

# QUARTERLY REPORT TO COUNCIL



Meeting Date: April 15, 2026  
Prepared by: Chief Matthew Smith  
Department: Police  
Division:  
Reporting Period: December 3, 2025 to March 20, 2026  
CC: City Administrator John Walsh

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## 1. General Operations

- *Officer Payton Rue and Officer Jennifer Stratton both graduated from the Department of Public Safety, Standards, and Training during this last quarter.*
- *The St. Helens Police Department responded to 4,388 calls for service during this reporting period. This included 193 Welfare Checks, 182 Suspicious Circumstances, 123 Suspicious Persons, 5 suspected overdoses, 18 CPR assists, 46 calls involving non-familial disturbances, 78 Domestic Disturbances, 9 Burglaries, 94 Thefts, 17 sexual assaults involving juveniles, 6 sexual assaults involving adults, 14 assaults, and 103 Harassment/Threat calls for service.*
- *St. Helens Police Officers conducted 555 traffic stops during this reporting period*
- *Detectives served multiple Grand Jury subpoenas related to ongoing fraud investigations, which have now extended to suspects in multiple states.*
- *Anthony Trenkler was convicted of Sexual Abuse I, Attempted Sexual Abuse I and Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor. Mr. Trenkler was previously employed as a Coach at Vault Elite Cheer in St. Helens. Mr. Trenkler was sentenced to nearly eight years in prison.*
- *Rayden Coleman was arrested by the St. Helens Police Department for Domestic Terrorism in the First Degree. It was discovered that Coleman was planning to attack federal law enforcement officers. The St. Helens Police Department worked collaboratively with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to arrest Mr. Coleman prior to executing his act of terrorism.*
- *Darren Boe was arrested, and subsequently indicted, for two counts of Kidnapping in the Second Degree related to the recovery of two children that were reported missing on March 10, 2026. The children were located by St. Helens Police Officers and were unharmed.*

## 2. Staffing & Personnel

- *The St. Helens Police Department has three officers in various phases of the Field Training and Evaluation Program: Officers Rue, Stratton, and Anderson.*
- *Officer Petersen successfully completed his Field Training and Evaluation Program and has been released to solo patrol duties.*
- *Detective Edwards attended the Reid Interviewing and Interrogation Courses and Forensic Experiential Trauma Interviewing course*
- *Lt. Treat and Officer Haflich attended SHOT Show in Las Vegas, Nevada*
- *Officer Hartless attended Third Degree Communications, an interviewing course*
- *Chief Smith is scheduled to attend the Organizational Management Leadership Academy at the Oregon State Police Academy from March 23, 2026 to March 27, 2026*

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

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

- *Drone Program: Chief Smith and Lt. Treat are working towards a final quote on a drone and the related equipment and training. This drone can be deployed by two proposed drone operators: Officers Sprinzl and Hartless. A final quote and proposal should be presented to Mr. Walsh and the City Council in April, 2026*
- *St. Helens Police Officers will attend Emergency Vehicle Operation Control training in March and April of 2026. This training is being sponsored by the Washington County Sheriff's Office and is being taught by Deputy Jim Rue. All patrol staff should be recertified by the end of April, 2026.*

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

- *The St. Helens Police Department is sending Detective Edwards and Officer Raethke to Cellebrite Certified Operator and Physical Analyzer training courses during the next quarter. These ongoing certifications are required for Detective Edwards and Officer Raethke to utilize the equipment and software associated with the St. Helens Police Department's computer forensic lab.*
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