



**Sumner City Council
Public Safety Committee
Minutes of the October 18, 2023, Meeting**

Members present: Barbara Bitetto (Chair) and Pat Cole

Staff present: Chief Brad Moericke and Fire Chief Jon Parkinson

Others present: None.

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

I) Monthly Activity Reports & Department Updates – Fire, Chief Parkinson

Chief Parkinson presented and reviewed his monthly chief's activity report for September 2023.

Chief Parkinson also provided the following updates for the district:

Station 118 (Edgewood) is complete, and crews are now responding out of the new station. There is an open house scheduled for 11/4 from 12-3. All other construction projects are moving along and making good progress. All 14 recruits are now in the fire academy and will hit the streets in early 2024.

2024 Budget: The Board of Fire Commissioners has reviewed the draft budget and will be adopting the final budget in November. Significant service improvements include adding two additional medic units staffed during daytime hours (known as peak activity units) are included in the proposed budget.

II) Monthly Activity Reports & Department Updates – Police, Chief Moericke

Chief Moericke discussed with the committee department statistics for September 2023 and year to date. Overall activity levels were steady month over month however we are continuing to see increases in certain types of crimes.

Personnel: Both entry level new hires (Miller & Cuellar) have confirmed basic academy dates starting November 14th and graduating in March 2024. We currently have two officer vacancies, and we have one very strong lateral officer in the final stages of background. We will be holding a promotional sergeant's assessment on October 23 to establish a list to replace Sgt. Kurle and to expand the number of first-level supervisors.

Chief Moericke reported that he will be providing the full council an update on October 23 covering personnel, current and future use of technology, crime trends, current challenges and community impacts, and legislative priorities for 2024.

III) Action Items: None

IV) Discussion Items: None

V) Adjourn – Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 5:59 PM.

Next meeting will be November 15, 2023, at 5:30 in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall or remotely via Teams.