



CITY OF KOTZEBUE NOTICE

Regular City Council Meeting Agenda

March 19, 2026 at 5:15 PM

City Hall Chambers – 258 A Third Avenue

THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

For residents who want to participate telephonically

call: **1-800-315-6338**; access code: **49401#**

Meeting Notice

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Invocation / Moment of Silence

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Introduction of Staff & Guests

VI. Adoption of The Agenda

VII. Adoption of Minutes

a) March 05, 2026 Meeting Minutes

VIII. Citizen Comments

IX. Correspondence

a) Alaska National Guard Child & Youth Program Youth Council

b) 2026 Washington DC Federal Affairs Trip

X. Unfinished Business

XI. New Business

a) Manager's Reports

1. City Manager - Ron Johnson

2. Holland and Hart

3. The Mulder Company

4. City Attorney - Joe Evans

5. Finance Director (accept & approve Finance Director's Report)

6. Public Works (accept & approve Public Works Report)
7. Police Department
8. Fire Department
9. Parks & Recreation
10. Package Store
11. Public Relations/Human Resources
12. Planning Department

XII. Council Members Comments

Seat B: Derek Haviland-lie

Seat C: Joshua Hadley

Seat D: Kathleen Sherman

Seat E: Cory Jackson

Seat G: Johnson Greene

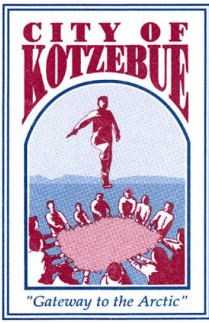
Seat A: Ernest Norton

Seat F: Saima Chase

Youth Representative: Vacant

XIII. Executive Session

XIV. Adjournment



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City Hall 907-442-3401

Police Dept 907-442-3351

Fire Dept 907-442-3404

Public Works 907-442-5200

Parks & Rec 907-442-3106

CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mayor Chase

has scheduled the next

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Alaska National Guard Child & Youth Program
49000 Army Guard Road
Suite D-101
JBER, AK 99505

March 5, 2026

City of Kotzebue
Vice Mayor Ernie Norton
PO Box 46
Kotzebue, AK 99752

Dear Mayor Norton,

We are Molly McBride and William Russell, President and Co-President of the Alaska National Guard Child & Youth Program (AKNG CYP) Youth Council. We are reaching out to you today to request that you show your support for military kids by making a public announcement proclaiming April as the Month of the Military Child, and ask you to participate in **Purple Up Day!** on April 9, 2026, which is a day dedicated to supporting Military Youth throughout the United States and Territories.

This year, our Youth Council is composed of 14 dedicated members who strive to be an active member of their community. Current members hail from Anchorage, Wasilla, Eagle River, and Fort Greely, and serve as a voice for military youth across Alaska. We host both overnight and day camps, leadership retreats, special activities and events throughout the state, ensuring support to and connection between National Guard youth and families.

Our parents are National Guard service members and have been deployed multiple times over the years. We have grown up with the AKNG CYP and it has become a second home to us. Attending camps, making new friends with other National Guard youth, and learning lifelong resiliency skills have been the highlights of our childhood summers. As we've grown, so has our desire to help others in similar situations to ourselves. We've become leaders within the program, allowing us to share our passion and experiences with other National Guard youth.

According to Military One Source data from 2024, there are 3,221 Army and Air National Guard Service Members in Alaska, 48% of whom have children. In FY24, a total of 1,316 youth ages 6-18 attended our camps and events.

National Guard children often struggle to find kids who relate to their unique situation, seeing that most Guard families live off base and are disconnected from provided resources and their military communities. This can create a feeling of isolation that is detrimental to youth. National Guard youth deserve to be recognized because of the myriad of unseen sacrifices they make for their parents to serve this country.

This April, we ask you to help support military youth across the state by making a proclamation declaring your support for Month of Military Child (MOMC). On April 9th, groups and communities throughout the state and country are encouraged to take part in **Purple Up Day!** by wearing or displaying purple. The goal is for military kids to see that they are supported and loved by their local and state-wide communities.



Alaska National Guard Child & Youth Program
49000 Army Guard Road
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Attached is a flyer promoting **Purple Up Day!** Please consider taking part in this annual display of support. Your support matters!

This link provides more information on Month of the Military Child:

<https://www.dodea.edu/dodeaCelebrates/Military-Child-Month.cfm>

For more information about the AKNG CYP, please contact our Lead Coordinator, Suzie Mauro at suzanne.m.mauro.ctr@army.mil or 907-428-6243.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

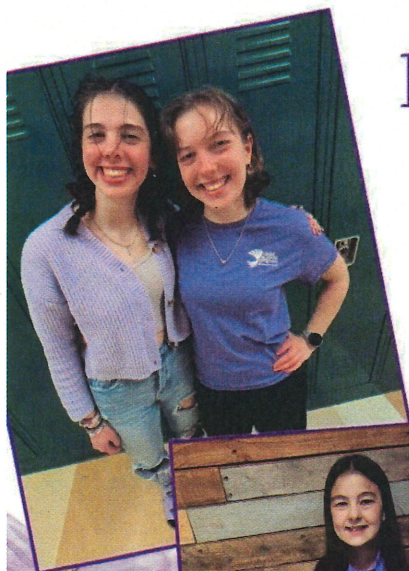
Molly McBride
President, AKNG CYP Youth Council

William Russell
Vice President, AKNG CYP Youth Council

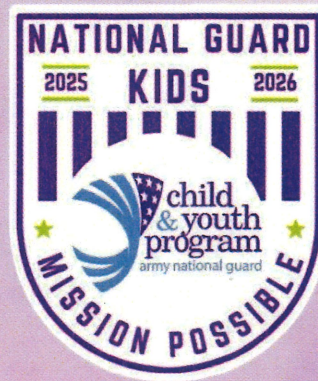
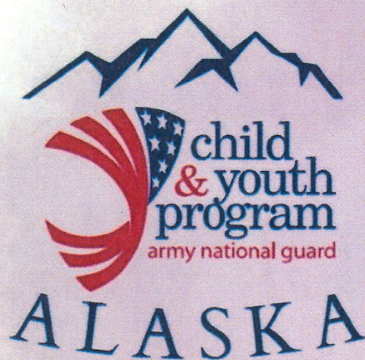
Purple Up Day

April 9, 2026

**Wear purple on April 9th
to show support for our
military kids!**



There are over **17,000 kids** in Alaska whose parents serve in either Active Duty or the National Guard!



From: [Peter B. Rindfuss](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Joe Evans](#); [Donald Jones](#); [Charles E. Cogar](#)
Subject: Re: Holland & Hart - staff update + question on 2026 federal affairs trip
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 5:37:21 AM

Good morning, Kotzebue City Council.

Let me know if you have any thoughts regarding flights for this week or if it is easier for us to send some potential itineraries?

Thank you,

-Peter

From: Peter B. Rindfuss <PBRindfuss@hollandhart.com>
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2026 4:16 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Kotzebue.org>
Cc: Joe Evans <joe@jwevanslaw.com>; Donald Jones <DJones@Kotzebue.org>; Charles E. Cogar <CECogar@hollandhart.com>
Subject: RE: Holland & Hart - staff update + question on 2026 federal affairs trip

Good afternoon, Kotzebue City Council.

Checking back to see what dates are best for you all to do the Washington, DC fly-in?

Ideally we should do it when the House and Senate are in session:

1. May 12-15
2. May 18-21
3. June 2-5
4. June 8-11
5. June 23-26

Please let me know what you think. Thank you and have a great weekend.

-Peter

Peter Rindfuss
Federal Affairs Legislative Assistant, Holland & Hart LLP

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Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2026 4:14 PM

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Subject: Holland & Hart - staff update + question on 2026 federal affairs trip

Kotzebue City Council,

Hope you are weathering the high wind and blizzard conditions. Two things I wanted to share, which can also be discussed at the meeting tonight:

1. Given the departure of Mary and Anton last month, **Charles “Chuck” Cogar** from our firm is helping me handle Kotzebue federal affairs.
 1. Chuck worked for Congressman Don Young for nearly 4 years and joins the firm with nearly 30-years of Congressional experience—most recently as Chief of Staff to Senator Tim Scott (R-SC).
 2. Chuck will be on the call tonight to introduce himself and help me with our update on Congress and the Administration.
 3. You can read his announcement by the firm and background [here](#).

2. Last year we had the Kotzebue DC fly-in Monday, May 5 to Thursday, May 8 with folks flying in on Sunday, May 4. **Is there a preferable time in late spring or early summer to do a fly-in?**
 1. Ideally we should do it when the House and Senate are in session: May 12-15, May 18-21, June 2-5, June 8-11, June 23-26.

Let me know if you have any questions. Happy to help.

-Peter

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City of Kotzebue

City Manager’s Report

Regular City Council Meeting – March 2026

Financial Stability & Oversight

- Staff continue to closely monitor revenues, expenditures, and grant opportunities to maintain strong cash flow and long-term fiscal stability.
- Cash position remains positive, and operating costs are being carefully managed alongside upcoming capital and infrastructure needs.

Technology & Asset Management

- The City is continuing the Citywide technology asset audit, ensuring all computers, printers, and other equipment are properly assigned, documented, and accounted for.

Personnel

- Two candidates have applied for the City Planning Director. Interviews will begin shortly.

Grants & Partnerships

- Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP): Reviewing potential projects including emergency response equipment, communications upgrades, and recreation facility improvements.
- Recreation Economy for Rural Communities (RERC): Participation continues to explore strategies leveraging outdoor recreation, tourism, and community amenities.
- A \$50,000 Energy Audit was completed on City Hall, Police and the Jail.

Personnel & Professional Development

- I am continuing my required professional development coursework and am currently 99 complete with the certification program.

Focus Areas Moving Forward

- Maintain strong fiscal management and pursue additional grant funding.
- Complete the Citywide technology asset audit.
- Address priority infrastructure and utility system needs.
- Support residents affected by storm and sewer impacts.
- Advance Parks & Recreation programming and facility improvements.
- Strengthen partnerships with regional organizations and agencies.
- Continue professional development and organizational capacity building.

