

# QUARTERLY REPORT TO COUNCIL



Meeting Date: December 3, 2025  
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Department: Police  
Division:  
Reporting Period: September 3, 2025 to December 3, 2025  
CC: City Administrator John Walsh

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## 1. General Operations

- *The St. Helens Police Department has two officers attending the Department of Public Safety, Standards, and Training [DPSST] during this reporting period. Officer Payton Rue and Officer Jennifer Stratton are both scheduled to graduate from DPSST during the first quarter of 2026*
- *The St. Helens Police Department responded to 3,990 calls for service during this reporting period. This included 139 Welfare Checks, 117 Suspicious Circumstances, 14 suspected overdoses, 85 calls involving non-familial disturbances, and 84 Domestic Disturbances.*
- *St. Helens Police Officers conducted 91 traffic stops during this reporting period*
- *Detectives executed two different search warrants related to referrals from the Internet Crimes Against Children [ICAC] Taskforce*
- *Keegan Gollehon plead guilty to two counts of Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree related to a report that that Gollehon sexually assaulted two different women in 2023*

## 2. Staffing & Personnel

- *The St. Helens Police Department has tendered three conditional offers of employment to three highly qualified applicants. One applicant has successfully passed their Background Investigation is scheduled to attend their medical and psychological evaluations on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The other two applicants should complete their Background Investigations by the end of December of 2025.*
- *Officer Raethke completed training related to Background Investigations and has been selected as a new background investigator*
- *Detective Edwards and Officer Raethke attended the Southern Police Institute's Homicide Investigation course*
- *Detective Edwards attended and graduated from the Reid Interviewing and Interrogation Program*
- *Officers attended and completed firearms training this quarter*
- *Sergeants Gaston and Eustice, as well as Officers Raethke, Marshall, and Coy, completed the Taser Instructor Program*
- *Officers Sprinzel and Stratton attended Wickland-Zulawski's Interview and Interrogation course*
- *Officer Marshall attended and graduated from a Defense Tactics Instructor Program*
- *Sgt. Eustice and Patti Ruiz attended a Property/Evidence Course that was hosted by the Oregon Peace Officer's Association*
- *Sgt. Eustice was also selected as a board member for the Oregon Peace Officer's Association*
- *Dylan Gaston was promoted to Sergeant and is being assigned to Patrol*

### **3. Projects & Initiatives**

#### **A. Ongoing Key Projects**

- *Drone Program: Officer Sprinzl is continuing his work in conceptually developing a Drone Program at the St. Helens Police Department*
- *Fleet Reduction: Lt. Treat is continuing his efforts to reduce the size and cost of the vehicle fleet. Lt. Treat is planning on selling three additional vehicles during the first quarter of 2026.*

#### **B. Upcoming Projects**

- *The St. Helens Police Department is hosting an interviewing and interrogation course on December 10, 2025 that is being taught by Paul Carroll, retired Detective from the Chicago Police Department*
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