



City Council Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda

Public Safety Committee

This meeting will be conducted by telephone and online,
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[Zoom Meeting Webinar](#)

Thursday, February 24, 2022 5:00 PM

Police:

1. Select new Committee Chair
2. General Police Update
3. Legislative Update

Fire:

1. 2021 Fourth Quarter Report for North County Regional Fire Authority



**CITY OF STANWOOD
PUBLIC SAFETY COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

DATE: February 24, 2022 Meeting

SUBJECT: Public Safety Committee Agenda Discussion Items Overview

FROM: Rebecca Lewis, Chief of Police
John Cermak, Fire Chief

General Police Update

Chief Lewis will provide staffing update to include Police Records Specialist selection process.

Legislative Update

Discussion on police reform bills before 2022 Legislative Session. There are a few bills being heard to correct 2021 police reform legislation.

2021 Fourth Quarter report for North County Regional Fire Authority

Chief Cermak will present the 4th quarter report and discuss items as needed.



North County Fire & EMS

Operations Fourth Quarter Report 2021 (October - December)

Major Activities and Accomplishments in Q4

- Annual Hose Testing completed
- Entry-Level Hiring list established, 6 offers made
- Promotional testing completed, acting officers established
- Blake Smith graduated Sno.Co. Fire Academy
- Record year in food and monetary donations from the annual Santa Run Food Drive
- New Station 48 opened.
- All American Leadership retreat to establish purpose statement & guiding principals
- New Logo, Patch & Uniform established
- Contractual contract with Julie Boyer as a Mobile Integrated Health Employee.



Q4

2392
Total
Dispatched
Calls

Dispatch* Volume Per Quarter



TOTAL TRANSPORTS BY QUARTER



1169
Total
Transports



*times are in mminutes/seconds. TurnOut = Dispatch to Enroute, Travel = Enroute to Onscene, Response = Dispatch to Onscene. Average is total time divided by number of calls.



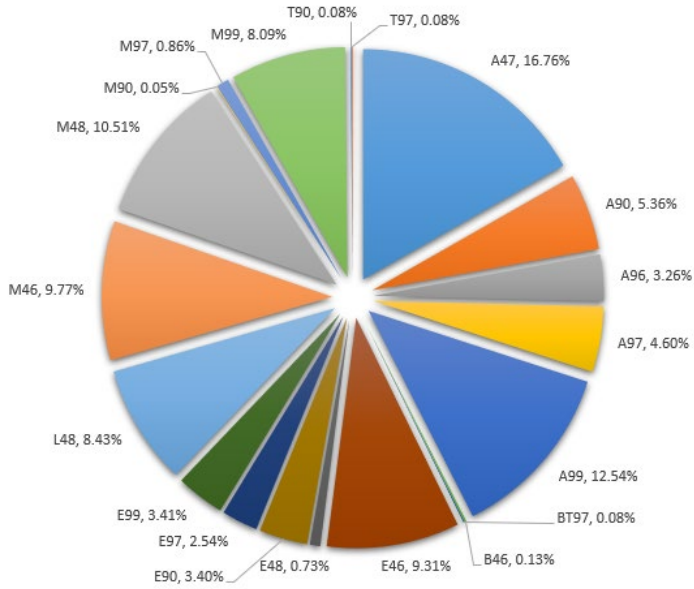
EMS CALLS
74%



ALL OTHER CALLS
26%

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UHU FOR 4th QUARTER 2021



Unit Hour Utilization (UHU) is calculated by dividing the number of Dispatched Calls by the number of Unit hours.