Respectfully submitted,



Ron Johnson
City Manager

NEW KEA RATES VOTED ON 02/18/2026 (EFFECTIVE

| <u>Rate Class</u> | <u>Current Rates</u> | <u>Proposed Rates</u> | <u>Rate Change</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Residential | | | | |
| Energy - \$/kWh | \$0.2617 | \$0.2669 | \$0.0052 | 2.0% |
| Small Commercial | | | | |
| Energy - \$/kWh | \$0.2578 | \$0.2630 | \$0.0052 | 2.0% |
| Large Commercial | | | | |
| Energy - \$/kWh | \$0.2396 | \$0.2444 | \$0.0048 | 2.0% |
| Streetlights | | | | |
| Energy - \$/kWh | \$0.3371 | \$0.3438 | \$0.0067 | 2.0% |

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|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Large Commercial | | | | |
| Demand - \$/kW | \$5.5200 | \$25.0056 | \$19.4856 | 353.00% |

| | Deceber 25 Demand Charge | New Charge | Monthly Impact | Approx Yearly |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Water Treatment Plant A | \$ 341.14 | \$ 1,204.22 | \$ 863.08 | \$ 10,357.01 |
| Water Treatment Plant B | \$ 576.29 | \$ 2,034.30 | \$ 1,458.01 | \$ 17,496.16 |
| Rec Center | \$ 66.24 | \$ 233.83 | \$ 167.59 | \$ 2,011.05 |
| Youth Center | \$ 52.99 | \$ 187.05 | \$ 134.06 | \$ 1,608.78 |
| Baler Building | \$ 258.78 | \$ 913.49 | \$ 654.71 | \$ 7,856.56 |
| Totals | | | | \$ 39,329.56 |

KEA Rate Sheet

(907) 442-3491 Fax (907) 442-2482

| | | | |
|---|----------------|---|---|
| PCE Rates (Power Cost Equalization) Approved by RCA 12/05/2025 | | | |
| <u>Residential</u> | | | |
| Up To | 750 kWh | (\$0.2673) | <u>Street Lights</u> (\$0.2673) |
| <u>Public Facilities - Small Comm.</u> | | <u>Public Facilities - Large Comm.</u> | |
| First | 500 kWh | (\$0.2673) | First 500 kWh (\$0.2673) |
| Over | 500 kWh | (\$0.2673) | Over 500 kWh (\$0.2673) |

Electric Rates Effective Date: March 01, 2026

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>Electric Rates</p> <p><u>Residential</u> \$0.2669 per kWh</p> <p>Minimum Charge \$24.87 <i>(If no kWh usage)</i></p> <p>+ Monthly Service Charge \$20.00</p> | <p>Electric Rates</p> <p><u>Small Commercial</u> \$0.2630 per kWh</p> <p>Minimum Charge \$45.46 <i>(If no kWh usage)</i></p> <p>+ Monthly Service Charge \$35.00</p> |
| <p><u>Street Lights Rate</u> \$24.95</p> | <p><u>Large Commercial</u> \$0.2444 per KWH</p> <p>Minimum Charge \$166.87 <i>(If no kWh usage)</i></p> <p>+ Monthly Service Charge \$100.00</p> <p>Demand Charge \$25.0056 KW</p> |

Plus /Cost of Power Adjustment (COPA) (listed on billing as PCA) \$0.1909 per KWH Changed 12/05/2025

Plus / City Sales Tax Changed to 6% on 2-6-97

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City of Kotzebue

Public Works Department Report

February – March 2026

To: Ron Johnson, City Manager
From: Jason Avery, Public Works Director
Prepared by: Public Works Department
Date: March 2026

Department Overview

The Public Works Department continued routine operations and responded to several operational and infrastructure needs throughout February and early March 2026. Departments remained active in snow removal operations, water system maintenance, equipment repair, building maintenance, and refuse operations.

During this reporting period, Public Works also experienced personnel changes and responded to infrastructure issues requiring coordination between multiple divisions. Work orders and documentation referenced in this report are maintained at the Public Works office.

Personnel Update

Public Works recognized the retirement of **Terrence McCall**, who concluded **26 years of service with the City of Kotzebue**. A retirement gathering was held on **March 6, 2026**, where Mr. McCall was presented with a \$500 Amazon gift card in appreciation of his long-standing service and dedication to the community.

Water Treatment Plant

Drake Construction rerouted a **water main that had developed a leak inside the Water Treatment Plant**.

Temporary water delivery services were provided to **seven residential homes and one commercial customer**, totaling **\$1,404.94** in service charges.

Building Maintenance

Between **February 12, 2026 and March 12, 2026**, Building Maintenance generated **18 work orders** across city facilities.

Work orders included:

| Location | Work Orders |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| City Hall | 9 |
| Public Works | 5 |
| Fire Hall | 1 |
| Kotzebue Police Department | 2 |
| Arctic Spirits | 1 |

Streets Department

The Streets Department generated **71 work orders** during the reporting period.

Operations included:

- Plowing city roadways
- Opening **Devil’s Lake Road** and **Ted Stevens Road**
- Clearing snow at the landfill
- Replacing missing road signs
- Plowing **elder driveways**

Snow removal operations remained a major focus due to winter weather conditions and drifting snow.

