

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

September 23, 2021

LOCATION:

The Public Safety Committee meeting was held via ZOOM meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

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

AGENDA:

1. Fire Quarterly Report
2. Proposed 2022 Police Compstat Report
3. Drone Program

CALLED TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm

DISCUSSION:

- Chief Cermak presented the quarterly report and opened the floor for questions. Councilmember White inquired about vaccination requirements for fire department staff. Chief Cermak said they are following the Governor’s mandate relating to vaccinations. He discussed staffing/hiring issues he is preparing for. Councilmember Shepro inquired about the increase in call response time. Chief Cermak indicated the increase was due to his staff having to don additional layers of PPE prior to call response following COVID protocols.
- Chief Martin presented a new look for the police compstat report, with the desire of implementing the report in January of 2022. Chief Martin went through the slide deck and explained what data was being displayed. Committee members discussed the information presented and gave input on what Council will want to see. Requests included:
 - Year to date totals similar to previous compstat
 - Heat mapping for specific crimes

- Fewer data points on combined graphs
- Response times
- Trends/themes
- Councilmember access to PowerBI (read only)

Staff will meet with the SCSO Crime Analyst to work on improvements.

- Chief Martin discussed drone technology and its current application in public safety. Staff has moved to create a drone program in Stanwood, including training a pilot with FAA certification and moving to purchase a drone in 2021. Chief Martin discussed the benefit of having the program and will follow Snohomish County Sheriff's Office policy. Councilmember Robb inquired about public records requests pertaining to drone footage. All footage is processed as evidence and available to requestors. Councilmember Shepro asked about media outreach prior to deployment to let the community know the benefits of the program and address any concerns they may have. He also asked how other jurisdictions have addressed any issues up front, prior to deployment. Staff will work on the messaging aspect of the program. Chief Martin will also work on adding drone deployment statistics to the compstat report.
- Councilmember Robb asked for an update on body worn cameras being deployed in Stanwood. The Sheriff's Office is currently testing and evaluating the cameras, but Stanwood PD was not included in that process as previously mentioned. The Sheriff intends to have body worn cameras deployed office wide, including Stanwood PD, by the end of 2022.
- Meeting adjourned at 5:57 pm