

SECPID January 2026 Meeting

Location: Jones Creek Regional Library

Meeting Notes

Officer Elections for 2026

- The meeting commenced with officer elections for the new year.
- The positions of President, Vice President, Horacek, and Security Chief will be retained by the current officers, as no one else ran for these positions.
- Beth is stepping down from the Secretary position after many years of service.
- Ed was the sole candidate for the Secretary position.
- **Conclusion:**
 - A motion passed to retain the current officers (excluding the Secretary) for 2026.
 - Ed was elected as the new Secretary for 2026.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Beth, in her final report as Secretary, read the minutes from the September and November meetings.
- **Conclusion:**
 - A motion to accept the September 16th meeting minutes as read was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.
 - A motion to accept the November 18th meeting minutes as read was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Administrative Update on Commissioner Appointments and Statute Change

- Larry Horacek announced a statute update (Louisiana Revised Statutes 33-9707.9): one commissioner is now appointed by the mayor of St. George instead of the mayor of Baton Rouge.
- Greg Player corrected a commissioner term reference to 2026.
- Commissioner Beth's term ends on February 28; the Homeowners Association (HOA) must nominate a replacement. Commissioners offered assistance.

- Commissioner Ed Craig's term ends March 31; he requested reappointment for a four-year term.
- A motion to endorse Ed Craig to the HOA for reappointment was seconded and passed unanimously.
- **Conclusion:** The endorsement of Ed Craig for reappointment was approved. A court officer will be arranged for swearing-in once Beth's replacement is selected.

Treasurer's End-of-Year Report and 2026 Budget Adoption

- The end-of-year financial report was distributed prior to the meeting with no questions raised.
- A motion to adopt the 2026 budget was made and passed unanimously.
- Policy updates include a "repair and replace" strategy for cameras/poles and an allocation of \$6,000 for potential internal neighborhood camera deployment based on property crime patterns.
- **Conclusion:** The 2026 budget was adopted, and camera maintenance policies were set, pending law enforcement guidance on placement.

Financial Compliance and Cooperative Agreements

- 2025 financial data was submitted to the CPA for Legislative Auditor processing.
- The insurance agency was changed to Ozark Insurance Group (Sherry Babin), with the D&O policy effective January 22nd. Camera liability insurance expires in March and is expected to renew smoothly.
- Renewals are underway for Cooperative Endeavor Agreements (CEAs) with homeowners associations and for newsletter communications. Ongoing MOUs with the city, sheriff's office, and other agencies continue in perpetuity.
- **Conclusion:** Insurance coverage is in place and renewing, and cooperative agreements are current.

Required Training for FY25

- As a state-recognized agency, commissioners must complete Ethics Training and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace training.
- The link for the sexual harassment training will be sent by the end of January.
- The deadline for completion is mid-March.

- **Conclusion:** Certificates for both trainings must be emailed to Mike upon completion.

Patrol Activity and Incident Statistics

- **Monthly Report:** 102 traffic stops, 63 citations, 39 warnings, 11 vacation home checks, and 15 incidents (including disturbances, theft, and a DWI).
- **2024 vs. 2025 Summary:** Traffic stops (1,463 to 1,242) and citations (1,270 to 961) decreased, while warnings increased (193 to 281), partly due to parking citation constraints until the St. George court system is established.
- **Calls for Service (2025):** A total of 199 calls were logged, averaging ~16.6 per month, considered low for the community size (~2,100 homes).
- **Conclusion:** Patrol performance remains strong, with most enforcement metrics down year-over-year.

Security and Infrastructure Updates

- **Camera System:** All 19 cameras are operational, though two required a reboot. The German-made cameras are slow and costly to repair. Project NOLA is being considered as a future leasing alternative.
- **Security Administration:** Captain Robert retired; his role is now "coordinator." Two lieutenants will cover tasks requiring restricted system access.
- **Streetlight Outages:** A new process allows residents to report outages directly to St. George at 288-3200 for faster repairs. Ed Craig suggested an email blast to inform residents. A solar light on the Antioch/Kennesaw bridge has been reported to DEMCO.
- **Tree Hazards:** St. George code enforcement now handles hazardous trees. Residents can report issues, and an officer will assess, notify the owner (30-day removal window), or have the city cut the tree and place a lien.
- **New Stop Signs:** Recently installed signs at speeding hotspots have received limited complaints, though some near-misses were reported on Nextdoor for Stonewall at Fort Pulaski.

Event Planning and Security

- **Event Security:** For the motorboat parade, the St. George OSS Police Department will provide security at two locations, eliminating the need for the board to hire deputies. Organizers will still handle roping and signage.
- **Future Events:**

- An exploratory event is being considered for June 26, FY26, but ideas are needed as interest in past concealed carry classes has declined.
- A mid-May neighborhood picnic at St. Andrews was proposed, featuring public safety demonstrations (SWAT, sheriff's boats).
- A "rediscover Breck" event at the local park was suggested, but police jurisdiction and city budget issues were noted as constraints.
- **City Budget Impacts:** Baton Rouge is facing budget issues, leading to increased charges for police and barricades for parades, which may reduce the number of events.

Neighborhood Safety Concerns

- A resident reported two large, aggressive dogs repeatedly escaping and biting adults. The owner and animal control have been unresponsive.
- The board advised documenting incidents with video and reporting to the police when the dogs are loose. The HOA affirmed it has procedures to address the issue and will take action.
- **Conclusion:** The HOA will engage procedurally, and residents are encouraged to document and report incidents.

Next Meeting

- The next SECPED meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.