



**STANWOOD**

# **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes**

*April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

**LOCATION:** School Admin Bldg, 26920 Pioneer Hwy Stanwood WA

**ATTENDANCE:**

- City Council Members – Dani Gaumont, Andreena Bergman, Tim Schmitt.
- Stanwood Police – Chief Jason Toner
- North County Regional Fire –Chief John Cermak

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 pm

**DISCUSSION:**

- Chief Toner discussed law enforcement related bills that are in process at the state legislature, related to pursuits and drug possession. The pursuit bill seems likely to pass with bi-partisan support, while the “Blake Bill” is still being negotiated.
- The committee discussed ORV vehicles in public roadways, parking issues near Stanwood Elementary School, and overall police activity in Stanwood.
- Chief Cermak discussed an upcoming Fire/EMS levy that would fully staff Station 96, which would serve NE Stanwood.
- Chief Cermak explained that as North County Fire and EMS grows, they having to move away from part-time personnel to full time staff. Other departments are hiring our part-time employees for full time positions. Chief Cermak also explained that he has been able to hire several full-time personnel who years of experience.
- Council Member Schmitt asked about a potential fireworks ban in Stanwood and how would the ban be enforced. Chief Cermak and I related our experience with firework bans in other jurisdictions, the current laws/limitations of enforcing a ban, and being more educational than enforcement.