CITY OF LYNDEN

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Steve Taylor, Police Chief (360) 354-2828



Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda

Online (Microsoft Teams) 4:00 PM April 01, 2021

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To join the public safety committee meeting via computer please contact the Police Department at 360-354-2828 before 2:00 p.m. the day of the meeting and provide an email address so a meeting invitation can be emailed to you.

Unscheduled public comments will not be taken at public safety meetings until further notice.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of March 4, 2021 meeting minutes

Committee Items

2. Public Safety Overtime - February 2021

Fire Department Items

Fire Monthly Report - March 2021

Police Department Items

- 4. Police Monthly Report March 2021
- Police 2020 Year in Review

Added Items

Adjournment

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Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Online (Microsoft Teams) 4:00 PM March 04, 2021

Call to Order

Roll Call

Members present: Councilors Mark Wohlrab, Brent Lenssen and Gerald Kuiken

Members absent: Mayor Scott Korthuis

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

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of February meeting minutes

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

Items from the Audience

2. Speeding concern in the Westview neighborhood

Jeff Heinrichs, 1415 Westview Circle, expressed concern regarding the speed of vehicles in the Westview neighborhood, which is full of families with young children. He noted that most of the residents tend to drive approximately 15 mph through the neighborhood, which he feels is more reasonable than the unposted 25 mph. He suggested possibly lowering the speed limit and/or installing official 'children at play' traffic signs. Councilor Wohlrab will discuss options with Public Works and respond to Mr. Heinrichs' concern.

Committee Items

Code Revisions to LMC Chapter 5.04 - Alcoholic Beverages Not discussed.

4. Public Safety Overtime - January 2021

January totals were 231 hours for Fire, and 228 hours for Police. Chief Billmire reported that February is down to 169 overtime hours with 159 volunteer hours for Fire. Chief Taylor reported the total for Police in February is 164 hours.

Fire Department Items

5. Fire Monthly Report - February 2021

Chief Billmire presented the monthly report for February, noting 32% of calls were overlapping; three instances when no Lynden units were available, and we relied on auto aid from other districts. There was an increase in fire inspections for businesses reopening and needing to know the occupancy. Progress on the station renovation continues with panels put up on the second floor.

There was one applicant for the Assistant Chief position on the second round, but they lacked the experience Chief Billmire is looking for. A volunteer firefighter at the top of the eligibility list was hired to fill a recent vacancy, although the list has now expired.

Police Department Items

6. Drug Possession Ordinance Draft

Greg Greenan, the City Municipal Court Prosecutor drafted the proposed ordinance from Washington State RCW, which was just recently ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, so it will need to be revised if Council chooses to adopt it. There are varying legal interpretations whether WA State law preempts any municipal code regarding simple drug possession. Mr. Greenan raised concern that if Lynden adopts an ordinance and charges someone with a crime, we will likely face challenges from defense attorneys.

7. Police Monthly Report - February 2021

Chief Taylor presented the Police monthly report for February. There were several vehicle prowls in newer developments on the east side of town. Many homes have great video surveillance providing footage that assisted in positively identifying the suspect.

One officer is still on extended medical leave but is making good progress and may return to work sooner than anticipated. Upgrades to the evidence room recommended in the LEMAP evaluation have been made to add extra security for firearms, narcotics, and currency. Lieutenant Martin and Lieutenant Bos installed the new fence barrier themselves, saving \$2,300 in installation costs.

8. Police 2019 - 2020 Overview

Criminal and other activity statistics were provided for 2019 and 2020. Overtime totals and breakdowns were also provided showing a reduction of over 900 hours from 2019 to 2020 and still trending downward.

Added Items

9. Amendment to Contract Public Defender

City Administrator Mike Martin provided an executive summary and proposed amendment to the public defender contract. The changes to the rates are consistent with other jurisdictions. Judge Lewis and Mayor Korthuis both agree the amendment is fair and appropriate. It also extends the current contract an additional two years. The Committee recommends approval at the March 15, 2021 council meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.



