

CITY OF LYNDEN

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Steve Taylor, Police Chief

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Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Police Department - 203 19th Street

4:00 PM December 4, 2025

Roll Call

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

Others Present: Mayor Scott Korthuis, City Administrator John Williams, Assistant Fire Chief Kristie Watson, Acting Police Chief Randy Humphreys and Support Services Manager Sharon Clark

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

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Approval of Minutes

2. November 6, 2025 Meeting Draft Minutes: Approved

Items from the Audience

Unscheduled

Cynthia Ripke – 7000 block Guide Meridian: She was concerned regarding a dead or dying bird because of the recent bird flu and she was directed to call 911. She also wanted to bring attention to the Let's Go Washington Super Signer Rally at the Lynden Middle School on Saturday, December 6th. She was informed that two uniformed officers would be working the event.

Scheduled (20 Minutes)

None

Committee Items

None

Fire Department Items

6. Fire Safety Report – Assistant Chief Watson reviewed the Fire Department's statistics for the month. In November, crews responded to a total of 236 incidents, 193 of which were EMS calls. Mutual aid was provided to Lynden on four occasions—three responses by North Whatcom and one by Bellingham. Lynden, in turn, provided mutual aid six times to North Whatcom and once to Everson.

The department successfully maintained its WSRP rating of 5, resulting in annual insurance savings of approximately \$350 to \$1,000 for homeowners and business owners.

This rating was achieved through continued diligence in fire hydrant maintenance. Additionally, four Fire Marshal activities were conducted during the month.

Police Department Items

7. Police Department Report – Acting Chief Humphreys reported that departmental statistics remain consistent with the previous month, though traffic collisions have increased. The background investigation for the newest officer is currently underway, with an anticipated start date in mid-January. The officer will undergo approximately three months of Field Training Officer (FTO) supervision.

The Detectives continue to provide briefings regarding the officer-involved shooting (OIS) investigated by the LPD. Lots of work is being conducted on the 1/10 of 1% in preparation for submitting the department's application.

Added Items

8. Public Forum – The Keep Washington Working Policy was presented and made available for public review. There were no public comments made.

Adjournment

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