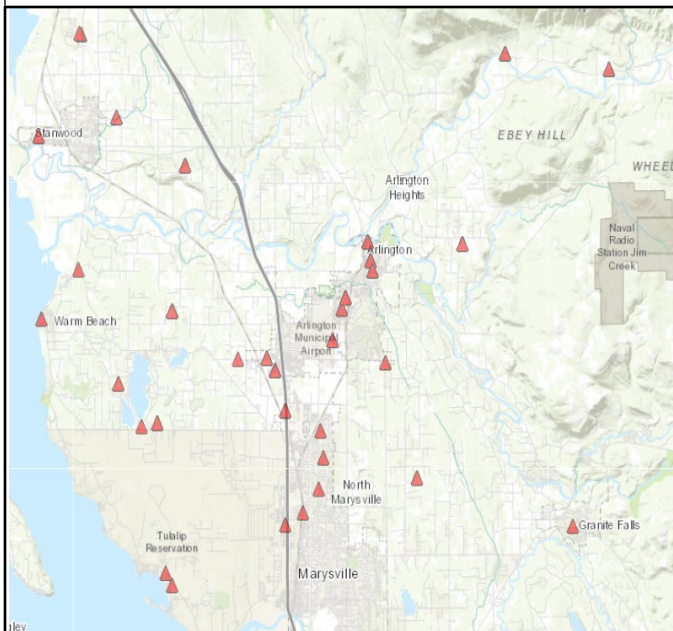
Aid Given

Camano Island Fire Rescue	100	61:11:01
DNR North	4	5:11:31
Everett Fire Department	13	9:16:42
Marysville Fire District	698	318:12:08
Snohomish County Fire District #15	82	32:23:20
Snohomish County Fire District #17	26	24:23:17
Snohomish County Fire District #19	297	173:56:10
Snohomish County Fire District #21	799	533:50:28
Snohomish County Fire District #22	45	32:57:56
Snohomish County Fire District #24	100	54:50:31
Snohomish County Fire District #25	86	57:36:15
Snohomish County Fire District #4	4	0:29:07
Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue	15	31:55:58

Aid Received *Includes 1408 A50 dispatches

Camano Island Fire Rescue	150	18:10:07
Falck Ambulance	21	1:19:34
Marysville Fire District	860	198:42:21
Northwest Ambulance	15	10:02:12
Snohomish County Fire District #15	18	5:58:11
Snohomish County Fire District #17	3	0:27:34
Snohomish County Fire District #19	204	75:19:49
Snohomish County Fire District #21 *	1492	824:45:51
Snohomish County Fire District #22	84	31:05:29
Snohomish County Fire District #24	7	4:33:51
Snohomish County Fire District #25	3	2:26:28
South Snohomish County Fire and Rescue	7	1:15:10

Fire Calls & Locations Quarter 4 2021



Fire Commercial (FC)	3
Fire Commercial Confirmed (FCC)	8
Fire Residential (FR)	30
Fire Residential Confirmed (FRC)	18

Public Safety Committee Meeting

February 25, 2021

The Washington Association of Sheriff and Police Chiefs (WASPC) and Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs (WACOPS) are actively engaged, both in support and opposition of numerous police reform bills. The Washington State Patrol Trooper Association (WSPTA), Teamsters, Washington Federation of State Employees (WFSE) and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) are other active groups working together to address issues.

Of the 288 bills being tracked, 98 were declared “dead” on the February 15th cut-off date. Below are the **Top Ten** police reform bills we are continuing to monitor closely. A strikethrough indicates language that was removed from the bill prior to the February 15th cut-off date.

SHB 1054 – Tactics

- Bans chokeholds/LVNR
- Bans K9 for arrest/apprehension*
- Bans “tear gas” (CN and CS)
- Bans “military equipment”
 - Requires divestment of military equipment by 12/22
- Bans concealment of identifying information
- Bans no-knock warrants
- Bans pursuits except for violent offenses and sex offenses
- ~~CJTC database of pursuits~~

WASPC	WACOPS	WSPTA	TEAMSTERS	WFSE	FOP
Opposed	Opposed	Opposed	Opposed	Other (Concerns)	Other (Concerns)

Concerns:

- Reduces tools for de-escalation, including K9 for apprehension and neck restraints – possibly increasing deadly force.
- Crime victims will have fewer assurances that LE can quickly apprehend suspected criminals.

SSB 5051 – Decertification

- Overhaul of CJTC
 - Commission membership
 - Purpose of Commission
 - Any other test of assessment
- Overhaul of De-Certification
 - De-Cert Criteria
 - Mandatory de-cert
 - Discretionary de-cert
 - Suspend or de-cert
 - Concurrent CJTC investigations
 - Anyone can file a complaint

WASPC	WACOPS	WSPTA	TEAMSTERS	WFSE	FOP
Opposed	Opposed	Opposed	Other (Concerns)	Other (Concerns)	

Concerns:

- Essentially creates a second employer for every LE officer – the CJTC. This 50-page bill creates a new bureaucracy that will reduce local control.
- More than half of the Commissioners would have no direct knowledge of, or experience in, LE or corrections.
- New bureaucracy will take budget dollars and result in fewer peace officers responding to calls.

SHB 1202 – Civil Cause of Action

- New civil cause of action under state law
- Heavily weighted in favor of plaintiffs
- Personal liability for officers
- Independent and vicarious liability for employers
- Correlation to common law
- Negligence
- Precluded defenses
- ~~No contributory fault~~

WASPC	WACOPS	WSPTA	TEAMSTERS	WFSE	FOP
Opposed	Opposed	Opposed			Other (Concerns)

Concerns:

- Significant new liability for officers, employers – both vicarious and independent.
- Prevents law enforcement from asserting a defense based on law not clearly established at the time.
- Will add litigation costs and time, which may lead to greater division and further discourage people from staying or becoming peace officers.

