



# COMMISSION ON SEXUAL & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Inspiring and coordinating community efforts to address sexual and domestic violence

June 2022

The Commission consists of 17 government and 14 community members. Government officials are designated by government position. Community members are selected by the Mayor and the County Executive from among stakeholders/agencies in the community who have an interest in and serve people who are impacted by domestic and sexual violence.

## (17) Designated Government Representatives

Term Exp.	Name	Community Position
January 31, 2023	Greg Hansen	Designated Representative-Whatcom County Cities
<i>January 31, 2023</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Designated Representative/Lummi Nation</i>
January 31, 2023	Katrice Rodriguez	Designated Representative/Nooksack Tribe
January 31, 2024	Donnell Tanksley	Selected Police Chief-Whatcom County Cities
January 31, 2024	Greg Baker	Selected Superintendent-Whatcom Co. School Districts
January 31, 2025	Annie Taylor	Area Administrator, DCYF
January 31, 2026	Diane Miltenberger	Administrator, DSHS/Community Services Office
<i>N/A</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Executive Director/Domestic Violence &amp; Sexual Assault Services</i>
N/A	Bruce Van Glubt	Whatcom County Probation Administrator
N/A	Dave Reynolds	Whatcom County Superior Court Administrator
N/A	Erika Lautenbach	Whatcom County Health Department Director
N/A	William Elfo	Whatcom County Sheriff
N/A	Rebecca Mertzig	Bellingham Police Chief
N/A	Eric Richey	Whatcom County Prosecutor
N/A	Starck Follis	Whatcom County Public Defender
N/A	Darlene Peterson	Bellingham Municipal Court Administrator
N/A	Alan Marriner	Bellingham City Attorney

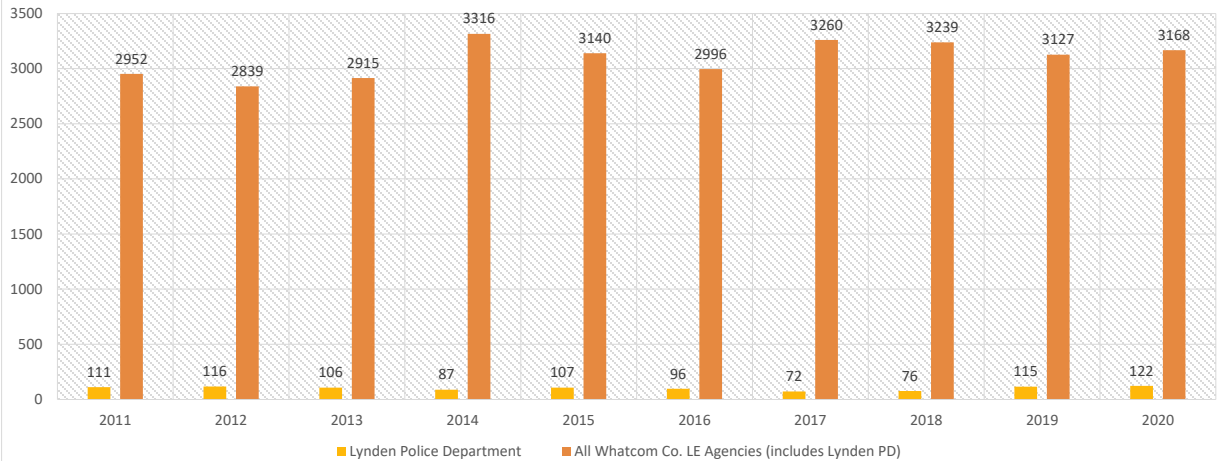
## (7) County Community Appointments

Term Exp.	Name	Community Position	Agency
January 31, 2023	Garret Shelsta	Community at Large	Christ The King Church Bellingham
January 31, 2023	Moonwater	Human Service Provider	Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center
January 31, 2023	Raquel Vernola	Institution of Higher Education	Whatcom Community College
January 31, 2024	Katie Olvera	DV/SA Victim Service Provider	KPO Counseling LLC
January 31, 2025	Jessyca Murphy	Community at Large	MakeShift Project
January 31, 2026	Krista Touros	Health Care Provider	PeaceHealth
January 31, 2026	Emily O'Connor	Human Service Provider	Lydia Place

