

# CITY OF LYNDEN

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **Public Safety Committee Meeting - 07/10/2025 Minutes**

Police Department - 203 19th Street

4:00 PM October 9, 2025

#### **Roll Call**

1. Committee Members Present: Mark Wohlrab, Lee Beld and Gary Vis

Others Present: City Administrator John Williams, Fire Chief Michael Noonan, Acting Police Chief Randy Humphreys, Lieutenant Jeremy Bos and Finance Director Laura Scholl

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Call to Order**

1600

#### **Approval of Minutes**

2. August 2025 Meeting Draft Minutes: Approved

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

##### ***Unscheduled***

None

##### ***Scheduled (20 Minutes)***

None

#### **Committee Items**

3. Ambulance Utility Rate Study was presented by Laura Scholl, Finance Director. This study will also be presented to the Finance Committee and to City Council on November 3. The last study was done in 2014 based on call volumes and data from 2013. Per RCW 35.21.766, a study is required to be done when establishing new rates or when making any increases to the general fund contribution. The full study can be found [here](#).
4. Towing Services Contract – Many parking policies and penalties have been updated and incorporated into the city code. To effectively enforce these regulations, a towing services contract is necessary, allowing the city to tow vehicles that are in violation. There is no cost to the city, as the vehicle owner is responsible for paying the tow fees. It was voted to send this to Council.
5. Draft e-scooter Ordinance 9-2025 – This first draft ordinance outlaws motorized vehicles from being on the sidewalk. After some discussion, it was recommended to be distributed to the rest of Council.

## **Fire Department Items**

6. Fire Safety Report – Chief Noonan reported in August that there were 260 calls, up 4.2% from July. August brought the highest number of multiple calls in progress at once, with 60 instances of 2 calls in progress and 3 instances of 3 calls in progress at the same time. The Mayor had asked for instances where mutual aid was necessary and it is reported that there were 9 times from North Whatcom and 1 time from Everson. LFD provided mutual aid 17 times to North Whatcom and 3 times to Everson.

September – There were 229 calls and although this number was down from last month it is up 7.32% from last year. There were 48 instances of 2 calls in progress at the same time and 5 instances of 3 calls in progress. We received mutual aid from North Whatcom 5 times and 1 time from Everson. LFD provided mutual aid to North Whatcom 16 times and 1 time to Everson.

## **Police Department Items**

7. Acting Chief Humphreys reported in August that non-reportable calls, collisions, and DUI's were up but thefts were down in September. The Detectives have been busy working on several different cases and they have now completed the Officer Involved Shooting case requiring them to be at several debriefings for that.

There was a vehicle pursuit a couple of weeks ago where 3 patrol vehicles were wrecked. One of those vehicles has been fixed and we are waiting on parts for the other 2.

87 Lexipol policies have been released. There are no more critical policies needing to be released at this time, but there are still some that need to be updated.

## **Added Items**

8. 1/10th of 1 percent – So far, Lynden is the only one in the county that has received a conditional approval. We now have 180 days to come into full compliance. The only risk in moving forward is if we are unable to complete the tasks, we would need to rescind it for a period until we can pass, if we can't complete the 180 days. If we want this to pass, and to be implemented by January 1<sup>st</sup>, the deadline is next Friday. There will be a special council meeting on Monday regarding this.

## **Adjournment**

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