



POLICE DEPARTMENT
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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

4:00 p.m. February 12, 2020
Police Department Training Room

COMMITTEE

1. ROLL CALL:

Members present: Mayor Scott Korthuis and Councilors Mark Wohlrab, Brent Lenssen and Gary Bode

Staff present: City Administrator Mike Martin, Chief Mark Billmire, Chief Steve Taylor, Assistant Chief Tom Hatley, Lieutenant Jeremy Bos, Lieutenant Russ Martin, Support Services Manager Holly Vega

2. ACTION ITEMS: None

3. INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Lynden WATCH update

Councilor Wohlrab gave a brief update on the Lynden WATCH program, noting some safety weather related posts were added to the page.

4. ITEMS ADDED:

A. Gary Vis provided the Chamber of Commerce 2020 Event schedule. The Committee recommended Council approval at the Feb. 18, 2020 meeting.

B. City Administrator Mike Martin spoke of an initiative to streamline the council committee packet process, similar to MuniCode. Also encouraged was the option of using tablets instead of paper.

C. The Public Safety 2020 meeting schedule was distributed and Holly Vega will add the dates to the City calendars.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. ACTION ITEMS: None

2. INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Interim Fire Chief Jason Van der Veen NWFRS to give an update for District-21.

Interim Fire Chief Jason Van der Veen was not present.

B. Monthly report

Chief Billmire reviewed the monthly report for January with the average response time under 4:00 minutes. Volunteer hours helped to fill in for the vacant firefighter position.

C. Recruitment Update

There were 39 applicants through National Testing Network, which have been narrowed down to 20. Oral boards are scheduled for this week, then 6 candidates will move forward to Chief's interviews.

D. Station Update

The request for proposals has been advertised, closing within 30 days. Review will begin in March to narrow it down to 3-4 to bring in for rating.

E. AC Hatley training/FM report

Assistant Chief Hatley noted long term plans for training are in place, and underway. He has also been working with Chief Baar on Fire Marshal details.

3. ITEMS ADDED:

A. Chief Billmire discussed an incident in which 3 firefighters were exposed to a patient's blood. Exposure protocols were followed, and the incident is being reviewed for any adjustments that can be made to the protocols.

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1. ACTION ITEMS: None

2. INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Whatcom Co. Jail Use Agreement Amendment adding Kittitas Co. Jail

The proposed amendment adds Kittitas Co. Jail and removes Yakima Co. Jail facility. It has been reviewed by the City attorney and recommended for Council approval at the Feb 18, 2020 meeting.

B. Monthly report

Chief Taylor overviewed the monthly report for January. The bulk of overtime hours was for shift coverage, which should see some relief with the 2 new officers coming onboard.

Three subjects are in custody following the recent shooting at the City park; more charges may be forthcoming as the investigation continues.

Meeting adjourned 4:40p.m

Next Meeting Date: March 12, 2020