



COSMOPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Heath Layman, *Chief of Police*

Council Report 08/16/2023

National Night Out was celebrated successfully on 08/01/23. Thank you to the community for inviting us and interacting with us, we look forward to next year's events.



Officer Nick Bailey graduated from the Basic Law Enforcement Academy on 07/27/23. He is now onto his next steps in our Field Training Program.

I issued a commendation to Officer Lefor for a lifesaving act. A copy of this commendation is attached. The commendation has been added to his personnel file and a ribbon awarded for wearing on his class-A uniform.

We have been working on several ordinances to clean up language and enforceability to include the noise ordinance, parking ordinance, and business license ordinance.

A significant amount of time and resources have been spent in the last month assisting a community member with dementia.

1st Street at S West Boulevard (Aberdeen/Cosmopolis City Limits) was closed for about 2 and ½ hours on 08/02/23 with no alternate routes available. This was due to an incident in the city of Aberdeen and was done for the public's safety. If you haven't already, please consider following us on Facebook as we attempt to push out information like this in a timely manner.

We had 147 calls for service between 07/17/23 and 08/10/23.

Respectfully submitted,

Heath Layman, Chief

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COMMENDATION – LIFESAVING ACT

07/26/2023

Officer Lefor,

On 07/22/2023 you were dispatched to a suicide attempt at a residence in Cosmopolis, for a man hanging from a tree. The reporting party stated that the victim had a knife on the ground near him and was threatening the witnesses not to get closer. It was apparent that the victim was suffering from mental illness and was in fact intent on ending his own life.

Witnesses reported that when you arrived, alone and without hesitation, you were able to safely detain the man in handcuffs so he wouldn't be able to grab any weapons, lifted the man who is about 6'4" and 280 lbs. up so that you could get the rope off of the victims neck, which was wrapped around several times, and then place the victim in a recovery position. All of these actions were done alone and with the added chaos of an angry and confrontational neighbor who inserted himself into the situation unnecessarily.

These life-saving actions were witnessed by multiple neighbors and reported to me by one of our city council members and your fellow officers.

Officer Lefor, your actions on 07/22/23 led to a person in crisis surviving a suicide attempt and a life being saved. This is in the highest tradition of police work and demonstrates your dedication and commitment to the mission of the Cosmopolis Police Department and to the citizens of Cosmopolis.

I commend you for a job well done and your lifesaving act.

Heath Layman, Chief of Police