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| Kelly Day Coverage | 0.0% |
| Full Shift Coverage | 93.7% |
| Shift Extension | 0.0% |
| Training | 6.3% |
| Officer Meeting | 0.0% |
| | 100.0% |
| Police | |
| 2hr Shift Holdover | 50.6% |
| Full Shift Coverage | 50.070 |
| Holiday OT | 38.4% |
| | 3.0% |
| Training | |
| Outside Agency | 7.9% |

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City of Lynden

Pay Code Transaction Report - City of Lynden Overtime- Outside Agency Monthly Check issue dates: 2/1/2021 - 2/28/2021

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| Department | 2-03 OPSG Emp Amt | 2-05 WA-DNR Emp Amt | 2-06 WA-DNR OT Emp Amt | Employee Amount Total | 2-03 OPSG Emp Hrs | 2-05 WA-DNR Emp Hrs | 2-06 WA-DNR OT Emp Hrs | Employee Hours Total | |
|---------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Total : | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | |
| Grand Totals: | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | |

City of Lynden

Pay Code Transaction Report - City of Lynden Year To Date Overtime Check issue dates: 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021

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| PR Finance | | | | | | | l I | | | | | |
| Total PR Finance: | 6,133.28 | 278.82 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 6,412.10 | 148.25 | 5.00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 153.25 |
| PR Fire | | | | | | | l I | | | | | |
| Total PR Fire: | 18,252.1 | 1,806.48 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 20,058.60 | 381.00 | 24.00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 405.00 |
| PR IT | | | | | | | l I | | | | | |
| Total PR IT: | 1,197.60 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 1,197.60 | 18.00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 18.00 |
| PR Planning | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total PR Planning: | 235.49 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 235.49 | 4.50 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 4.50 |
| PR Police | | | | | ļ | | | | | | | |
| Total PR Police: | 14,523.0 | .00 | .00 | 8,014.26 | .00 | 22,537.33 | 210.50 | .00 | .00 | 114.00 | .00 | 324.50 |
| PR PW Admin | | | | | | | l I | | | | | |
| Total PR PW Admin: | 1,241.89 | 138.84 | .00 | 367.12 | .00 | 1,747.85 | 24.50 | .00 | .00 | 8.00 | .00 | 32.50 |
| PR PW Ops | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| Total PR PW Ops: | 130.45 | .00 | .00 | 416.88 | 551.18 | 1,098.51 | 2.50 | .00 | .00 | 8.00 | 8.00 | 18.50 |
| PR PW Systems | | | | | _ | | <u> </u> | | | | | |
| Total PR PW Systems: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2,800.90 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 2,800.90 | 50.00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 50.00 |
| Grand Totals: | 44,514.8 | 2,224.14 | .00 | 8,798.26 | 551.18 | 56,088.38 | 839.25 | 29.00 | .00 | 130.00 | 8.00 | 1,006.25 |
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City of Lynden Pay Code Transaction Report - City of Lynden Overtime- Outside Agency YTD

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| Department PR Police | 2-03 | 2-05 | 2-06 | Employee | 2-03 | 2-05 | 2-06 | Employee |
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| | OPSG | WA-DNR | WA-DNR OT | Amount | OPSG | WA-DNR | WA-DNR OT | Hours |
| | Emp Amt | Emp Amt | Emp Amt | Total | Emp Hrs | Emp Hrs | Emp Hrs | Total |
| Total PR Police: Grand Totals: | 135.70 | .00 | .00 | 135.70 | 2.00 | .00 | .00 | 2.00 |



Monthly Report March 2021





Fire Prevention/Inspection:

100 E Front St. Fuel tank 8800 Bender AES alarm system 419 Liberty AES alarm system 610 Front St. Alarm final insp, Knox Box 2077 Main St. Alarm system final 164 Baylyn Rd. extinguisher, smoke alarm 610 Front St. 2nd egress

Public Education/Community:

3/13 Birthday drive-by 3/30 LC Elem drive-by 3/31 LC Elem drive-by

Emergency Operations:

