City of McCleary

STAFF REPORT

To:	City Council
From:	Chief Ryan Miskell
Date:	September 2026
Department:	Police Department

Department Report:

Return to Service
On September 14, I returned to the office and resumed my duties as Chief of Police for the McCleary Police Department. Since returning, I have been working to reestablish regular department operations and address ongoing administrative and staffing needs.

Reserve Work Hours
Since my return, Reserve Officer Watts has worked approximately 100 on-call hours. This has provided additional staffing support during the department's current transition and has allowed us to avoid the cost of assistance from other agencies. The coverage from Officer Watts costs roughly $700.

County Coverage
The Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office has assisted MCPD by providing coverage for roughly 24 non-consecutive hours, which cost approximately $3000. This assistance has helped maintain law enforcement coverage for the community while the department works through current staffing needs.

Hiring
The department has extended a conditional offer to an individual who applied for the lateral police officer position. The candidate is currently completing the remaining steps of the hiring process and is anticipated to begin service with MCPD by November 1, pending completion of all requirements.

Thank you,

Chief Miskell