Shop / Fleet Maintenance

The Shop Department generated **29 work orders** during this reporting period.

| Equipment Category | Work Orders |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Light Vehicles | 9 |
| Kotzebue Fire Department | 3 |

| Equipment Category | Work Orders |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Heavy Equipment | 9 |
| Kotzebue Police Department | 6 |
| Miscellaneous Equipment | 2 |

The **L110 loader is currently down again**, leaving the department operating with **two functioning dump trucks** at this time.

Line Maintenance

The Line Maintenance Department generated **18 work orders** during the reporting period, with **10 billable service calls** totaling **\$2,090.00 in revenue**.

The department also serviced approximately **25 homes requiring honey bucket services**.

Raw Water Line Repair – Devil’s Lake

Line Maintenance assisted with the repair of a **raw water line break originating from the Devil’s Lake intake line**.

Water Plant Operator **Matt Lazarus** initially identified water pooling around the fuel tank area near the raw water intake line.

An **Excavator (225)** was mobilized to the site to begin investigating the issue. During excavation crews located the raw water pipe along with a large amount of standing water. A trench was excavated from the work area back toward Devil’s Lake to allow the water to drain.

At the end of the first day it appeared that a **45-degree elbow joint may have separated**.

When crews returned the following day, the water had receded back toward the lake and current could be observed flowing through the trench. Following the flow of water allowed crews to locate the break at approximately the **fifth weld joint along the pipe**.

The failure originated at the weld seam and continued underneath the pipe which ultimately caused the pipe itself to break.

Initial observations suggested the failure may have been related to **weight or pressure placed on the pipe**, however given the age of the raw water line from the pump house **aging infrastructure and weld deterioration may also have contributed to the failure**.

Crews excavated the damaged section, removed the failed weld, and installed a **repair band** to secure the pipe and stop the leak. Once the repair was completed, the **raw water system was restarted and no additional leaks were observed.**

Line Maintenance Crew – Repair Hours

| Employee | Hours Worked |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Charlie Gallahorn | 18 hrs |
| Mike Geter | 17 hrs |
| Loren Stein | 17 hrs |
| Adrian Wilson | 16 hrs |

Infrastructure Condition Note

This repair highlights the **aging condition of portions of the raw water transmission line from Devil’s Lake to Vortex lake.**

While the immediate repair was successful, continued monitoring of the line will be necessary. As the infrastructure continues to age, **future repairs or replacement planning may need to be considered as part of long-term capital improvement planning for the City’s water system.**

Refuse Department

Personnel changes occurred within the Refuse Department during this reporting period.

Jim Beasley resigned due to financial reasons.

Gus Nelson has assumed the role of Baler Collection Supervisor.

Specialized Sprinkler Services is nearing completion of repairs to the facility sprinkler system. Total invoices associated with this work for the month were **\$1,750.00.**



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To: Jason Avery, Public Works Director
Lorraine Hunnicutt, Assistant Public Works Director
Russ Ferguson, Utility O&M

From: Matthew Lazarus, Water Plant Supervisor

Re: Director's Report

Date: March 12th, 2026

March Water Plant Report

1. There have been no more carbon monoxide problems in the water plant. A CO detector has been installed in the office area to warn building occupants if the problem returns.
2. The raw water line suffered a blowout on Tuesday morning, March 10th at about 2 am. The leak was discovered about 9:30 am near the pump house fuel tank. Most of the snow in the area was about 4-6' deep and very hard packed. The pipeline was located by digging locate holes about every 10' starting at the catwalk ramp where the pipeline goes into the snow. This allowed Charlie to safely dig away snow and slush with the excavator. . The cause of the failure was apparently the 50 year age of the pipe. Flow into the plant dropped to nearly 5 gpm by 3 am Wednesday morning. The pipeline was back on-line by 11 am Wednesday morning. The new snowmobile and freight sled were essential to this operation, as the pump house road was under very deep, very hardpacked snow.
3. The Gravity Waste Force Main relocation was completed by Drake Construction on March 11.
4. Iron and Manganese levels in the raw water have risen sharply in the past week, and Mn levels in the storage tanks are now above the 0.05 mg/L Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level where the water can take on a brown tint. The increased Mn removal we achieved with the lake bubblers and Oxidation Tank inlet diffuser last summer have helped. Chemical dose adjustments are also made daily in an effort to keep up with changing lake water chemistry, as well as more frequent Mn tests in the lab. We have also raised raw water pH to speed up the chemical reaction. Let it be understood that even with the current problems, we are very far ahead of where we were last winter when the Mn level at this time was about 0.60. We are at 0.08 right now.
5. While looking for the raw water line leak, the raw water had a septic odor, indicating we are drawing from at or near the bottom of the lake where oxygen levels are very low. This seems to explain why chlorine demand has been 3-4 times higher than we have ever seen before. Drake's pump house upgrade to seal off the bottom of the caisson that encloses the pumps so they will draw from higher in the water column should help significantly with this problem. We are currently having the worst raw water I have seen in all our record keeping years.
6. Pipeline pigging used to be done annually. It now needs to be done about every 6-8 weeks due to the excessive particulates settling out in the pipeline.



