



**Oak Grove Fire/Public Safety Committee
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 9, 2025
Oak Grove Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Session of the Oak Grove Fire/Public Safety Committee was called to order by Chairperson Edward Cook at 6:01 p.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2025, in the Oak Grove Council Chambers at 8505 Pembroke Oak Grove Road, Oak Grove, Kentucky.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present:

- Chairperson/Committee Member Edward Cook
- Committee Member John Campbell

Also present were: Assistant Police Chief/Major Victor Lynch, Fire Chief Bill Johnson, and City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher. Committee Member Isaiah Spencer was absent. Approximately zero members of the public was in attendance.

REVIEW OF MINUTES-JULY 10, 2025

Motion: Committee Member John Campbell moved to approve the minutes

Second: Chairperson/Committee Member Edward Cook

Vote: Voice vote

Results: Motion passed

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discussion of Police and Fire Department Training:

- **Major Lynch** reported that he is exploring additional training opportunities with local agencies, including mental health classes. The new 2026 training schedule will be released on November 17th, and registration for classes will open on December 1st. These trainings will contribute toward the state-mandated 40 hours of annual training. Major Lynch stated he will continue to look into additional training options. Currently, approximately 70% of officers have completed Crisis Intervention Training as well as Stress and Wellness Training.
- **Chief Johnson** reported that training is conducted every Monday, with a minimum requirement of 20 hours per year. He noted that the Hopkinsville Fire Department is offering Critical Incident Stress Management training for first responders.

2. Discussion on Equipment Purchases for Catastrophe Events:

- **Chief Johnson** reported that the department’s newest fire truck is 10 years old and discussed the need for new fire trucks and related financial investment. He is still in the process of obtaining quotes for boats to be used during certain emergency events. Various types of boats were discussed, and Academy Sports + Outdoors was mentioned as a potential vendor. Chief Johnson will also contact the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to inquire about the possibility of purchasing a boat through them. Additionally, he reported that the ladder truck requires maintenance, as the springs are worn out.

3. Update on Construction Projects within the City:

- Plans for upcoming construction in front of the Fire Department were discussed. It was agreed that the State or the construction company should be contacted to obtain a timeline for when the work will begin and how long it is expected to take.
- **Major Lynch** stated that he would like to schedule a meeting with the Department of Transportation to establish a good working relationship—particularly communication concerning road closures, traffic direction, and issues with traffic lights.
- **Additional Discussion:**
The topic of prohibiting semi-truck traffic on Walter Garrett Lane was also discussed.

4. Capital Outlay:

- Both **Major Lynch** and **Chief Johnson** stated that they have ideas for potential capital outlay projects for next year; however, no quotes have been obtained at this time for either department.

5. Department Staffing:

- **Major Lynch** reported that two new officers will attend the academy in November. The department currently has 22–23 officers on staff.
- **Chief Johnson** reported that the fire department has 32 personnel on the roster, with approximately 75% of that number being active firefighters.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Committee Member John Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting

Second: Chairperson/Committee Member Edward Cook

Vote: Voice vote

Results: Motion passed

Adjournment: 6:37p.m.

APPROVED:

Chairperson/Committee Member Edward Cook

DATE

ATTEST:

City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher, MMC, CKMC

DATE