

CITY OF LYNDEN

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Steve Taylor, Police Chief

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Public Safety Committee Meeting - 09/05/2024 Agenda

Police Department - 203 19th Street

4:00 PM September 05, 2024

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

- [1.](#) June 2024 Draft Minutes
- [2.](#) August 2024 Draft Minutes

Items from the Audience

Scheduled

Unscheduled (20 Minutes)

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Committee Items

Fire Department Items

- [3.](#) August 2024 Report-LFD

Police Department Items

4. EnterTextHere
5. UTV/ATV Ordinances -Chief Taylor has provided some print outs of some ordinances from comparable Cities/counties for the committee to review.
- [6.](#) Public Safety Stats - August 2024

Added Items

Adjournment

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Public Safety Committee Meeting Police Department - 203 19th Street 4:00 PM June 06, 2024

Call to Order – 4:00 pm

Roll Call

Committee Members Present: March Wohlrab, Lee Beld, Gary Vis Others Present: Mayor Scott Korthuis, City Administrator John Williams, Police Chief Steve Taylor, Police Support Services Manager Sharon Clark, Fire Chief Mark Billmire, Assistant Fire Chief Kristie Watson and Fire Support Services Manager Kinsey Dehaan.

Approval of Minutes

1. May 2024 Meeting Draft Minutes: Approved

Items from the Audience

Scheduled – None scheduled.

Unscheduled (20 Minutes)

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Cynthia Ripke – 7000 block Guide Meridian: There was a death in the County last night and she wanted clarification on how law enforcement can get into a house to help citizens when they are in distress. Chief Taylor clarified that it is addressed on a case by case basis and that Law Enforcement cannot just enter a citizen's house, it must meet specific criteria.

Committee Items

Fire Department Items

2. LFD May 2024 Report – call volume, overlapping calls and transports were down but aid given was up. Fire is very busy with community education. The Annual Volunteer Retiree dinner was held, and volunteers are down to 10. New part-time volunteers are starting in a staggered manner.

Councilor Beld asked for clarification on how to reduce overtime. It was decided that further conversation and clarification was needed.

Added Items

None

Police Department Items

3. LPD May 2024 Report – total calls were up for the month, most categories remained steady. There were 3 sexual assault cases this month that were reported and arrests made. The detectives did an excellent job of working these cases.
4. LPD Lateral applicant update – there is a quality lateral applicant that contacted LPD with their interest in applying to the agency. There is concern that if we don't act now, they will take their interest elsewhere. With the number of potential officers leaving in the near future, permission was requested to start the background process so that we don't lose this quality lateral applicant. Permission was granted.

Adjournment – 4:58 pm

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Public Safety Committee Meeting - 08/08/2024 Minutes

Police Department - 203 19th Street

4:00 PM August 08, 2024

Call to Order: 1559

Roll Call:

Committee Members Present: Mark Wohlrab, Lee Beld, Gary Vis

Others Present: Police Chief Steve Taylor, Lt. J. Bos, Police Support Services Manager Sharon Clark, Assistant Fire Chief Kristie Watson, Fire Support Services Manager Kinsey DeHaan, City Administrator John Williams, Mayor Scott Korthuis, HR Director Kari Heeringa

Approval of Minutes: June minutes moved to September meeting for approval

Items from the Audience

None Scheduled

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Committee Items

1. Neighborhood Electric Vehicles – State law that they are allowed. As opposed to previous RCW's pertaining to UTVS/ATV's that are prohibited unless specifically allowed by the jurisdiction, NEV's are allowed unless specifically prohibited by the jurisdiction. NEV's run off lithium batteries, are not required to be compliant with any safety standards aside from needing to have safety signals and mirrors. Required to be licensed/insured and operated by a licensed driver.
 - From an LEO standpoint if we are going to allow one (NEV's) we should allow both (NEV's & UTV's). Otherwise, we should prohibit both.
 - Would like to find some sample ordinances from communities that both prohibit and allow use, and those that allow it what the negatives and positives have been.
 - Will resume discussions at the meeting in September.

Fire Department Items:

1. LFD July 2024 Report
 - staffing discussion pertaining to instances of Aid given/Aid received, where mutual aid responds from, possible delays in response to citizens, and shift coverage.

- Would like to have a break down of which agencies we are providing mutual aid to and how often.
 - Would like to see how often we are relying on receiving aid when we are out of station providing mutual aid to other mutual aid partners.
2. 2025 Budget Requests
 - Mayor Korthuis will be getting an update from Chief Billmire pertaining to SAFER grant application status.
 3. Applied for and received at \$25,000.00 FIIRE grant through L&N. Will use grant funds to purchase lightweight bunker gear, similar to wildland gear. This will reduce carcinogen exposure, heat exposure, as well as decrease musculoskeletal strain on our crews on a variety of different calls we currently must utilize full bunker gear for.

