

**CITY OF STANWOOD
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

January 28, 2021

LOCATION:

The Public Safety Committee meeting was held via ZOOM meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

- City Councilmember- Dianne White
- City Councilmember- Steve Shepro
- City Councilmember – Darren Robb
- Stanwood Police- Chief Rob Martin
- North County Regional Fire- Chief John Cermak

AGENDA:

1. PD – general update
2. Fire – general update
3. Select new committee chair

CALLED TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

DISCUSSION:

- Chief Martin provided a general overview of proposed police reform bills being considered in the 2021 Legislative Session. The chief attended a virtual meeting this week where Representative Lovick and members of WASPC spoke about specific bills which could negatively impact public safety throughout the state. Representative Lovick assured everyone there is lot of meaningful discussion and acknowledged the rules and laws that govern policing are too important to be rushed. Chief Martin will continue to follow progress made and provide updates on any bills which may impact the city negatively.
- Chief Martin stated the 2021 goals of the police department included community engagement, traffic safety and an emphasis on DUI enforcement. Councilmember White asked Stanwood assisting Camano Island deputies on calls for service. That number has gone down significantly, although we will assist if needed. Island County has increased their staffing on Camano. Discussion regarding traffic concerns on Pioneer Hwy and Cedarhome triangle.
- Chief Cermak provided an update on COVID vaccination efforts in Snohomish County. He updated the committee on the status of the new training facility and the two new fire engines acquired last year. Chief Cermak updated committee members on the status of Arlington Fire joining the RFA, which will be going to a vote soon. North County and Arlington came together, sharing resources, during the COVID response.

- Councilmember Shepro inquired about the status of the SR 532 renaming project. The chief said this is still in process.
- Councilmember Shepro nominated Councilmember White as Public Safety Committee Chair, second by Councilmember Robb. Councilmember White accepted the position.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm