

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

JUNE 25, 2020

LOCATION:

The Public Safety Committee meeting was held via ZOOM meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

- Public Safety Committee Chair Person (councilmember)- Timothy Pearce
- City Councilmember- Dianne white
- City Councilmember- Steve Shepro
- Stanwood Police- Chief Rob Martin
- Stanwood Fire- Chief John Cermak
- City of Stanwood- City Administrator Jennifer Ferguson
- Stanwood Police Records- Amanda Slattery

AGENDA:

- Department Update
- Chief Community Advisory Board

CALLED TO ORDER:

6:03 pm by Chair Person Timothy Pearce

DISCUSSION:

- Pistol Transfers have gone up by 30% in the past 2 months
- Permitium the new on-line Concealed Pistol License application system is moving along.
- National Night Out Block party has 6 neighborhoods that have signed up to participate. The Stanwood Police Department along with some other community businesses and organizations will be visiting these neighborhoods.
- The Stanwood Police Department has everything in place, following the Governors orders for reopening the Police Department lobby when we are okayed to do so
- The new Governors Order for mandatory wearing of masks has brought a lot of attention. The Stanwood Police Department is prepared to educate the public on wearing masks and social distancing. The Police Department is anticipating a high level of calls to both the Stanwood Police and SNO911 dispatch. Both agencies have plans in place to handle this volume. The caller will be referred to the Governors website and/or handled on a case by case basis by the shift supervisor. Chief Martin is happy to speak to any community members on this topic or other concerns regarding this topic. Stanwood Police is also prepared for complaints regarding officers not wearing masks. Masks are provided to our officers and they are expected to wear them when safe to do so.

- Chief Martin briefly addresses the protest for police reform and use of force. The Sheriff and Police Chief's Association signed an updated Snohomish County Multiple Agency Response Team (SMART) protocol. This has been in the works since the passing of I-940. I-940 addresses everything they are trying to accomplish in the current reform discussions. There may be additional changes from the Governor's newly formed task force on police reform.
- Chief Community Advisory Board. The chief proposed a new advisory board to engage and connect with the community. This group would consist of a diverse group of residents, business owners, faith-based leaders and educators. Board members would meet with the Police Chief on a regular basis to discuss a variety of topics relating to police services. The advisory board would be able to present topics to the city council. City Administrator Jennifer Ferguson requested that the Chief create a model of how the advisory board would be laid out, types of people who would be on the board, and ideas of where the board members could meet. Chief Martin will be creating the model to be presented to council at a later date. All public safety committee members were in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Committee member Steve Shepro asked that the Stanwood School Resource officer be at the next Public Safety meeting, so the Public Safety Committee members got a chance to meet Deputy Bud McCurry. Chief Martin was in favor of this
- North County Fire Chief John Cermak let the committee know that they received 2 new fire apparatuses and staff are starting to practice and do mandatory training. The new apparatuses will be in service by July 7th. Committee member Dianne White brought up the 300,000 dollars that the tribe donated to the Fire Department. Chief Cermak said this money will likely be put toward the building of the new training facility.
- Public Safety Chairperson Timothy Pearce thanked the 3 community members who signed onto tonight's zoom meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm