

**Orting Public Safety Committee Meeting**  
**Public Safety Building**  
**March 5, 2021**

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**ATTENDANCE**     Tony Belot, Chair/Councilmember  
                         Tod Gunther, Vice Chair/Councilmember  
                         Scott Larson, City Administrator  
                         Chris Gard, Police Chief  
                         Kristin Wetzel, Orting Police

**Call to Order at 8:10 AM**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Approval of February 2021 Minutes**

**Vaccinations**

- Pierce County Health Department will be hosting a free coronavirus vaccine clinic for those that qualify. It will take place at Orting High School. No specific date has been set. Chief Gard reported that police department staff have already been provided vaccinations.

**Police Staffing**

- A conditional offer of employment was extended to a lateral officer candidate. Pending a mandatory psychological evaluation, she will begin employment the first week in April. The department recently conducted additional interviews for an officer vacancy.

**Less lethal Update**

- Chief Gard reported that the department recently purchased BolaWrap's. These are hand-held remote restraint devices that discharge a bola-style Kevlar tether that entangles a subject. It offers law enforcement the ability to take non-complaint subjects into custody safely without injury to them or officers. It is particularly useful with subjects that are drug-impaired or suffering from mental crisis and often incapable of comprehending commands from law enforcement.

**Emergency Management**

- The interlocal agreement between several Pierce County cities has been signed and the first group meeting will be March 16<sup>th</sup>. Chief Gard indicated that several of the cities are discussing participating in a joint lahar drill with the schools.

**Other**

- The committee asked for an update on body cameras. Chief Gard reported that he is trying to have a vendor provide a product demonstration to the committee.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 AM**