fan of the back and forth for village lighting

FIRE CHIEF

> Grants

- Purchase new 35' extension ladder-current has to be removed from service
- Working on several small grants for gloves and hoods and gear dryer
- Bigger AFG-all new hoses and appliances, turnout gear for whole department, new rescue engine (have a pump, water) but set up for rescue (MVA's). Current truck 101 used for structure fires
 - o Put in for a dry rescue for 108 and didn't get it-so they get a rewrite on grant for free. So for this grant-it will be wet rescue. Replacing two trucks that have a combined age of 55 years, that are out of service.

- Oberlin and Elyria Twp signed "letters of agreement" with a FEMA grant, rough quote for \$1-1.2 million for the truck
- What is Village's match? 3-5% unconfirmed
- Don't have grant match numbers in their budget, however.
- Looking at grant or reserving funds for a side by side
- Awarded \$11,000 reimbursement grant for the training all firefighters did last year. Lots of local departments didn't get.
- After this levy, it can be changed from replacement to permanent

> **Responding program**

- New responding program. Currently use I Am Responding
- Active 911
 - \$2,000 for the year-\$60 for each new firefighter to be added – It is in the budget
 - Pager-what they have now is \$800
 - Every firefighter has one except for 4
 - Work more with cad system
 - Many surrounding departments use them
 - Costs to compare
 - Comes with active comms
 - Listen to the actual 911

> **Garage to the west of the station**

- David Valentine got a Quote to fix the garage is \$20,000
- Look to replace with metal building and a loft or half loft for storage the village (Beautification Committee possibly use)
 - ½ paid by village ½ paid by SAFD

> **Fire Inspection**

- Working way through them. Next one is Tuesday- at a group home

> **SOP's**

- Just did calls and trainings
- Will need one for the scholarship fund for firefighters training and one for the auxiliary
- 2 halves to SOP's-Administrative and Procedures. Admin should mirror Employee handbook. Then reviewed by Safety Committee

> **Newsletter**

- Safety Committee wrote newsletter and it wasn't able to be written because the info about the ambulance wouldn't be useable. Updated article from SAFD to be sent to mayor

> **Chief Pay**

- One year was up last August

- Suggest mayor do evaluation early march so Safety can review 18th for suggestion for March 23rd council meeting

TODO

Email Safety Committee totals from Carlisle Billing funds.

