

September 20, 2021 SSBD Minutes

Luke Reynolds, Chairman

Terry Hoffman, Treasurer

Jim Rick, Commissioner

Billy Tomber, Commissioner

Molly Dougherty, Secretary

Beth Hoops, Communications

Meeting commenced at 5:44 pm at Soulard Station.

### **Review of August Minutes.**

Motion to approve by Chairman Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Hoffman . August 2021 minutes unanimously approved.

### **TCF Report-**

Four robberies and 2 aggravated assaults (both domestic disputes) in August. 33 incidents of larceny and 6 vehicle thefts for the month. Many incidents are taking place in and around bar parking lots or surrounding areas.

The same group was believed to be responsible for numerous vehicles break-ins in our district and others. An arrest was eventually made.

### **Business Report**

Review of budget and expenditures to date. No issues from a budgeting standpoint. Will be submitting our tax rate for next year, it is the same as last year.

### **Old Business**

Catalytic converter program- Consideration to approve program as written by Communication director(copied below) and implemented. Motion to approve by Chairman Rick by Chairman Reynolds, seconded by Billy Tomber. Proposal passes unanimously.

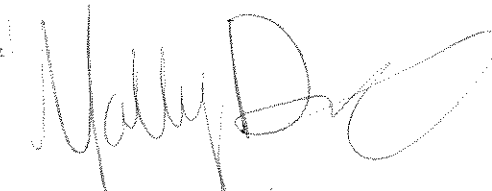
### **Protect Against Catalytic Converter Theft**

Throughout 2021, catalytic converter thefts have been on the rise throughout the city and county. Toyota Prius and Honda Element models, along with vehicles like vans, SUVs and buses that are easier for thieves to get under, are being hit most often. Police recommend parking in a well-lit area or garage, if possible.

Additionally, in order to help protect your vehicle, many auto parts stores also sell shields that can be installed over the converter to make it more difficult to take. The Soulard Special Business District (SSBD) is launching a new program to help residents within the District take that preventative measure. Protecting your catalytic converter with a shield is a two-part process. Step one is acquiring the particular shield for your vehicle model, which can be purchased via Amazon or other online / auto retailers and should be under \$200 for most makes and models (which is about 1/3 the cost of a converter replacement, if stolen). The second step is installation. Through a partnership with Don's Muffler Shop on Cherokee Street, SSBD is offering free catalytic converter shield installation (a \$125 value) for all residents within District boundaries (visit [www.Soulard-SBD.org](http://www.Soulard-SBD.org) to see if you live within the boundary). If interested, please contact SSBD Board member Jim Rick at [jrick12@gmail.com](mailto:jrick12@gmail.com) for a voucher.

**Motion to adjourn**

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Hoffman, seconded by Commissioner Tomber. Meeting adjourned at 6:28pm

  
Approved 12/11/21