



Staff Report

October 7, 2024 Council Workshop Meeting

REVIEW OF CRASH INVOLVING CAMAS POLICE OFFICER

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BACKGROUND:

In prior budgets, investments were made in vehicles, fleet and body cameras, and training for Camas Police Department staff. In over 20 years, there have been no added supervisory positions to the Camas Police Department.

SUMMARY:

On September 8, 2024, a Camas Police Department Officer was involved in an injury crash. Fleet and body camera video footage show different views of what occurred. A review of the incident will highlight the significance of the investments in safe vehicles, radio equipment, and training. It will also highlight the challenges faced with gaps in supervisory coverage.

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY:

Continuing to invest in critical equipment, such as safe vehicles, video equipment and training, help the community receive timely emergency response from police. Having adequate supervision helps our agency provide consistent service that adheres to policies and laws.

POTENTIAL CHALLENGES:

Mitigating risk to the city and providing adequate law enforcement service requires investment over time to meet the ever-increasing requirements of the profession and our growing community's needs. These investments compete with other city-wide needs. There is not a significant designated funding source beyond the general fund for the Camas Police Department.

BUDGET IMPACT: See Mayor's budget proposal.

RECOMMENDATION: This review provides some context for Council to consider for the upcoming budget conversations and decisions.

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