AGENDA

Public Safety Committee

Thursday, September 11, 2025
Temporary Village Hall
1000 E. Woodfield Rd.
Schaumburg, IL 60193

VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG
PROGRESS THROUGH THOUGHTFUL PLANNING

A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 10, 2025

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recommendation to Disband the Medical Reserve Corps.

B. Law Enforcement Related Law Updates - Informational

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

V. ADJOURNMENT

VI. NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

A. September 23, 2025

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VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

July 10, 2025
09/11/25
Public Safety Committee

Presenter:
Lead Department: Fire Department

Executive Summary:

Recommended Action:

ATTACHMENTS:
- 2025.07.11 PSC Minutes.pdf

I have reviewed the minutes, and they correctly represent the actions taken by the committee.

Jim Walters, Fire Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
June 10, 2025

7:00 PM

Members Present: Trustee Jamie Clar
Trustee Jack Sullivan
Trustee Michael LaRosa

Others Present: Paula Hewson, Assistant Village Manager
Jim Walters, Chief of Fire
Bill Wolf, Police Chief

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Clar called the Public Safety Meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Trustee Clar said the first order of business is the approval of minutes. Trustee Sullivan so moved the minutes from the meeting of June 12, 2025. Second by Trustee LaRosa. Three ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Recommendation to Approve a Contract Extension with JG Uniforms for Police Department Uniforms and Equipment.**

   Police Chief Bill Wolf said that JG has been used for all standard uniforms for several years now, but that they have experienced price increases from manufacturers. Chief Wolf further explained that there has been a trend of increases of 5 percent. However, other vendors were increasing the price by more than 5%. Due to the consistent increases in price PD went to bid last year, and JG still was the least expensive in comparison to other vendors. Chief Wolf stated that based on the service JG is providing and the quality of their products they are recommending continuing contracting with them with the 5 percent increase. Trustee Clar said he recalled JG from last year and how it was previously discussed the turnaround time of JG was faster than others.

   Trustee Sullivan motioned to Approve a Contract Extension with JG Uniforms for Police Department Uniforms and Equipment as presented. Second by Trustee LaRosa. Three ayes. Motion carried.

2. **Recommendation to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Schaumburg and the Members of the Joint Emergency Management System for Coordination on Emergency Management Services (JEMS)**

Fire Chief James Walters stated that this was a request for an Intergovernmental Agreement with JEMS (Joint Emergency Management Systems), that they have been with since at least 2017. Northwest Central Dispatch has their board of directors and JEMS fell under their rules. Chief Walters explained that JEMS wants more autonomy for items like grant funding which would make things easier, which also gives them more sustainability by being more independent. The agreement strengthens the financial process, foundation, function, and accountability of JEMS while preserving the benefits of regional collaboration established in the original subscriber. Chief Walters said it is a great organization to have the communities working together for emergency management. Trustee Clar said he thought that JEMS' director or their office was at Northwest Central. Chief Walters confirmed that JEMS is still well bound to Northwest Central. Trustee Clar said it made sense since you want everyone to work together but that they are a separate agency. Chief Walters confirmed yes that it clarifies them as a separate agency.

Trustee Sullivan moved to Accept the Recommendation to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Schaumburg and the Members of the Joint Emergency Management System for Coordination on Emergency Management Services (JEMS). Second by Trustee LaRosa. Three ayes. Motion carried.

3. **2025 Fireworks Statistics**

Chief Wolf said given the holiday weekend just passed that it would be a good time to provide an update. It was discussed that last year at Coffee with the Council there were a few concerned citizens and that through feedback avenues they received an increase in citizen concerns regarding fireworks. Chief Wolf stated they stepped up public education efforts. This year the police department sent out letters to anyone who has received citations in the last 3 years, hand delivered letters to the Homeowners Associations', and letters to Apartment Complexes with increased firework activities in the last few years. This year they had the lowest number of fireworks calls. Chief Wolf said he would like to think that those public education efforts have made a difference. Chief Wolf further explained it was a pretty good holiday season and there were no injuries or fires. Trustee Clar asked if there were any repeat offenders? Chief Wolf responded it did not seem like there were any.