City of Kotzebue, Alaska
Police Department

258B Third Avenue Box 550 Kotzebue, AK 99752-0550
Office: 907-442-3539 Fax: 907-442-3357
Christopher Cook, Chief of Police

Section XI, Item a)



To: City Manager Ron Johnson
Re: Kotzebue Police and Jail Activity Report

Date: 03/11/2026

Since the Kotzebue Police Department's last activity report, the police department has responded to 823 calls for service (February 2026), a 6% increase from the month of January. Calls of note for the month of February were 17 Civil, 23 Agency Assists, 22 Traffic Stops, and 16 Disturbance Calls. For a complete list of calls for service see the attached report. Calls for service occurred most frequently on Wednesday between the hours of 08:00 am to 09:00 am.

The Kotzebue Regional Jail processed 48 prisoners during the month of January, a 12% decrease from January(55).

Community Policing:

- KPD officers had 395 public relations, safety, and assistance contacts with the citizens and business owners of Kotzebue during the month of February.
- KPD officers conducted 132 security checks of businesses, or other locations within the city.

Staff Development and Training:

- All officers are participating in Police One Trainings; Constitutional Law, Controlling the Situation, DWI Stops, and Foundations in Ethics for Law Enforcement.
- Corrections Sgt. Baldwin and Police Ofc. Nowak completed Taser certification.
- Ofc. Nowak completed O/C (pepper spray) certification
- J. Sibril started as a police officer.

Community Service Officers:

- The Community Service Officers (Police Officers) responded to 24 calls for service regarding animal complaints, a 4% increase from December (23).
- The CSOs impounded 5 dogs.
- 2 animal(s) were adopted or rescued. (7 since beginning of the year).
- 0 animal(s) was euthanized in August. (0 since the beginning of the year).
- Served or attempted to serve 2 court documents.
- We now have a Community Service Officer, His name is Wendell Middlebrooks.

Christopher Cook / Chief of Police



KOTZEBUE POLICE DEPARTMENT

258B THIRD AVENUE

PO BOX 550
KOTZEBUE, AK 99752

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Calls For Service Totals By Call Type

02/01/2026 to 02/28/2026

| Call Type | Totals | |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|-----|
| ABAN | ABANDONED AUTO | 3 |
| AGAS | AGENCY ASSIST (NON LAW ENFORCEMENT) M | 23 |
| ALAR-F | ALARM FOUNDED | 6 |
| AMBU | AMBULANCE | 1 |
| AOFF | ASSIST OFFICIAL | 4 |
| ASLT | ASSAULT | 8 |
| ASTCALL | AST CALL OUT/MESSAGE | 1 |
| CHAB | CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT | 2 |
| CIVIL | CIVIL | 17 |
| COURT | COURT APPEARANCES | 2 |
| DISC | DISORDERLY CONDUCT | 1 |
| DIST | DISTURBANCE | 16 |
| DOGY | ANIMAL CONTROL | 24 |
| DOMS | DOMESTIC | 10 |
| DRUG | DRUGS | 1 |
| DUI | DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE | 2 |
| FIGH | FIGHT | 3 |
| FIRE | FIRE | 2 |
| HARA | HARASSMENT | 1 |
| HUMR | HUMAN REMAINS FOUND | 1 |
| INTA | INTERNAL AFFAIRS | 1 |
| INTP | INTOXICATED PERSON | 20 |
| JAOFF | JAIL ASSIST OFFICAL(BOOKINGS=AST, COU | 4 |
| JMISR | NUMBER COUNT OFF THIS IS A FILLER SR | 2 |
| MCHD | MISSING CHILD | 1 |
| MPER | MISSING PERSON | 1 |
| MPRP | MISSING PROPERTY | 1 |
| MVC-D | MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH-DAMAGE ONLY | 3 |
| PASS | PUBLIC ASSIST | 321 |
| PHN | Phone Call | 13 |
| POLYCOM | INMATE COURT | 7 |
| PROV | PROBATION VIOLATION | 1 |
| PSAF | PUBLIC SAFETY | 2 |
| PUBR | PUBLIC RELATIONS | 74 |
| PW | Public works | 1 |
| RUNA | RUNAWAY | 3 |
| SALT | SEXUAL ASSAULT | 2 |



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258B THIRD AVENUE

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KOTZEBUE, AK 99752

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Calls For Service Totals By Call Type

02/01/2026 to 02/28/2026

| Call Type | | Totals |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| SCHOOL | SCHOOL PATROL | 26 |
| SECU | SECURITY | 132 |
| SEXOFF | SEX OFFENSE | 1 |
| SOR | SEX OFFENDER REGISTER/VIOLATIONS OF | 1 |
| SUCD | SUICIDE/SUICIDAL/ATTEMPTED/POSSIBLE | 3 |
| SUM/SUB | SERVING SUMMONS/SUBPOENA/ORDER TO SHO | 9 |
| THEF | THEFT | 5 |
| TRAF | TRAFFIC | 22 |
| TRAIN | DEPARTMENT TRAINING | 1 |
| TRES | CRIMINAL TRESPASS | 2 |
| TRNG | Training Run | 1 |
| TSA | TSA ASSISTS/AIRPORT SECURITIES | 6 |
| UNTD | UNATTENDED DEATH | 1 |
| VETH | VEHICLE THEFT | 1 |
| VOCR | VIOLATION OF CONDITIONS OF RELEASE | 3 |
| WARRANT | WARRANT (ARREST, BENCH, DAY, AND SEAR | 14 |
| WELF | WELFARE CHECK | 10 |
| Grand Total for all calls | | 823 |



