

CITY OF LYNDEN

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Steve Taylor, Police Chief

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Public Safety Committee Meeting - 12/05/2024 Minutes

Police Department - 203 19th Street

4:00 PM December 05, 2024

Roll Call

1. Committee Members Present: Gary Vis & Lee Beld

Others Present: Assistant Fire Chief Kristie Watson, Fire Support Service Manager Kinsey DeHaan, Police Chief Steve Taylor, Lt. Jeremy Bos, Police Support Service Manager Sharon Clark, City Administrator John Williams, Mayor Scott Korthuis

Committee Members Absent: Committee Chair Mark Wohlrab

Call to Order

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Approval of Minutes

2. November 2024 Meeting Draft Minutes: Approved

Items from the Audience

None Scheduled

Unscheduled (20 Minutes)

Audience members may address the Committee on any issue other than those scheduled for a public hearing or those on which the public hearing has been closed. Prior to commenting please state your name, address, and topic. Please keep comments under 4 minutes.

-Citizen Michael Holbrook 1700 Blk Bridgeview Ct.

Has an adult son with behavioral health issues. Wanted to express his thanks to the Lynden PD for the manner they handled contacts with his son. They are professional, helpful in locating him when needed, and assist in getting him home safely. Inquired about measures in place for community members with behavioral health issues that assist in getting them quickly identified and family members notified. Chief Taylor advised that while there is nothing on a national level, locally we do have the ability in our system to assign codes that aid our responders in identifying local contacts, providing our responders with more background information, family contact information, etc. should we contact these community members. Committee Member Vis advised that he has had brief initial conversations with state representatives Rule and Timmons about a national database.

Committee Items

No Items

Fire Department Items

Overlapping calls:

What is considered a call overlap? Anytime there is more than one call for service occurring at a time.

Is it a call overlap once an apparatus has cleared their call and they are restocking their apparatus to get ready for the next call? No, once the call has been cleared the unit is clear and back in service.

When both the ambulance and the engine respond on a call, why can't the engine clear to pick up the ambulance from the station and respond to the overlapping call? When both the ambulance and engine respond on an aid call it is due to the priority of the call and the number of personnel needed for the patient. These calls may also have a medic responding or might need a medic to respond once we arrive on scene and triage the patient. The number of personnel is based on what could happen during the call. If CPR may be needed the minimum number of responders needed to work on the patient is 5. This is why the increase in number of calls overlapping is significant. If Lynden has no responders available for the next incoming call for service, that citizen/patient will be waiting for help responding from Laurel, Everson, Blaine, etc.

3. November 2024-LFD Report: See Attached Report

Police Department Items

4. Public Safety Stats - November 2024:

See Attached Report

5. Proposed Amendment to Public Camping ordinance:

Move Forward to Council Consent Agenda for Review.

6. Body Worn Camera (BWC) Update:

11 of the 14 requests for BWC's have been issued. Two remaining staff members have yet to request their BWC's. Conversations continue with the Union, but it has been made clear that if Washington State Legislation should make BWC's mandatory at a state level it will no longer be a choice. Committee Member Beld asked that we weigh the pro/cons vs agreeing to what the bargaining unit is requesting compared to fallout from any potentials that could result from BWC's not being used.

7. NEV/ATV, etc. Description List:

Discussion Continues. Currently, we are still researching the cost of signage as well as looking at comparable city and county ordinances.

Will the City allow only NEV's or include ATV's? It makes the most sense to allow both due to identification and enforcement issues. Due to the Committee Chair Wohlrab's absence discussions will continue at the January meeting to determine how to proceed moving forward.

Added Items

None

Adjournment

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Submitted by

Approved by