Trustee Sullivan moved to approve as informational. Second by Trustee LaRosa. Three ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

CONTINUING ITEMS:

1. Fire and Police Commission (No Report)

2. Disaster Preparedness Update (No Report)

DEFERRALS:

COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING: July 22, 2025

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee LaRosa made a motion to adjourn. Second by Trustee Sullivan. Three ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Anne Gonzalez
Public Safety Committee Secretary

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Recommendation to Disband the Medical Reserve Corps.
09/11/25
Public Safety Committee

Presenter: James Walters, Fire Chief
Lead Department: Fire Department

Executive Summary:

Over the past six years, most MRC participation has been limited to internal meetings and training sessions, with occasional community-facing efforts. Notable activities included:

- Assisting at two large-scale COVID-19 vaccination clinics hosted by JEMS in Schaumburg.
- Supporting Older Adult Market days during pandemic closures.
- Providing limited assistance at three Chicagoland Marathons (water and ice distribution).

In recent years, opportunities for deployment have significantly declined. The Chicagoland Marathon now contracts athletic trainers, and pandemic-related needs have ended. Current operations largely consist of staff-led training and presentations without substantive community service output.

Despite consistent efforts to identify and provide training, the program's operational value to the Village remains minimal. Volunteer engagement is limited to a small core group, and the resources invested in sustaining the program outweigh the tangible benefits delivered. In effect, the Village is providing ongoing programming for volunteers without a corresponding community service return.

Other municipalities, including Mt. Prospect and Arlington Heights, have already disbanded their MRC programs for similar reasons, primarily the duplication of functions already handled by paid staff.

Given the sustained low utilization, declining engagement, and lack of alignment with current community needs, it is recommended that the Village of Schaumburg terminate participation with the Medical Reserve Corps.

Should existing members wish to continue serving in an emergency management volunteer capacity, they will be referred to robust neighboring programs, including:

- Hoffman Estates Emergency Management Volunteers
- Hanover Township Emergency Management Volunteers

Recommended Action:

The Village Manager recommends that the Public Safety Committee recommend to the Village Board that the Fire Department disband the Medical Reserve Corps.

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Law Enforcement Related Law Updates - Informational
09/11/25
Public Safety Committee

Presenter: Bill Wolf, Police Chief
Lead Department: Police Department

Executive Summary:

The attached memo summarizes three laws and a Cook County policy change that have an impact on the Schaumburg Police Department. The three laws are: CESSA, Karina's Law, and the Pre-Trial Fairness Act. The Cook County policy change will enable judges to waive fines for individuals experiencing financial hardship.

Recommended Action:

Informational

ATTACHMENTS:

- Public_Safety_Law_Updates.pdf

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PROGRESS THROUGH THOUGHTFUL PLANNING

TO: Brian Townsend, Village Manager

FROM: Bill Wolf, Police Chief

DATE: July 15, 2025

SUBJECT: Law Enforcement Related Law Updates

FOR: Public Safety Committee - Informational

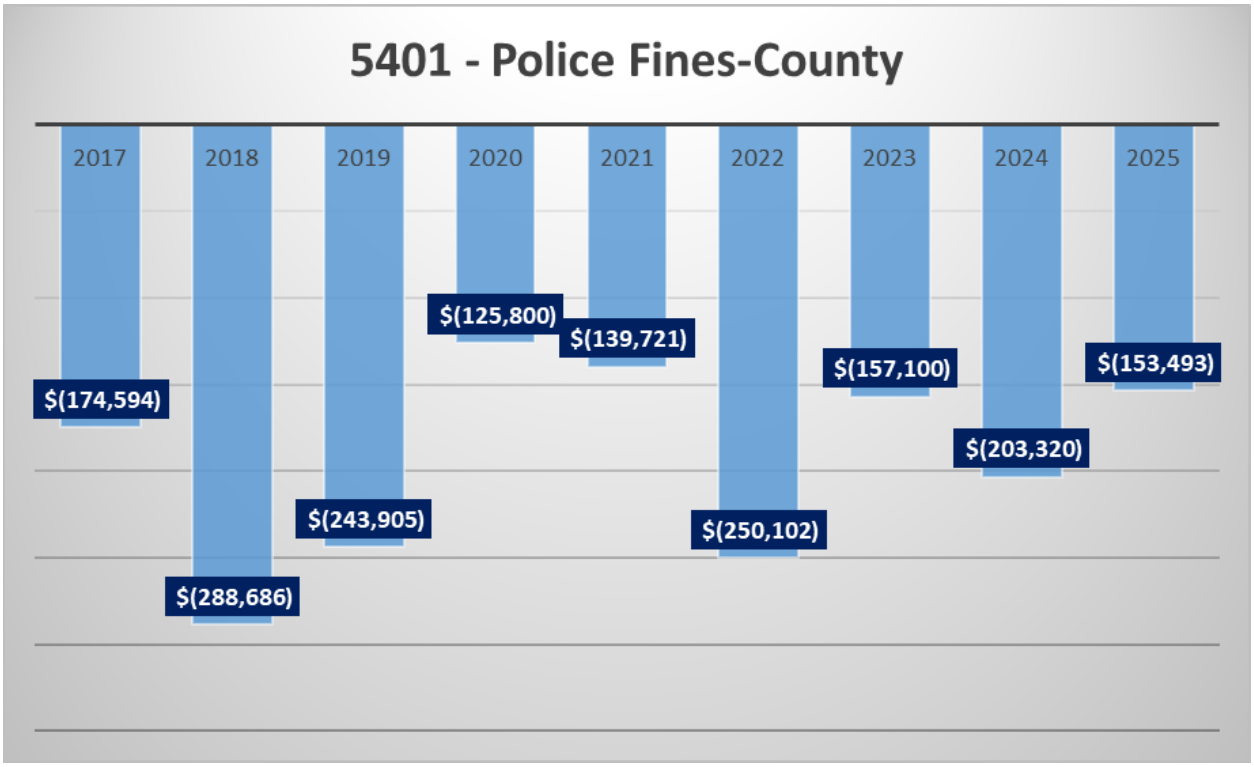
Below are summaries of three Illinois laws and Cook County policy that have an impact on law enforcement across the state. Given the significance of these laws, staff created a summary of the laws and how they will change the operations of the Schaumburg Police Department. The police department will continue to monitor the impact of these laws and make operational changes as needed.