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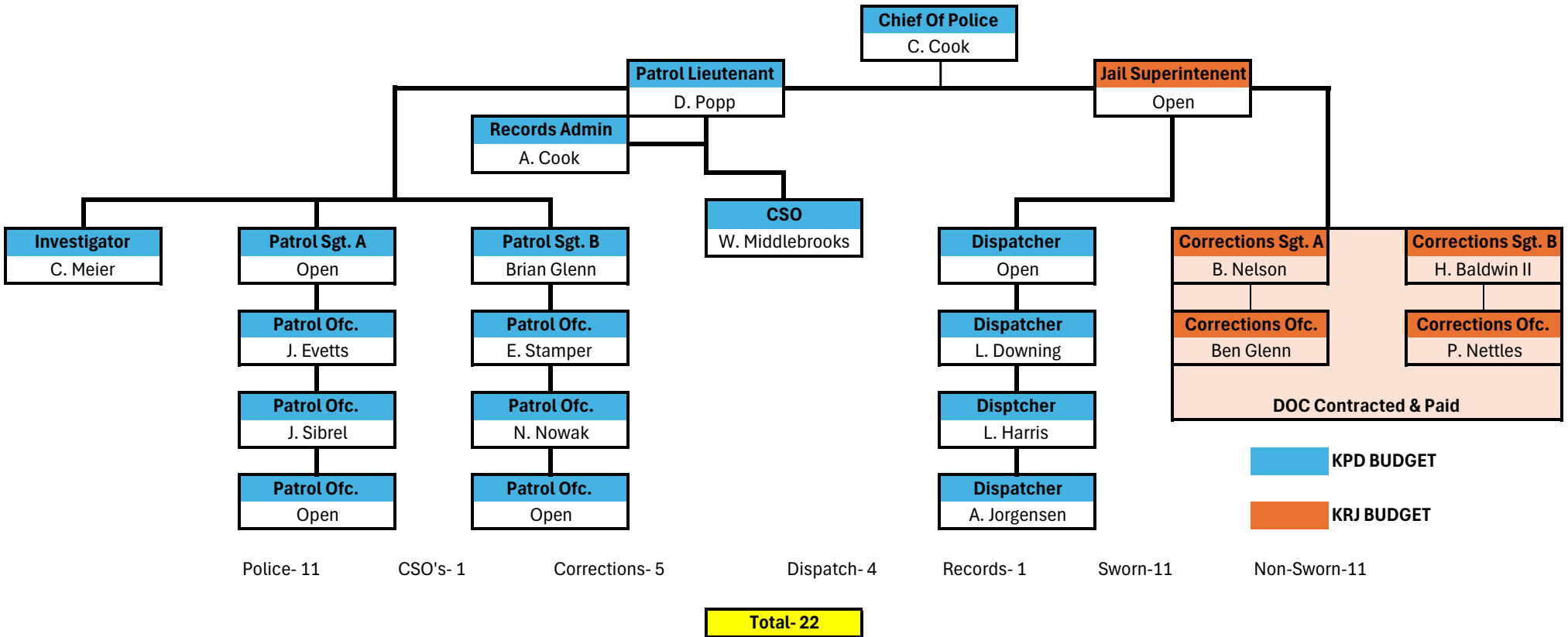
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Calls For Service By Time of Day / Day of Week

02/01/2026 to 02/28/2026

| Time of Day / Day of Week | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Total |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|-------|
| 0000 - 0059 Hrs | 1 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 21 |
| 0100 - 0159 Hrs | 4 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 28 |
| 0200 - 0259 Hrs | 3 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 20 |
| 0300 - 0359 Hrs | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| 0400 - 0459 Hrs | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 15 |
| 0500 - 0559 Hrs | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 19 |
| 0600 - 0659 Hrs | 4 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 25 |
| 0700 - 0759 Hrs | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 13 |
| 0800 - 0859 Hrs | 9 | 6 | 11 | 12 | 10 | 14 | 2 | 64 |
| 0900 - 0959 Hrs | 3 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 45 |
| 1000 - 1059 Hrs | 3 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 11 | 6 | 6 | 47 |
| 1100 - 1159 Hrs | 2 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 44 |
| 1200 - 1259 Hrs | 4 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 31 |
| 1300 - 1359 Hrs | 2 | 9 | 10 | 8 | 14 | 7 | 5 | 55 |
| 1400 - 1459 Hrs | 1 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 48 |
| 1500 - 1559 Hrs | 1 | 4 | 12 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 5 | 49 |
| 1600 - 1659 Hrs | 4 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 11 | 7 | 8 | 50 |
| 1700 - 1759 Hrs | 8 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 39 |
| 1800 - 1859 Hrs | 6 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 33 |
| 1900 - 1959 Hrs | 4 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 41 |
| 2000 - 2059 Hrs | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 21 |
| 2100 - 2159 Hrs | 3 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 30 |
| 2200 - 2259 Hrs | 0 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 26 |
| 2300 - 2359 Hrs | 10 | 3 | 3 | 18 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 55 |
| Total | 87 | 97 | 137 | 154 | 123 | 124 | 101 | 823 |

