

# City of McCleary

## STAFF REPORT



<b>To:</b>	City Council
<b>From:</b>	Chief Ryan Miskell
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<b>Department:</b>	Police Department

### Department Report:

- **Equipment:**  
The police department currently issues SIG Sauer P320 handguns to officers as their duty firearm. However, the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (WSCJTC) has permanently banned the SIG Sauer P320 from all training facilities due to serious safety concerns regarding the firearm's ability to discharge without a trigger pull.

This decision follows a critical incident in which a recruit's P320 discharged during the draw phase of training, resulting in injuries to both an instructor and another recruit. The firearm's design and functionality have been called into question, and there are currently multiple lawsuits pending against the manufacturer over similar incidents.

Due to these ongoing safety and liability issues, continuing to issue the P320 presents a significant risk to officer safety and increases the city's exposure to legal liability.

We are currently evaluating the cost and process of acquiring a new, safer duty firearm for the department. To offset the cost, we will explore options to sell our current inventory of P320s through legal and approved channels.

The replacement of these firearms is a necessary step to ensure the safety of our personnel and the public, and to mitigate the city's liability moving forward.

- Courts/Jail:

We are currently contracted with Grays Harbor County's District Court for court-related services. However, the court is experiencing internal challenges that are significantly affecting its scheduling process. Court dates have been frequently canceled and rescheduled, leading to delays in proceedings.

As a result, individuals in custody are being held longer than necessary while awaiting court appearances. This extended detention period is directly impacting our operational costs, as we are billed on a per-day basis for each individual being held in custody.

We are monitoring the situation closely and will continue to assess the financial impact. In the meantime, we may need to explore interim solutions or engage with the court to address scheduling concerns and minimize avoidable costs.

- Priority incidents:

One of our officers assisted the Elma Police Department in a vehicle pursuit involving a suspect connected to criminal activity. During the pursuit, our officer successfully deployed spike strips to disable the suspect's vehicle and provided support in taking the suspect into custody without further incident.

Officers responded to a residence in McCleary to serve court documents on a subject known to be potentially dangerous. The individual was found wearing body armor and armed with a knife. Information was received indicating the subject had access to high-powered firearms and intended to engage law enforcement in a violent confrontation. Due to the elevated threat, multiple agencies responded and successfully took the subject into protective custody.

- Community events: (Bear Festival/National Night Out)

All events proceeded smoothly for the Police Department, with minimal incidents reported. The community response was overwhelmingly positive, highlighted by meaningful and constructive interactions with both the Police and Fire Departments.

Chief Ryan Miskell

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