

CITY OF LYNDEN

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Steve Taylor, Police Chief

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Public Safety Committee Meeting - 01/09/2025 Minutes

Police Department - 203 19th Street

4:00 PM February 06, 2025

Roll Call

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

Others Present: Mayor Scott Korthuis, City Administrator John Williams, Fire Chief Michael Noonan, Assistant Fire Chief Kristie Watson, Police Chief Steve Taylor, Lieutenant Jeremy Bos and Lieutenant Randy Humphreys

Call to Order

1600

Approval of Minutes

2. January 2025 Meeting Draft Minutes: Approved

Items from the Audience

None Scheduled

Unscheduled (20 Minutes)

Cynthia Ripke – 7000 block Guide Meridian: Wanted to bring to the committee's attention a speaker that she had heard at another meeting regarding trauma, and she felt that it would be valuable for the Police and Fire Departments. She also expressed her frustration with the Sheriff for what she feels is inaction on several issues.

Guest Speaker – David VanderYacht, Superintendent – Lynden Public Schools. Spoke regarding the growing population and difficulty in getting a bond passed. One of the ways to mitigate costs is to raise funds through school impact fees. Information was provided to each of the Committee Members and Mr. VanderYacht made a presentation to the Committee regarding this.

Committee Items

No Items

Fire Department Items

3. Chief Noonan provide the Monthly report for the Fire Department for January. There were 212 total calls, 70 of which were overlapping and 170 Aid calls. 64 hours per month is

spent on Fire Marshall items. Fire Hydrant and Life safety was performed by a light duty Lt and there were a number of community outreach events.

There will be a final inspection completed on the Quint and should be ready to go in April.

Police Department Items

4. Public Safety Stats - January 2025. 777 Total calls, down from 832 last month but up from 747 last year. Thefts are back down this month.

One officer is still on extended medical leave, another is hoping to be released from medical leave to full duty next month. Officer Bierlink is in the last phase of her FTO and will be out on her own in March. Russ Martin retired in November and Randy Humphreys went through the process of being appointed as Lieutenant.

Added Items

None

Adjournment

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