



**Sumner City Council
Public Safety Committee
Minutes of the April 17, 2024, Meeting**

Members present: Barbara Bitetto (Chair), Carla Bowman, and Pat Clerget

Staff present: Chief Brad Moericke and Fire Chief Jon Parkinson

Others present: Randall Adams via Teams

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm

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

Chief Parkinson presented and reviewed his monthly chief's activity report for March 2024.

Chief Parkinson also provided the following updates for the district:

The last group of six firefighter recruits have completed their training and started working shifts this week. The various easter egg hunts across the district were all a huge success. The April ballots (Prop 1) should be in everyone's mailboxes and are due by April 23rd at 8pm to be counted.

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

Chief Moericke discussed with the committee department statistics for March 2024.

Chief Moericke provided the committee the following updates:

A new CSO and new Officer were sworn in April 15th and have begun their training. Officers Miller and Cuellar are doing well in FTO. We will be giving a conditional offer of employment to an out of state animal control offer this week and will have her visit Sumner for further testing.

Chief Moericke gave the committee members a brief overview of the Pierce County Safer Streets WA Traffic Safety Commission grant to track driver behavior across Pierce County (including Sumner) in 3 major areas; speed, distracted driving, and seatbelt restraint compliance. These behaviors are monitored on major arterial streets where data is collected, followed by enforcement, followed by more data collection. The goal is to measure the effectiveness of punitive enforcement on human driving behavior. The next phase of the grant will collect data on violations followed by non-punitive education via direct feedback messaging. The goal is to measure the effectiveness of education on human driving behavior. We are in the very early stages and have just begun data collection of distracted driving.

III) Action Items: None

IV) Discussion Items: Due to vacations it was decided that the May PS Committee meeting will be cancelled.

V) Adjourn – Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 4:31 PM.

Next meeting will be June 19, 2024, at 4:00 pm in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall or remotely via Teams.