



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 26, 2024  
**TO:** Public Safety Commission

**FROM:** Brooks Chandler, Interim City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** *Manager's Report*

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I look forward to introducing myself to you at the December 2 meeting. This summarizes some of my activities related to NPD since starting as interim manager on September 16.

**Union Negotiations-** Have concluded with a tentative agreement reached. Department employees will vote on the agreement December 5. Assuming they approve it will come before the City Council for a vote on December 9.

**City Manager Search-** This is ongoing. An executive recruiter has been hired. He visited Nome for two days the week before Thanksgiving. A nationwide recruitment will begin later this month.

**Police Department Shoulder Patch-** In process. As part of the modernization, accreditation and general improvement process for Nome PD the City will be updating the uniform shoulder patch. This will involve solicitation of graphic art professionals. I hope to have the design selected before the end of the year. A seamstress has been located. I hope to obtain a price quote for the sewing work before the end of the month.

**Alaska Blanket Exercise-** Myself, the museum director and several police department employees participated in this cultural awareness program on October 29. I will be recommending new Nome Police Department hires take advantage of any similar opportunities that arise in the future. I am also working with the museum director to incorporate guided tours of the museum and cultural center as part of the onboarding process for new officers. The overall intent is to allow NPD employees to gain broader knowledge of the community they are serving and aspects of Nome's history and culture.



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**Police Accreditation-** NPD groundwork to obtain accreditation remains on track. Goal is being ready for a site visit by January 1, 2025. Public Works is waiting on a part to complete an impound yard. There are still about 50 old files that the evidence custodian is tagging for archiving. The tagging/archiving process will most likely be the final piece of the puzzle to be ready for a site visit.

**Coffee with a Cop-** I hope to discuss with the Commission a public outreach program which would involve a member of the Commission and a uniformed officer being available for citizens to meet over a cup of coffee. This concept will not proceed further unless the Commission believes it is a worthwhile effort.

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