Kotzebue Police Department Organizational Chart



Kotzebue Fire Department

City Council Report on 3/19/2026
For February 2026

In February we responded to 107 calls in our community. KFD responded to approximately 89 EMS calls, while 18 were Fire/public assistance related.

In February we saw two staff members obtain their EMT-I certificate. I am happy to say that their graduation marks the milestone of all our part-time and full-time shift working staff being certified as EMT-1s. To me this is a big accomplishment considering that at one point last year we were down to 3 EMT's able to work. This meant we had to place one EMT on every shift, just to comply with Emergency Medical Services regulations. It's great to see this increase in our knowledge and ability to care for those in our community. Our two newest EMTs are Tramayne Thomas and James (Henry) Williams. They graduated through classes provided by Maniilaq EMS, and we are thankful for the efforts put in by that department.

We held a Fire Department staff appreciation dinner at Nullagvik Hotel on the 8th of February to commemorate accomplishments and recognize the hard work of several individuals within our department. There was good food, lots of laughter, and a few tears as well as we took time to honor the effort put in by each of our staff.

On the Fire side of things, we saw one of our Lieutenants (Lt. Gabriel Clingingsmith) obtain his Firefighter Instructor certification. This was very encouraging seeing as we are again intending to hold another Firefighter I class this summer to train and certify other members of our Fire Department and Volunteer Fire Department in fire response. We currently have two certified Fire Fighter Instructors on our staff (Lt. Gallion and Lt. Clingingsmith).

KFD responded to a structure fire in the interstitial space under the hospital this February. A Maniilaq staff member used an extinguisher to put out the bulk of the fire while Lt.'s Arnold and Clingingsmith went on attack crew and finished up the job and verified that there was no fire extension.

We invested in sending one of our employees to Ice Rescue Instructor training in Maine. FF-1/EMT-1 Cebelak returned with his Ice Rescue Instructor certification and will be holding trainings in the next several weeks. Our intention is to certify our

employees and volunteers as Ice Rescue Technicians, and increase our response in ice rescue incidents. It is my hope that the North West Arctic Borough's search and rescue department will coordinate with us and join with us in these trainings.

While we are finishing up our EMT-II course and I'll be reporting more on that next month, I just want to say I'm encouraged by seeing the hard work of our employees.

Our volunteers are making progress on beginning an Explorers youth program that will encourage education, character development, and preparedness in emergency response. I'm looking forward to seeing this benefit the youth in our community. FF/EMT-1 Matthew Cooper is breaking trail for us in this endeavor.

Our trainings in the month of February included ice rescue training, medical case review, financial training for retirement, hypothermia response, & training on ropes and knots.

Joshua W. Funk

Fire Chief

Lan: (907)442-3404

Chief Cell: (907)412-1668



EMS Calls February 2026

| | |
|--|------------|
| Medevac Patient Transport | 34 |
| 911 Response/Transport | 32 |
| Police Matter/Assist | |
| Agency Mutual Aid | |
| Non-Emergency Transport | 8 |
| Call Cancelled/ No Patient Contact | 10 |
| Refusals | 2 |
| Human Remains Transport | 2 |
| False Call | 1 |
| EMS Rescue/ Other Standby | |
| Total | 89 |
| Fire Calls February 2026 | |
| False Fire Alarm | 10 |
| Lockout/ Public Assist | 4 |
| HazMat Incident | 0 |
| Rescue Operation | 0 |
| Building Fire | 1 |
| Vehicle Fire | 0 |
| Brush/ Wildland Fire | 0 |
| Trash/ Dumpster Fire | 0 |
| Investigation for Signs of Fire | 1 |
| Investigate for HazMat | 2 |
| Standby | 1 |
| Total | 18 |
| Approximate Total Incidents 02/2026 | 107 |

Kotzebue Fire Department Current Roster:

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Fire Chief EMT-1 | Josh Funk |
| Fire Lieutenant EMT-1 | Neal Carlson |
| Fire Lieutenant EMT-2 | David Arnold |
| Fire Lieutenant EMT-2, Fire Instructor | Oberon Gallion |
| Fire Lieutenant EMT-1, Fire Instructor | Gabriel Clingingsmith |
| Full time FF/EMT-2 | JJ Foster |
| Full time FF I/EMT-2, Ice Rescue Instructor | Vincent Cebelak |
| Part time FF/EMT-1 | Beverly Hensley |
| Full Time FF/EMT-1 | Matthew Cooper |
| Full Time FF/EMT-2 | Bergman Nelson II |
| Full Time FF/EMT-1 | Tramayne Thomas |
| Full Time FF/EMT-2 | James Henry Williams |
| Office Manager, ETT | Eugene Wilkerson |
| Flex- ETT | Lynnette Strickland |