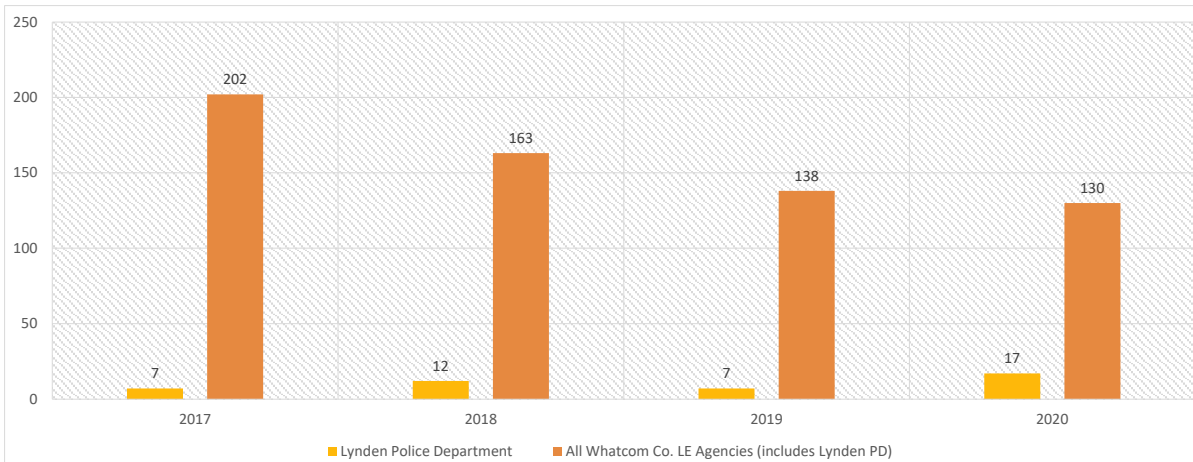
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January 31, 2023	Christina Kobdich	Health Care Provider	Unity Care NW
January 31, 2023	Chris Roselli	Institution of Higher Education	Western Washington University
January 31, 2025	Ken Levinson	Community at Large	Nooksack Tribe
January 31, 2025	Beth Boyd	Human Service Provider	PeaceHealth/St. Joseph Medical Center
January 31, 2025	Jason McGill	DV/SA Victim Service Provider	Northwest Youth Services
January 31, 2026	Pamela Wheeler	Human Service Provider	Opportunity Council
January 31, 2026	Christina Byrne	Community at Large	Western Washington University

## Lynden Police Department: domestic violence calls for service, 2011-2020



## Lynden Police Department: sexual assault reports, 2017-2020



## Bellingham Whatcom County Commission on Sexual & Domestic Violence

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### GOALS

- **Foster justice, autonomy, and well-being for survivors** and communities
- **Transform systems** to ensure prevention and responses for sexual and domestic violence that support justice, autonomy, and well-being
- **Connect institutions, stakeholders, and communities** to collectively increase understanding of sexual and domestic violence, especially the impacts and effectiveness of community responses for survivors

### 2022 -2023 Work Plan Activities

- Develop pilot of restorative and transformative justice responses to domestic and sexual violence.
- Support implementation of sexual assault audit recommendations for criminal legal system.
- Continue focus on survivor defendants, coordinating cross-trainings with systems partners and building referral and collaboration networks.
- Revisit community response for MMIWG2S, progress made, and next steps needed in our communities.
- Discuss overlap between housing/homelessness and DV/SA; make recommendations for community and organizational leaders.
- Lead case reviews of local intimate partner homicide cases and sexual assault cases to identify strengths and gaps in community interventions and prevention.
- Partner with schools and community organizations to support interventions and prevention for students.
- Stabilize funding and administrative structures for DV Commission operations.
- Host engaging Commission meetings to implement meaningful systems change.
- Provide prevention and intervention resources and subject matter expertise for systems and stakeholders (eg workplaces, faith communities, courts, media).