



New Prague Police Department

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Tim Applen, Chief of Police

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor, Duane Jirik, members of the City Council, Shawn Ryan, Maggie Bass, Bruce Wolf, Rik Seiler and City Administrator, Joshua Tetzlaff

From: Tim Applen, Chief of Police/Emergency Manager

Date: Thursday, January 2, 2025

Subject: Peterson Counseling and Consulting LLC Contract Renewal

In January 2022, the Police Department began a Mental Health Program to provide Officers and their families mental health support. As part of this program we contracted with Rachael Nelson with Peterson Counseling and Consulting, LLC. Over the past two years Rachael has provided annual mental health check-ins with Officers as well as needed additional services for first responders. The feedback from staff has been overwhelmingly positive. We have partnered with Rachael on presentations to the Fire Department, as well as significant others of our City First Responders. Currently, we are working with Rachael to build a peer support team in Scott County.

The Police Department strongly desires to continue our partnership with Peterson Counseling and Consulting LLC

Recommended Action: Approve contract with Peterson Counseling and Consulting LLC.