

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

February 25, 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
- City Administrator – Jennifer Ferguson
- City Attorney – Brett Vinson

AGENDA:

1. PD – Stanwood Camano School District ILA
2. PD – Legislative Update
3. Fire – 2020 Annual Report

CALLED TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm

DISCUSSION:

- Chief Martin discussed the proposed amendments to the interlocal agreement between the city and the Stanwood Camano School District. Most of the amended language came as a result of changes made to RCW 28A.320.124 (2019). The legislative intent is to create statewide consistency for the minimum training requirements that school resource officers must receive. Stanwood SRO, Deputy McCurry, has completed all required training. Chief Martin has discussed the changes with the city and school district. The ILA is still being reviewed but should be before the council soon.
- Chief Martin provided an update on key police reform bills that passed through their respective committees and are now on the chamber of origin floor. He discussed concerns with how these bills may negatively impact public safety should they pass as written. Several law enforcement groups are working diligently to address concerns. There is still a lot of work to be done with floor votes occurring on March 9th. Any bills that pass will move to the opposite chamber, with a floor vote on April 11th.
- Chief Martin gave a brief overview of the State Supreme Court decision (State v. Blake) regarding simple possession of a controlled substance (PCS). The ruling declared it unconstitutional, exceeding the State's police power, to make possession of drugs a felony. City

Attorney Brett Vinson provided further explanation on the ruling and how 'strict liability drug possession' was interpreted by the court. Staff is working to identify any impacts to the city as a result of the ruling.

- Chief Cermak presented the 2020 North County Regional Fire Authority annual report. Chief Cermak shared highlights related to call response times and shared response calls. Chief Cermak added the vote to merge with Arlington Fire was successful. Strategic planning is underway to move forward with the merger process.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm