



**Sumner City Council
Public Safety Committee
Minutes of the August 18, 2021, Meeting**

Members present: Josh Hamilton, Curt Brown, and Patrick Reed (alt)

Staff present: Chief Brad Moericke and Deputy Chief Bill Mack, Program Manager Derek Barry

Others present: None.

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Patrick Reed

I) Monthly Activity Reports – Fire, Chief Mack

Chief Mack provided the committee with the July 2021 Monthly fire report. Year to date call response counts are up 10.7% over 2020. There was a significant 10 acre wildland fire east of 198th that required level 1 evacuations affecting approximately 50 homes.

II) Monthly Activity Reports – Police, Chief Moericke

Chief Moericke provided the committee with police the activity report for July. Activity for July was significantly down from prior months. We are still down two patrol officers, and we had a lot of absences due to training and vacations.

III) Department Updates - Both

Fire: The district increased staffing during the recent heat wave (medic unit and brush truck). EPFR has had a couple of employee Covid exposures with the increased uptick of covid infections. They have ordered a few hundred rapid testing kits. On 8/9 part of Governor Inslee's proclamation requiring health care workers to be vaccinated includes EPFR paramedics. They have been working with union local and legal staff to meet this mandate.

In the August election, the EMS levy passed with greater than 57% yes vote, but it appears that they fire levy lift prop 2 did not pass with on a 43% yes vote. The fire levy lift will be placed back on the ballot for a vote in November.

The new ladder truck and 4 new fire engines are now in service. The last 2 fire engines are in production. The apparatus was purchased from the previously approved levy.

Police: Chief Moericke updated the committee on current staffing including ACO Marcy Goldstone started MAS on July 20, Deputy Chief Andy McCurdy started August 2nd, and lateral Officer Drake Fawcett started this Monday August 16th. So far, everyone is fitting in and doing well.

Council authorized the purchase and service agreement with Axon and they will be ordered this week with an anticipated implementation date of November 3rd. The PD has received its first Ford Interceptor Utility hybrid patrol vehicle that will be issued to Sgt. Kurle for patrol.

The police department is still pushing for lateral applicants and will be doing a social media blitz. The PD will also be working with Carmen and PCTV to create/film a short recruitment video.

IV) Update to SMC 12.60.040 Park Rules

Program Manager Derek Barry presented an ordinance amending SMC 12.60.040 modifying park rules and also banning smoking/vaping in parks and within 25 feet of city facilities. The ordinance received a due pass and has been placed on the September 7th RCM.

V) Good of the order: None

VI) Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 5:39

Next meeting will be September 15, 2021, either in-person or via Zoom TBA.