

CITY OF LYNDEN

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Steve Taylor, Police Chief

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Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Online (Microsoft Teams)

4:00 PM April 01, 2021

Call to Order

Roll Call

Members present: Mayor Scott Korthuis and Councilors Mark Wohlrab and Gerald Kuiken

Members absent: Councilor Brent Lenssen

Staff present: City Administrator Mike Martin, Chief Mark Billmire, Chief Steve Taylor, Lieutenant Russ Martin, HR Manager Kim Clemons, and Support Services Manager Holly Vega

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of March 4, 2021 meeting minutes

The minutes from the March 4, 2021 meeting were approved.

Committee Items

2. Public Safety Overtime - February 2021

Fire Dept had 160 hours of overtime in March and 257 hours volunteer time.

Police Dept had 269.5 hours in March, comprised mostly from shift coverage due to 2 officers being on leave (extended medical and military), also 1st quarter range training.

Fire Department Items

3. Fire Monthly Report - March 2021

Chief Billmire presented the monthly report for March, a busy month with 172 total calls, 23% overlapping. Some return to normal on the prevention and inspection program as well as public education and school tours, which were done at the school rather than the station. Response time up about 1 minute since the move to Badger Rd.

Police Department Items

4. Police Monthly Report - March 2021

Chief Taylor presented the monthly report for March noting call volume and statistics remained steady. Clarification was provided on the Supreme Court ruling on drug possession, that police can enforce drug dealing, but not simple possession. The officer on extended medical leave is tentatively scheduled to return to work on light duty.

5. Police 2020 Year in Review

Included in the packet was 'Lynden Police Department 2020 Year in Review' highlighting notable events.

Added Items

6. Follow up on Westview neighborhood speeding concern

This will be discussed at the next Public Works Committee meeting next week.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.