Staffing Updates

- **Current Staff:**
 1. Acting Director – Full-Time
 2. Program Coordinator (Currently Operationally Vacant)
 3. Janitor – Full-Time
 4. Permanent Part-Time Attendant 1
 5. On-call Part-Time Attendant 2
 - **Vacancies:**
 1. Assistant Director
 2. Activities Coordinator (In budgeted)
 3. Attendant (In budget)
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Special Events / Projects

- **March 5- Arctic Circle Planning Meeting.** 10 people attended this 2nd meeting.
- **March 14 – Winter 5K Fun Run.** Congratulations to the runners and skier who braved the cold and wind.
- **Community Ice Skating.** Very well attended. Lots of positive public feedback.

Upcoming Events

- **March 30 – April 6: Arctic Circle Spring Festival.** Final preparations underway, including volunteer coordination and logistics.
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Youth Center

- **Facility Rentals:** Demand for Youth Center rentals continue to be strong, particularly on weekends.
- **Ski and Ice Skate Rentals:** Inform residents about the availability of cross-country ski rentals and encourage participation in winter recreation.

Ongoing Programs:

- **Toddler Time:** Held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM, with an average attendance of approximately 15 children per session.
- **Dance Fit:** Held every Wednesday, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM. There were 8 participants in the last class.

- **Yoga:** Spring session planning underway; launch expected late April.
 - **Tribal Dance:** Tuesdays and Thursdays evenings, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM.
 - **Chess Club:** Held every Friday, 7:00 PM
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Armory

- **Hours of Operation:**
 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM
 - Saturday: 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM
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Open Gym

- Currently being coordinated, agreement signed and staffing being identified.
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Veteran’s Commemorative Park

- Funding received for materials; development continues.
 - Concept drawing will be updated for evaluation.
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Focus Areas Moving Forward

- Maintain facility and program operations.
- Expand youth programming to address gaps from Boys & Girls Club closure.
- Plan and execute Spring Festival and upcoming summer programs.
- Continue staffing recruitment and cross-training.
- Enhance community engagement and recreation offerings.

February 2026

Arctic Spirits Manager's Report

To: Ron Johnson – City Manager
CC: Mike Wetzel– CFO, Donald Jones – City Clerk
From: Jamie Lambert, Arctic Spirits Manager
Date: March 04, 2026
Re: Arctic Spirits Manager's report and monthly recap comparison.

The following is a calendar recap for February 2025 as compared to February 2026.

Total revenue collected in February of 2025 was \$231,335.97, compared to \$203,321.67 in February of 2026. This is a decrease of \$28,014.30 or almost 12% less revenue than this time last year. There were 24 sales days in February of 2025 and 21 sales days in February of 2026. We had 3 weather closure days this year, the 14th, 17th, and the 21st.

In February of 2025 we had 4,627 customers compared to 4,003 in February of 2026. This is a decrease of 624 customers. The average sale in February of 2025 was \$50.00 compared to \$50.79 in February of 2026 or an average of \$0.79 more spent per customer this year compared to last year.

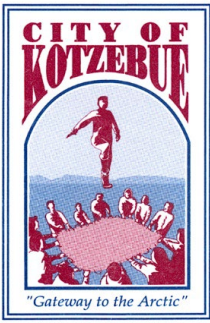
Cigarette sales in February of 2025 were \$7,441.06 as compared to \$6,226.44 in February of 2026. This is a decrease of \$1,214.62 in tobacco sales compared to this time LY.

The delivery Site 5 logged transaction.
The number of 10-day permits issued was 128.
The number of 30-day permits issued was 11.
The number of 90-day permits issued was 3.
The number of 180-day permits issued was 12.
The number of one-year permits issued was 37.

At least 10 permits were newly suspended or revoked due to background checks, public intoxication reports, and COR/judgement paperwork sent from the jail. We received 33 COR/judgements to update within our system.

Inventory for February 2026 has been completed and filed.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions,
Jamie Lambert - Arctic Spirits Store Manager
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HUMAN RESOURCES | PUBLIC RELATIONS City Council Report March 2026

Active Job Postings as of March 10, 2026

| TITLE | DEPARTMENT | FT / PT / Temp |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| KRJ Superintendent | Jail | FT |
| Streets Supervisor | Public Works | FT |
| Activities Coordinator | Parks & Rec | FT |
| KFD Captain | Fire | FT |
| Planning Director | Planning | FT |
| KFD Captain | Fire | FT |
| 911 Dispatch | Jail | FT |
| Line Maintenance Operator w-w/o CDL | Public Works | FT |
| Streets Operator | Public Works | FT |
| WTP Operator w/ CDL | Public Works | FT |

Current Employee Count 80

70 Full-Time Employees
9 Part-Time / On-Call / Flex Employees
1 New Hire

Employee Benefits

Initial meetings for employee medical benefits
Continuous efforts to create/audit employee files

PUBLIC RELATIONS

3 PSA's made since last PR report

Donald Jones
City Clerk | HR Lead | PR