

CITY OF LYNDEN

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Police Department - 203 19th Street
4:00 PM February 5, 2026

Roll Call

1. Committee Members Present: Mark Wohlrab and Gary Vis

Others Present: Mayor Scott Korthuis, City Administrator John Williams, Fire Chief Michael Noonan, Police Chief Jeremy Bos and Support Services Manager Sharon Clark

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

1600

Approval of Minutes

2. December 4, 2025 Meeting Draft Minutes: Approved

Items from the Audience

Unscheduled

None

Scheduled (20 Minutes)

None

Committee Items

None

Fire Department Items

3. Fire Safety Report – December, total responses were 229, auto aid given was 15, received was 6 and mutual was 3. Fire Marshall activity continues to be slower. The L&I grant for the extractor was \$20,000 and the extractor has been executed and installed. The department received an improved rating from WSRB of 4.73 which was rounded up to a Community Protection Class 5.

Year End Report – Total call volume for the years was 2,772. This makes Lynden the second busiest station in Whatcom County. Several graphs were included showing the activity. It was noted that the Fire Department is understaffed and continues to look for ways to curb overtime. The department tried to bring back part-time positions but that failed. The question was posed: perhaps the 4 part-time positions could be converted to 2 full-time positions. Total staff hours for Fire Marshal activity for 2025 is 536 hours.

January, total responses were 208, auto aid given was 6, received was 2 and mutual aid received was 1. There are several community events that were impacted due to the budget crisis.

Police Department Items

4. Police Department Report – Stats for December and January show that domestic violence events were up. 2025 was the second highest year for fraud loss and so far for the month of January, there is already \$100,000 lost. Records stats were shared, which show a notable increase in Public Disclosure requests. The 2 burglary stats for January are for 1 individual who broke into 2 separate businesses. He was arrested but unfortunately, has already been released.

Staffing updates – Lt. Humphreys transitioned from the Lieutenant of Administration to the Lieutenant of Operations and Lt. Humphreys and Chief Bos will be sharing the Lt of Admin position. This position will remain vacant for now but will be backfilled with a patrol position to help alleviate overtime. A conditional offer was given to another candidate this week and Dane Winter is in his 3rd week of FTO. An officer came back to work this week after an extended leave, and there are 2 other officers out on leave with unknown dates of return. There will be a Corporal test on February 20, for 4 applicants. Swing shift officers will be called in early to get ahead of the student led protest this week.

Due to the police department being short on patrol vehicles, a couple of vehicles have been reassigned. The newest car had been assigned to a detective, and due to limited ordering options at the time, it came with a cage and pit bumpers. Since there are no new cars on order, this vehicle has been reassigned as an unmarked patrol vehicle, and the Detective will be using the Chief's car.

A FEMA grant for FIFA has been applied for, which would provide about \$150,000 of equipment and associated training. The Chief is attending Wellness Training for Executives next week. He also has a couple of ideas in mind to implement at the department after attending the training.

An update for the 1/10 of one percent from CJTC was shared. There are a couple of areas that need more clarification and that will be worked on next week, so that we can keep our money.

Added Items

None

Adjournment

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