



# COSMOPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Council Report 01/18/2023

### *New Officer Hiring*

Detective Miskell is working on a background investigation for an entry level new hire, Nick Bailey, which we offered on 01/03/2023. This process is ongoing with mandatory testing such as psychological examination scheduled.

A conditional offer of employment was made to a lateral applicant, Darrell Tevis. The applicant requested sick/vacation time in lieu of the \$5,000 signing bonus, please defer to Julie for explanation and details of the request. Our background investigation has begun and Detective Miskell is actively working on it.

### *Crime Trends Etc.*

In the last month we've seen an increase in suspicious vehicle and persons reports, most likely a result of last month's vehicle theft and the catalytic converter thefts. Although the suspicious vehicles and persons reports were unfounded, we thank the community for making timely reports of suspicious activity and allowing us the opportunity to investigate.

The severe weather we had resulted in an increase of alarm calls.

We responded to a rollover vehicle collision with the vehicle catching on fire, investigated a hit and run, and had a death investigation amongst the usual routine calls for service.

We had 2,025 incidents in 2022. 2022's numbers are down slightly from 2021 where we had 2,142 incidents.

### *Facilities*

Walls in the two offices were put up by Officer Lefor, making two offices into four offices! Officer Lefor built the walls, put up the sheetrock, mudded/taped, textured, and put a primer coat on. CFD then took over with painting and putting up trim! A team effort made for a great looking product, allowing us to begin moving into our temporary Public Safety Building. Thank you to Officer Lefor and our awesome CFD team.

A service window was installed (by our own staff) in the side training room to make ready for moving the police clerk and later the city hall staff over during construction.

Our evidence room and alarm system has been moved over and is in use.

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Reserve Officer Adam Johnson lent the use of his bucket truck and our city crew moved internet connections over to CFD for our temporary occupancy. Adam and his team also set-up computers and data lines within the building to prepare for moving everything over, including scheduling of Aberdeen Office Equipment for moving our fax/copy/printer over.

## *Right Now*

We are working on updating policies, processes, and finding ways to be more efficient and save money. Finding quality staffing to replace our vacancies is a priority.

A need for a Chaplain for CPD/CFD was recognized. I reached out to and met with Kaj Martin (GH 4 Square) and asked him to be our Chaplain. This process was approved by the Public Safety Committee, and we've asked Kaj to come on board with us after completing the background process which Detective Miskell is actively working on.

## *Equipment*

The MDC (Mobile Data Computer) in Officer Lefors' patrol vehicle is failing. The MDC takes over 30 minutes to boot, has a failed touch screen, and has no SSD hard drive that is needed. This MDC was a used/refurbished unit that was placed into a new patrol vehicle back in 2017. It is also too old of an operating system to be upgraded, causing us to fail an audit by WSP. The MDC's in our patrol vehicles are an essential part of modern-day policing. We check for stolen vehicles, wanted persons, driver's status, receive calls for service, do collision reports (PTCR's), issue citations electronically, and more all on our MDC's. Reserve Officer Adam Johnson located a new Panasonic Toughbook for \$1,750 (average price \$2,629) and at my request, the City Clerk purchased it for our department.

This was an unexpected but necessary expenditure. I anticipate at least one more of our fleets MDC's to fail this year which is also a used/refurbished when purchased and very old computer. Please keep this in mind as we move forward.

I again want to thank my personnel and our teammates at Cosmopolis Fire Department for all of the effort and volunteered help that has been done.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'H. Layman'.

Heath Layman, Chief

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