CESSA – On August 25, 2021, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker signed into law the Community Emergency Services and Supports Act (CESSA). This act puts in place a new system and a new phone number for people to call when experiencing mental health-related issues. The phone number, 988, is staffed by mental health specialist for people to call when they need assistance. 988 has been commonly known as a suicide prevention resource but with CESSA, 988 will provide additional services. The 988 call takers may refer some calls to police or fire depending on their screening criteria. There have been 14 such calls that resulted in a police dispatch from 988 in the last year. The act also requires that public safety answering points, Northwest Central Dispatch System (NWCDS) for our area, transfer certain mental health calls to 988 without dispatching police or fire. Although the CESSA law went into effect in 2021, the state has delayed the start of the program as they work to put together the infrastructure for call taking and mental health workers who would be dispatched to these calls. The state has contracted with the Kenneth Young Center to provide mental health response for the Schaumburg area. NWCDS began as a CESSA pilot program location in July of 2025. NWCDS has a screening system developed by the state where they will determine which calls will be transferred to 988. There will be calls received by NWCDS where police or fire were previously dispatched that will now be transferred to 988 without any notification to Schaumburg public safety personnel.

Karina's Law – On May 11, 2025, Illinois House Bill 4144 (also known as Karina's Law), went into effect. The law allows courts to not only order the removal of firearms from suspects of domestics violence but to issue search warrants which are required to be served by law enforcement if firearms are not surrendered voluntarily. Since the law went into effect, Schaumburg has already received one search warrant issued by a court requiring the police department to seize firearms from a domestic violence suspect. The department created a policy and procedures on dealing with these situations. The department will attempt to get voluntary compliance with orders when possible but may have situations where forced

entry will need to be made to comply with the law. The department created a warrant service team in 2024 which was created to serve high risk warrants that do not meet the requirements for a NIPAS Emergency Response Team activation. This team will also be used to serve warrants issued through Karina's law.

Pre-Trial Fairness Act / Financial Hardship Fee Waivers – The Pre-Trial Fairness Act went into effect in September of 2023. The act eliminated the collection of cash bond and created a presumption that most offenders who are arrested for crimes, including many felonies, should be released and not held prior to trial. The act also prevents officers from taking people into custody on certain misdemeanors and instead cite and release offenders. Schaumburg and other agencies have dealt with offenders who have committed new crimes while on pre-trial release. The act has resulted in a drop in fine revenues for fiscal year 2025. Cook County has also implemented a policy allowing judges to waive fees for people with financial hardships. Thus far, this has only impacted court fees received by the County and not the portion of fines received by municipalities. The chart below shows the total fine revenue received for each year. The drop in fine revenues for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 were due to the pandemic. There are also inconsistencies in the flow of fine revenues as many fine payments are delayed due to payment plans or delayed court dates. However, it is expected that Cook County fine revenue will continue to drop.



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Presenter:
Lead Department: General Government

Executive Summary:

Recommended Action: