

# CITY OF LYNDEN

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Steve Taylor, Police Chief

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### **Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

Police Department - 203 19th Street

4:00 PM December 02, 2021

#### **Call to Order**

#### **Roll Call**

Members Present: Mayor Scott Korthuis and Councilors Mark Wohlrab, and Brent Lenssen

Members Absent: Councilor Gerald Kuiken

Staff Present: City Administrator John Williams, Chief Mark Billmire, Chief Steve Taylor, Lieutenant Russ Martin, Support Services Manager Holly Vega

#### **Approval of Minutes**

##### **1. Approval of November 4, 2021 meeting minutes**

The November 4, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

#### **Items from the Audience**

##### ***Scheduled/Unscheduled***

*None.*

#### **Committee Items**

##### **2. Public Safety Overtime - November 2021**

The Finance reports were not yet available for November. Chief Taylor spoke as to Police overtime, there were 3 holidays in November, 1 vacancy which is now filled, 1 on light duty, and 1 currently in the hospital with unknown length of leave required.

#### **Fire Department Items**

##### **3. Fire Monthly Report - November 2021**

Chief Billmire presented the monthly report for November, a busy month with almost 200 calls, 37% overlapping. Average response time down to 4:40 min. Aid given 23 times; aid received 3 times. Assistant Chief Yoshimoto has been assisting at the EOC. Flood response included evacuating approximately 20 occupants of the River House apartments to the NCCTK shelter.

##### **4. Station Update**

Organizing is still underway, but Chief Billmire stated they will be ready for the ribbon cutting tomorrow, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **5. SSM Recruitment Process**

The Support Services Manager posting closed on November 30<sup>th</sup>. 6-8 applicants have been selected for preliminary interviews; 2-3 candidates will move forward to in-person interviews. Chief Billmire hopes to have someone onboard in January.

## **Police Department Items**

### **6. Police Monthly Report - November 2021**

Chief Taylor presented the monthly report for November. Residential burglaries were up, although they were all incidents where the suspect entered a garage and prowled vehicles. Flood response included assisting Sumas PD evacuate residents.

### **7. Hiring Update**

Officer Lipton started on December 1<sup>st</sup>. He comes to us from the WA State Patrol with 18 years' experience. The 18<sup>th</sup> officer will be starting after the first of the year.

## **Added Items**

8. John Williams noted they are working on draft camping ordinances in parks and public areas to bring to Council for review after the first of the year.
9. Councilor Wohlrab readdressed the golf cart request presented at the November meeting. The Public Safety Committee agreed they are not in favor of allowing golf carts or making a change at this time, as it would create an unnecessary burden on the city due to signage and equipment requirements and enforcement would be difficult at best.
10. Chief Billmire discussed homeowners' responsibility of fuel tank removal versus abandonment, suggesting the requirement to remove as opposed to abandon. John will inquire with the Planning Department.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.