Police Department Items

3. Public Safety Stats - July 2024
 2025 Budget Requests
 Staffing Updates – Still down one Lt., all four Cpl. positions have been filled. In anticipation of upcoming vacancies, we have one lateral applicant through background and polygraph. Would like to move forward with getting his medical and psychological testing done, however cannot do that without extending a conditional offer. To do so, would require a budget amendment prior to the end of the year due to a previously expected vacancy remaining filled for a bit longer. Would like to fill the upcoming vacancy with the current applicant in background to backfill the 19th position once it comes open, however, to keep this applicant would ask for the budget amendment create the 20th position in 2024. The departments 2025 budget request is a 20th FTE. Asking to move the process forward a bit to secure this employee.

Added Items- Committee Member Wohlrab had questions about the process of hiring the new Fire chief.

HR Director Kari Heeringa provided following timeline:

June 10th – Application opened

July 15th -First Review date: four individuals met minimum

July 31st – Held Interviews of four candidates, from there three individuals moved forward to the meet and greet.

August 13th- Final Interviews with HR director, Chief Carlson with Everson, and City Administrator

Adjournment: 1727

Submitted by

Approved by



Monthly Report

August 2024



Fire Prevention/Inspection:

- 8/1 LC parking hydro and flush tests
- 8/1 Cobblestone final inspection
- 8/28 115 S Duffner final inspection

Public Education/Community:

- 8/2 Family Fun Day – car seat checks, Fire & Life Safety house
- 8/6 Masters & Peterson-Scotter baby shower
- 8/7 Family Fun Night
- 8/17 EMT student ride-along
- 8/18 EMT student ride-along
- 8/20 ride-along
- 8/21 LHS football injury practice
- 8/23 CHC extinguisher training
- 8/24 EMT student ride-along
- 8/24 Lenny's Bike Shop open house
- 8/25 EMT student ride-along
- 8/30 BP checks at the Senior Center

Emergency Operations:

- AC Watson On-Call 8/4-11, 8/16-19, 8/27-9/2
- Billmire On-Call 7/30-8/3, 8/12-15, 8/20-26
- 8/12 New Chief candidates meet & greet
- 8/13 New Chief candidates interviews

Emergency Responses:

- EMS = 193 (166) 80%
- Overlapping Calls = 102 (88) 43%
- Aid Given = 19 (24)
- Aid Received = 5 (10) (3 for no LFD)
- Transports = 38 (38)

Total Calls 240 (223)

- Average Turnout Time = 1:30 (1:30)
- Average Response Time = 4:30 (4:39)**
- Average Time on Scene = 20:45 (18:19)
- Average Transport Time = 26:06 (28:30)
- Average at Hospital Time = 24:20 (27:45)



Masters & Peterson-Scotter baby shower



Please welcome Violet Maters to our LFD family and a big CONGRATS to mom and dad!



Christian Health Care extinguisher training





Annual Fire Situation Report - Summary

Basic Incident Type Code And Description (FD1.21)	Total Fires
	1
111 - Building fire	2
173 - Cultivated trees or nursery stock fire	1
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	193
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	4
323 - Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	2
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	3
353 - Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1
422 - Chemical spill or leak	1
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	1
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1
500 - Service call, other	1
553 - Public service	5
555 - Defective elevator, no occupants	1
561 - Unauthorized burning	2
611 - Dispatched and cancelled en route	13
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	3
631 - Authorized controlled burning	1
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	2
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1
742 - Extinguishing system activation	1
	Total: 240

Aggregate Function Criteria	
Total Fires:	Is Greater Than 0

Report Filters	
Basic Incident Date Time:	is between '8/1/2024' and '8/31/2024'
Agency Name:	is in 'Lynden Fire Department'



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Criminal and Other Activity

Top 10

June - August 2024

	June	July	August
Assault	5	9	6
Burglary (Residential)	1	1	1
Crimes Against Person	5	4	2
Domestic Violence	16	8	7
Drug Offenses	1	0	0
DUI	5	6	2
Sex Crime Reports	1	1	1
Theft	10	10	17
Traffic Collisions	5	19	11
Vehicle Prowls	0	1	0
Other Reportable Calls	120	131	144
Non-Reportable Calls	486	625	669