3/9 - 15, 3/30 - 4/5 Duty Officer

Response Data:

Average Turnout Time = 1:31

Average Response Time = 5:45

Average Time on Scene = 19:10

Average Transport Time = 26:24

Average at Hospital Time = 12:45

EMS = 146 (84%)
Transports = 49
Overlapping Calls = 40 (23%)
Aid Given = 18
Aid Received = 8 (1 no LFD available)
COVID Watch List = 2 Responses

Total Training Hours: 254.25

Overtime Hours: Not finalized Volunteer Hours: Not finalized



Crew did a surprise birthday drive-by

Structure fire 8600 Bender





Structure fire 1725 Main St.



















Annual Fire Situation Report - Summary

| Basic Incident Type Code And Description (FD1.21) | Total Fires |
|--|-------------|
| 100 - Fire, other | 1 |
| 111 - Building fire | 4 |
| 321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 143 |
| 324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries. | 3 |
| 350 - Extrication, rescue, other | 1 |
| 5311 - Odor Investigation, other than Smoke | 1 |
| 553 - Public service | |
| 561 - Unauthorized burning | 2 |
| 611 - Dispatched and cancelled en route | |
| 622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address | 2 |
| 671 - HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat | |
| 700 - False alarm or false call, other | |
| 746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO | × 1 |
| | Total: 172 |

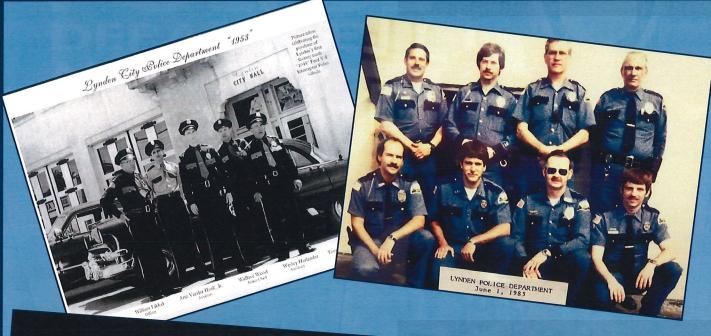
Aggregate Function Criteria

Total Fires:

Is Greater Than 0

City of Lynden POLICE DEPARTMENT Monthly Report







March 16, 1891 - 2021

130 Years of Excellence

March 2021



Criminal and Other Activity Top 10

January - March 2021

| | Jan | Feb | Mar |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| | | | |
| Assault | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Burglary (Residential) | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Crimes Against Person | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Domestic Violence | 10 | 6 | 8 |
| Drug Offenses | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| DUI | O | 4 | 3 |
| Sex Crime Reports | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Theft | 6 | 13 | 13 |
| Traffic Accidents | 2 | 7 | 7 |
| Vehicle Prowls | 0 | 11 | 4 |
| | | | |
| Other Reportable Calls | 67 | 107 | 124 |
| Non-Reportable Calls | 418 | 400 | 428 |