SHB 1203 – Community Oversight Boards

- Mandates Oversight Board for all city/county LE agencies with 15 or more commissioned
- Investigate upon receipt of complaint or own initiative
- Access to any investigation
- Access to crime scenes and evidence
- Right to subpoena documents and compel testimony
- ~~Mayor must choose from Board list for Chief candidates~~
- ~~Funded with minimum 5% of LE agency budget~~
- ~~Unfettered funding for attorney~~

WASPC	WACOPS	WSPTA	TEAMSTERS	WFSE	FOP
Opposed	Other (Concerns)				Other (Concerns)

Concerns:

- Broad authority to small group of unelected persons, no experience in law enforcement, all at taxpayer's expense.
- Grants power of subpoena, compel testimony, and access to crime scenes and evidence – will jeopardize criminal investigations and delay justice.
- More financial burden on local jurisdictions and removes local control, fewer resources for behavioral health programs
- Unfunded mandate

SSB 5259/SHB 1092 – Data Collection

- Attorney General's Request bill
- Requires reporting in more circumstances
- Requires fewer data fields to be reported
- Administered by WSU
- LE agencies must submit data specific in the bill, and any other data deemed relevant, in the format, according to deadlines established by the AG and WSU

WASPC	WACOPS	WSPTA	TEAMSTERS	WFSE	FOP
Opposed	Support w/tort amended	Support w/tort amended	Support w/tort amended	Support w/tort amended	Support w/tort amended

Concerns:

- Significant staff time associated with re-coding incident reports to state-established criteria and categorization.

SHB 1267 – Office of Independent Investigations

- Governor's Task Force
- New state agency
- Concurrent jurisdiction
- LE officers vs. civilian investigators
- Priority over all other agencies/investigations
- Sex offenses
- Any other criminal activity related to or discovered during course of investigation
- Permissive, not mandatory, to investigate

WASPC	WACOPS	WSPTA	TEAMSTERS	WFSE	FOP
Other (Concerns)	Opposed	Opposed			Opposed

Concerns:

- Relies on civilian investigators for complex criminal investigations.
- Gives “priority registration” to CJTC training, at the expense of the training needs of the other 279 agencies in the state.
- Requires local agency to relinquish scenes, jeopardizing criminal investigations of incidents that may have led to the use of deadly force

SHB 1310 – Use of Force

- Limits use of force to effect arrest, prevent escape, protect against imminent threat of bodily injury
- Duty to reasonable care
 - ~~Avoid situations requiring use of force~~
 - Exhaust available de-escalation tactics
 - Leave area if no threat of imminent harm or no crime being committed
- Force allowed to minimal degree necessary
- Submit use of force policies to AG
- ~~Requires deadly force as a last resort~~
- ~~Amends RCW 9A.16.040 (criminal liability for LE officers who use deadly force) to be allowed only “as a last resort.”~~

WASPC	WACOPS	WSPTA	TEAMSTERS	WFSE	FOP
Opposed	Opposed	Opposed	Opposed		Opposed

Concerns:

- Undermines decades of case law, unreasonably limits any use of force, effectively requiring an arrest any time any level of force is used.
- Creates an inappropriate oversight role for Attorney General
- Uses subjective language without incorporating a reasonable officer standard.

SSB 5263 – Felony Bar

- Limits use of felony defense statute (RCW 4.24.420) by law enforcement to
 - ~~Conviction of~~ Finding beyond a reasonable doubt that the person injured or killed committed a Class A or B felony
- ~~Precludes defense where death occurs~~
- ~~Requires Class A or B felony conviction~~

WASPC	WACOPS	WSPTA	TEAMSTERS	WFSE	FOP
Opposed	Opposed	Opposed	Opposed		Opposed

Concerns:

- Will lead to policies that make officers less likely to act to prevent a crime from occurring.
- Creates a more restrictive standard for law enforcement as compared with members of the public; there is no “finder of fact” requirement for the public

SSB 5066 – Duty to Intervene

- Excessive Force (intervene)
 - Duty to render first aid
- Wrongdoing (report)
- Model Policy
 - CJTC, WSP, WASPC, Labor
- Mandatory agency policy on duty to intervene
- CJTC training

WASPC	WACOPS	WSPTA	TEAMSTERS	WFSE	FOP
Other (Concerns)	Other (Concerns)	Other (Concerns)			Support

Concerns:

- Duty is based on subjective terms such as “harmful”, cannot be fairly and consistently implemented.
- In mutual aid, officers from multiple agencies would intervene according to their own policies and could create confusion.
- Definition of excessive force is restrictive and could result in unintended confusion and less safe outcomes.

SHB 1499 – Drug Legalization

- Legalizes “personal use amounts” of controlled substances
- Directs Health Care Authority to establish a substance use recovery plan to assist persons with substance use disorder in accessing community-based treatment and recovery services
- Requires BLEA to incorporate training on interactions with persons with substance use disorder

Concerns:

- We support a robust, wrap-around system for behavioral health, and would actively support this bill if decriminalizing were removed. A lack of services and law enforcement being the only resource will continue until better systems are in place.
- Any decriminalization consideration should occur following a system being built and proven.