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Criminal and Other Activity

2024

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Alcohol Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0					1
Assault (Felony)	1	2	1	3	0	0	1	1					9
Assault (Misdemeanor)	8	10	10	5	4	5	8	5					55
Auto Theft	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0					3
Burglary (Residential)	3	2	0	1	2	1	1	1					11
Crimes Against Person	4	6	2	5	3	5	4	2					31
Crimes Against Property	6	14	4	4	6	5	3	5					47
Domestic Violence	4	4	7	9	10	16	8	7					65
Drug Offenses	2	1	1	1	3	1	0	0					9
DUI	3	6	3	2	3	5	6	2					30
Malicious Mischief	2	6	17	6	2	3	7	4					47
Public Order Maintenance	22	19	18	14	18	13	15	22					141
Robbery	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1					2
Service Calls	51	53	100	95	62	63	72	70					566
Sex Crime Reports	2	1	3	1	4	2	2	1					16
Theft	8	10	5	14	10	10	10	17					84
Traffic Collisions	3	8	10	7	8	6	19	11					72
Traffic Offenses/Complain	26	23	21	29	42	28	24	28					221
Vehicle Prowls	3	1	3	2	2	0	1	0					12
All Others	3	3	7	3	6	9	12	14					57
Non-Reportable Calls	594	516	586	488	579	484	624	669					4540
Total Calls	746	686	798	689	765	657	818	860	0	0	0	0	6018



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Criminal and Other Activity 2022 - 2024

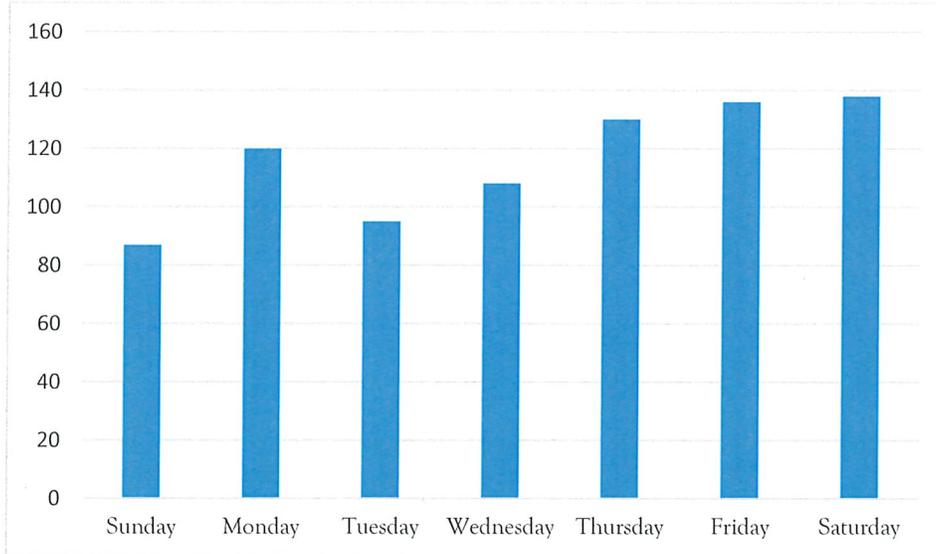
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Alcohol Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	1						
Assault (Felony)	0	0	1	2	3	2	1	3	1	1	0	3	0	2	0	1	4	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	10	13	9						
Assault (Misdemeanor)	3	9	8	5	4	10	9	8	10	4	4	6	5	1	10	8	8	12	5	6	9	3	16	6	11	57	117	55								
Auto Theft	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	3							
Burglary (Residential)	5	2	3	0	0	2	2	0	1	3	2	5	0	1	3	1	3	1	1	0	4	1	3	2	2	1	3	26	21	11						
Crimes Against Person	0	1	4	2	4	6	3	5	2	7	3	2	1	5	1	6	4	2	4	3	2	2	2	0	3	21	41	31								
Crimes Against Property	2	2	5	6	6	15	17	3	3	4	2	3	6	5	3	6	5	4	3	2	2	7	3	7	4	66	41	46								
Domestic Violence	6	5	4	4	10	4	5	6	7	5	6	7	10	5	6	8	6	7	8	10	4	12	5	8	68	95	65									
Drug Offenses	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	10	8	9								
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Service Calls	33	49	51	38	78	53	45	57	100	61	44	95	38	57	62	39	77	62	40	91	69	47	62	70	48	60	47	63	36	0	519	678	562			
Sex Crime Reports	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	3	3	1	2	3	0	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	3	0	1	0	64	14	81	14							
Theft	24	17	8	22	17	10	28	16	5	15	12	14	27	13	10	15	12	10	16	13	10	31	22	17	21	12	14	7	238	156	84					
Traffic Collisions	8	15	3	8	4	8	6	8	10	9	10	7	5	10	7	5	5	6	10	9	19	9	11	11	7	20	15	13	24	116	129	71				
Traffic Offenses/Complain	19	20	26	22	22	23	46	25	21	36	13	29	21	21	42	18	23	28	20	31	24	33	34	28	28	24	19	20	16	12	286	272	221			
Vehicle Prowls	4	2	3	2	0	1	7	2	3	2	0	2	6	1	0	8	2	1	5	0	4	2	3	1	3	1	4	0	33	47	49	12				
All Others	7	4	3	3	10	3	9	5	7	9	14	3	12	6	6	8	7	9	7	5	12	9	14	14	7	12	10	7	5	0	93	91	57			
Non-Reportable Calls	506	745	594	474	556	516	524	551	586	629	602	488	694	581	581	680	670	484	678	612	625	756	672	669	592	587	656	559	582	517	679	660	7450	7312	4543	
Total Calls	629	897	745	603	741	687	732	717	797	802	758	689	844	753	765	815	847	656	826	826	815	950	875	860	765	760	0	791	730	0	804	917	0	9280	9496	6014