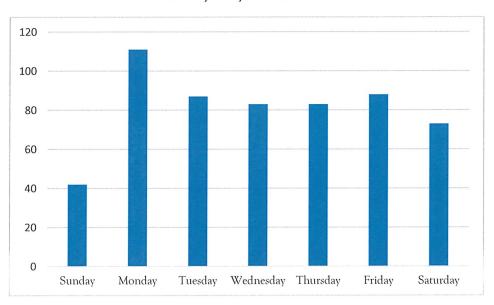
Criminal and Other Activity 2021

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Totals |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| Alcohol Offenses | 0 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Assault (Felony) | 0 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Assault (Misdemeanor) | 3 | 0 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| Auto Theft | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Burglary (Residential) | 1 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| Crimes Against Person | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Crimes Against Property | 2 | 9 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | 19 |
| Domestic Violence | 10 | 6 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | 24 |
| Drug Offenses | 2 | 2 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | 4 |
| DUI | 0 | 4 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| Malicious Mischief | 1 | 1 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | 13 |
| Public Order Maintenance | 11 | 13 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | 36 |
| Service Calls | 32 | 41 | 46 | | | | | | | | | | 119 |
| Sex Crime Reports | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Theft | 6 | 13 | 13 | | | | | | | | | | 32 |
| Traffic Accidents | 2 | 7 | 7 | | | | | | | | | | 16 |
| Traffic Offenses/Complain | 16 | 35 | 38 | | | | | | | | | | 89 |
| Vehicle Prowls | 0 | 11 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | 15 |
| All Others | 4 | 7 | 7 | | | | | | | | | | 18 |
| Non-Reportable Calls | 418 | 400 | 428 | | | | | | | | | | 1246 |

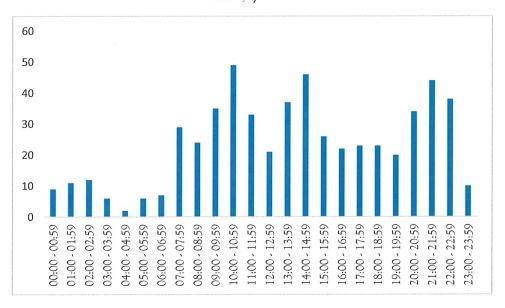


March 2021

Calls by Day of the Week

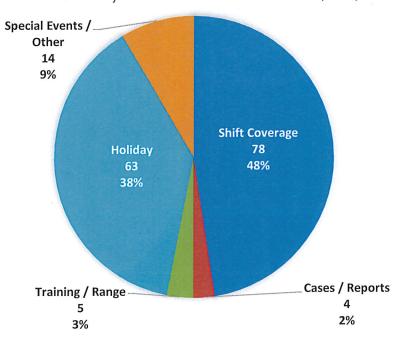


Calls by Hour

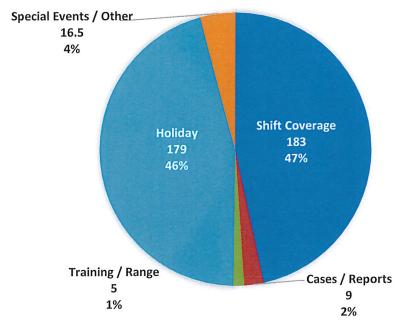




February 2021 Overtime Hours (164)



Year to Date 2021 Overtime Hours (392.5)



Lynden Police Department 2020 Year in Review

Chief Taylor Arrives To Take The Helm

Special points of interest:

- New Chief of Police
- LEMAP Updates
- Promotions
- New Officers
- Patrol Vehicles
- City Events

After a hiring process that began in the early fall of 2019, Steve Taylor arrived from Searcy, Arkansas to take office as Chief of Police on January 16, 2020. Chief Taylor began his law enforcement career 32 years ago in Saginaw, Michigan. In 2005, he began serving the City of Searcy, Arkansas Police Department. At Searcy PD, he rose to the rank of Assistant Chief. While in

Arkansas, Chief Taylor also obtained his Juris Doctor from the University of Arkansas. Chief Taylor is also now licensed to practice law in the State of Washington.



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Lynden Police Get a New Look For 2020

After 25 years, Lynden Police cars got a new look! Gone is the old blue and white with the city logo. The new look gives our fleet an sleek updated graphics package with a modern look that the citizens appreciate. The old cars will be phased out as new ones are purchased. Two new patrol vehicles arrived in March of 2020 and hit the streets fully equipped a few weeks later.



In December, three more vehicles arrived. Two patrol vehicles and one administrative vehicle.

2020 Year in Review



Officer Brown's wife pins on his badge.



Mayor Korthuis administers the Oath of Office to Officer Holland.

"Shift Coverage Overtime alone was cut by 40% from 2019"

New Officers Hired to Fill Our Ranks

In the first week of February, Officer Mack Brown started with Lynden PD. He previously worked for the Skagit County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy. Officer Brown's hiring filled a vacancy in our roster.

