

**Orting Public Safety Committee Meeting**  
**Public Safety Building**  
**February 2, 2022**

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**ATTENDANCE**      Chris Moore, Chair/Councilmember  
                         Melodi Koenig, Chair/City Councilmember  
                         Kim Agfalvi City Clerk  
                         Gretchen Russo, Orting Finance Director  
                         Kristin Swanson, Police Clerk  
                         Chris Gard, Orting Police Chief

**Call to Order at 8:30 AM**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Approval of February 2022 Minutes**

**Police Department Update**

**Hiring Update**

- Chief Gard reported that Orting has two lateral officers interested in obtaining employment within our department. Each lateral candidate is in the background investigation portion of the employment process. In addition, the department has been in the process of interviewing entry-level officer candidates.

**Verkada Cameras**

- All department officers were recently equipped with body-worn video cameras. The equipment is part of a five-year contract with Axon Enterprise and includes digital evidence storage and supporting hardware. Chief Gard stated that body cameras are part of an effort to enhance transparency, aid in investigations and help provide resolution to citizen complaints.

**Training**

- A Pierce County Juvenile Prosecutor recently visited the station to provide officer training regarding recent state law changes that impact juvenile offenders.

**Crime Prevention**

- Chief Gard has been serving on a crime prevention committee under the umbrella of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). His committee, among other things, is examining attacks targeted at specific ethnic races. IACP is the largest professional association for police leaders. He states he will be attending an IACP symposium later this year.

**Other Business - None**

**Meeting Adjourned 8:58 AM**