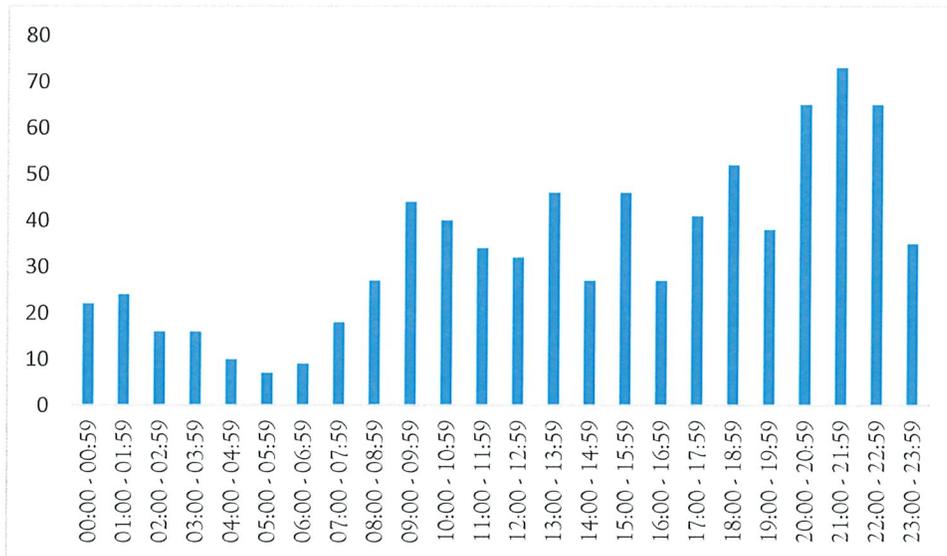
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August 2024

Calls by Day of the Week



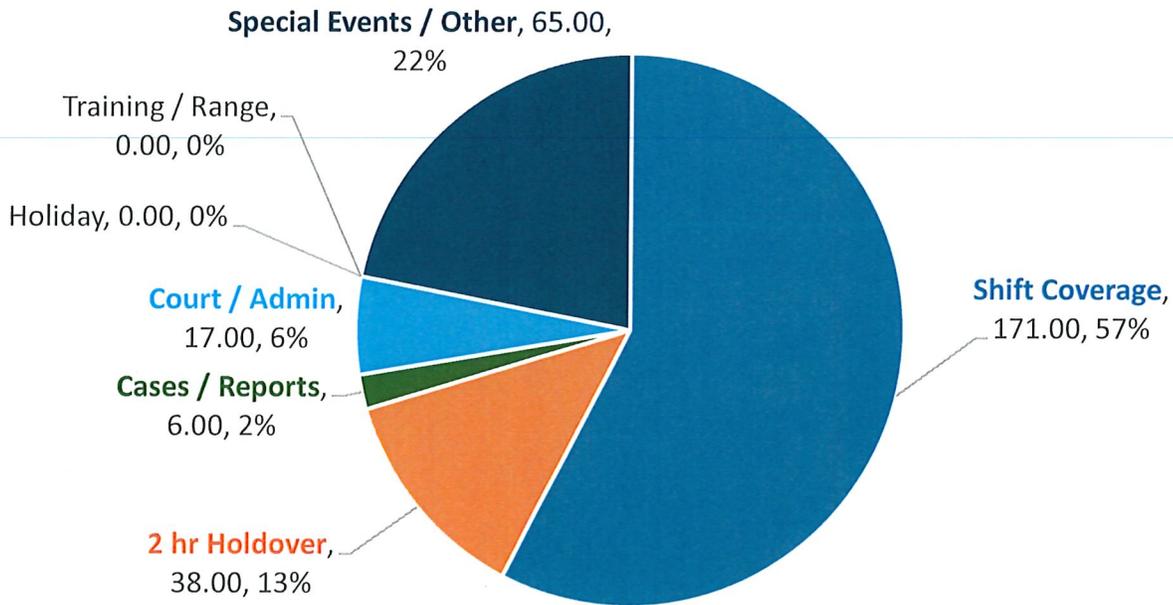
Calls by Hour





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August 2024 Overtime Hours (297)



Year to Date 2024 Overtime Hours