On March 1, Officer Alex Pluschakov filled the 17th officer position that was approved by the City Council. He previously worked as an Officer for the City of Sumas. At the beginning of May, Officer Tanner Holland joined our LPD family. Prior to joining our team, Officer Holland worked for the Washington State Patrol as a Trooper. Officer Holland's hiring filled a vacancy.

All three of these officers were a great addition to the force.



Officer Pluschakov taking the Oath of Office.

Total Overtime Hours Slashed by 30% in 2020

With the leadership of Chief Taylor and the addition of the 17th officer position, Lynden PD was able to cut the overall overtime hours by a whopping 30% during 2020.

In 2019, total Overtime hours were 3704 and the 2020 total Overtime hours were 2798.

The biggest difference being in the category of Shift Coverage

hours. The Shift Coverage Overtime alone was cut by 40% from 2019.

One of the biggest factors contributing to the reduction in overtime was the addition of a additional police officer. The full benefit was felt at the end of June with the conclusion of field training process.



Training Records Streamlined



During the Fall of 2019, a
Loaned Executive Management
Assistance Program (LEMAP)
Assessment was performed on
our police department. One on
the recommendations of that
assessment was for the police
department to have a contemporary method for tracking the
training for the officers and staff.

In early spring of 2020, L.P.D. purchased Frontline Public Safety Solutions *Training Tracker* software. This software will allow us to manage officer's training, mandates, expenses & range / defensive tactics in one platform. With the everincreasing training requirements

for officers and staff, this software allows us easily monitor training hours and courses and instantly produce the state mandated annual training reports.

Two Officers Promoted to Corporal in August

On August 1, Officers Scott Myhre and Anders Fiksdal were promoted to the rank of corporal. The addition of the corporal position to our rank structure was one of the 2019 LEMAP recommendations.

In late June, six candidates from LPD participated in the Corporal Assessment and Testing Process. You will be proud to know that all of our officers performed very well during the testing.

Officer Myhre came to Lynden

from Burlington PD in November 1, 1996. Officer Fiksdal began working for Lynden PD in May 1, 2019. He previously worked for the Everson Police Department. Both officers grew up in Whatcom County.

The corporal position adds another layer of supervision and guidance to our department ensuring the best possible service from our officers to our community.







Corporal Anders Fiksdal

Freedom Rings Loudly in Lynden

The City of Lynden was not untouched by worldly events during 2020. On the heels of the Covid-19 pandemic lock downs, came the rallies and marches for people wanting to exercise their constitutional rights and have their voices heard. Lynden PD was right there to protect everyone's rights and be sure people could express themselves without acts of violence or harm.

Emotions were running high for many people and our officers performed at a very high level during very stressful situations during the marches. We had no violence, no property damage, and no arrests. Thousands of people descended upon Lynden to appreciate the constitution working as it was designed.



"No violence, no property damage, and no arrests."







New Video Evidence System Implemented

In April, Lynden PD took another leap forward with the installation and implementation of a state of the art digital and video evidence system, Axon Evidence. This was another recommendation of the LEMAP assessors.

This system allows LPD to seamlessly record, upload, transfer, and track all of our digital evidence. Our digital evidence includes photographs, interview room audio & video, and audio recordings. We can instantly share evidence with the prosecutor and other law enforcement agencies. We can also receive evidence directly from citizens in the field with the touch of a button.

Officers can record audio statements from victims, witnesses, and suspects and transfer them to the case report.

Looking to the future, this system also offers the addition of body worn cameras.







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They are the heart and soul of this organization, and together with them, I am confident that we will continue to move the Lynden Police Department in a positive direction.

Steve Taylor

Chief of Police

Looking Toward 2021

As we begin to move through 2021, there are a few projects and programs that we are going to be working on at the police department.

- Evidence handling and processing systems.
- Replacing older patrol vehicles.
- Continue completing LEMAP recommendations.
- Evidence room upgrades.
- Bringing the best possible training to our officers.

