

Orting Public Safety Committee Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers
July 7, 2022

ATTENDANCE Chris Moore, Chair/Councilmember
 Melodi Koenig, Chair/Councilmember
 Scott Larson, City Administrator
 Interim Chief. Devon Gabreluk, Orting Police Dept.
 Kristin Wetzal, Orting Police Dept.

Call to Order at 8:31 AM

AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of June 2022 Minutes

School Resource Officer Interlocal Agreement (ILA)

- City Administrator, Scott Larson, presented the proposed 2022-2024 interlocal agreement between the City and Orting School District for the School Resource Officer Program. The committee requested this item be sent to the next City Council Study Session.

July 4th Fireworks Update

- In an effort to efficiently manage 4th of July 911 calls, South Sound 911 created an online fireworks reporting program. Calls were screened and if no risk to person or property, fireworks callers were directed to the online reporting system. Every hour, automated e-mails were sent to each officer regarding problem firework areas. Orting police received six online firework reports.

Hiring Update

- Officer Joe Palombi was hired to fill the newly created Community Services Officer position. Since his 6/27/22 start date, Officer Palombi has implemented “Coffee with a Cop” at various town coffee spots and “Cookies with a Cop” at the Orting Senior Center. In addition, he is building relationships with the Recovery Café and Haven Teen Center.
- Officer Garrett Bond was hired to fill an open full-time vacancy. Officer Bond comes to us from the Pierce County Sheriff’s Department and has one year of previous police experience.
- Officer Jaydn Gibbs is progressing well at the police academy and is set to graduate in early September 2022. She will then begin in-house Field Training within the police department.

Police Budget

- The police budget was briefly discussed. Chief Gabreluk highlighted items the department would like to purchase such as stop sticks and additional drone maintenance supplies.

Other Business

- Interim Chief Gabreluk discussed department arrests by crime group and summary of offenses. Committee members reviewed a packet highlighting arrests made from 2019 to present. In addition, Chief Gabreluk provided statistics on department staffing levels versus population from 1980 to 2022.

Action Items:

- The committee requested 911 statistics on calls for service.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: *August 4th, 2022*

