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**Nome Public Safety
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Jana Hoggan
Traci McGarry
Shauntel Bruner-Alvanna
Kirsten Timbers
VACANT

**NOME PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

MONDAY, APRIL 01, 2024 at 6:00 PM
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

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ROLL CALL Meeting started 6:01pm.

Members Present: In Person: Shauntel Bruner-Alvanna; Carol Piscoya; Kirsten Timbers;
Via ZOOM: Justin Noffske; Traci McGarry; Jana Hoggan

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Wade Harrison, Acting NPD Chief; Brad Soske, Deputy Clerk

In the Audience: Anna Lionas, Nome Nugget; Rexodus Pomrenke; Shaun Pomrenke;
Elliott Weintrub; Trinh Johnson; Mark Johnson; H.N.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by C. Bruner-Alvanna and seconded by C. McGarry to approve the agenda as presented.

At the roll call:

Aye: McGarry; Noffske; Piscoya; Bruner-Alvanna; Hoggan; Timbers.

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 7, 2023 Nome Public Safety Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes,

A motion was made by C. Noffske and seconded by C. Bruner-Alvanna to approve the April 3, 2023 and June 5, 2023 Nome Public Safety Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

At the roll call:

Aye: McGarry; Noffske; Piscoya; Bruner-Alvanna; Timbers; Hoggan.

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Accreditation Update

Sgt Harrison announced he is leaving Nome to take a job in Fairbanks. Also stated Officer Martino will be taking over his responsibilities and that they are working together to get everything in order before Sgt Harrison leaves. Providing proof of accreditation.

B. Memo re: Radio System Update

Sgt Harrison stated waiting for common council to approve bid to Articom. The approval should happen at the April 8th common council meeting. After approval bidder will have to order all equipment.

C. Memo re: Emergency Siren Update

Sgt Harrison stated that the city installed new rotating siren. Public works will be looking at existing equipment to see if old system can be repaired and if not, will have to look into replacing the old system as well.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Trinh Johnson spoke about a sexual assault case regarding a minor and the way NPD handles these cases. She also brought up the case involving her son and the way this was handled and how he was treated.

Rexodus Pomrenke spoke about her case and the way that it was handled. Also stated she was frustrated the Chief was not in attendance.

Shawn Pomrenke spoke that he felt NPD officer handling Rexodus case lied to the Chief and that the Chief made decisions based on false information.

Mark Johnson spoke about the incident involving his son and how his son was told by officers that they didn't believe him. Also voiced concerns that some of same officers have been named in a couple of the same cases. Stated that he is working on a formal complaint.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2024 Qtr 1 Statistics Report from Nome Police Department.

Sgt Harrison stated Calls for Service, Sexual Assaults, Physical Arrests, Incidents (Reports), Intoxicated Person's Down, Drug Related Calls, Dispatch Phone Calls are all up compared to 2023. Arrest and Bookings, DUI, Motor Vehicle Accidents, Traffic Stops are down compared to 2023 numbers. A number of personnel status or changes within NPD. Vacancies at this time are 1 Police Officer, 1 FT Dispatcher and 1 DV Advocate. 2 new dash cam/in car video to be installed in April 2024 for a pilot test.

B. 2023 QTR 4 Statistics Report from Nome Police Department.

Sgt Harrison gave the general patrol stats for the 4 quarter. Calls for service 2794, which 19% alcohol related. Calls for service 1382. Arrests 101, 65% alcohol related. 53 traffic

stops. 17 citations. 167 incident reports. 9 sexual assaults. 144 intoxicated person calls. 116 ambulance requests. 12 NVFD responses. 49 court service documents. Dispatch stats 855 non-emergency calls with 233 911 calls.

C. Traffic Enforcement.

Sgt Harrison stated that City Manager Steckman stated that we all should be driving safely and following all traffic laws.

COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Vice-chair Noffske said oversight committee, but doesn't deal with personnel issues. Thanked everyone for coming down. Stated might have to hold executive session to review body cam footage. Shame to see Gray leave.

Commissioner Timbers thanked those coming and coming forward. Have to learn about her role, appreciate the community members. How to utilize process.

Commissioner Bruner-Alvanna appreciated everyone coming out and speaking up. Congratulated Gray on his new position.

Commissioner Hoggan appreciates everyone coming to the meeting. Encourage people to file formal complaints, things in writing are helpful.

Commissioner McGarry glad we are meeting again, thank everyone to have the courage to come forward and speak. Agreed with others comments

Chair Piscoya said unless people show up or let us know we do not know the concerns and we cannot help. We appreciate everyone coming forward. Acknowledged the process is a slow one, but will get better. Also sad to see Gray leave.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 7:15pm. Motioned C. Timbers, seconded by C. Bruner-Alvanna.
Next meeting June 3rd, 2024.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 3rd day of June, 2024

CAROL PISCOYA
Chair

ATTEST:

BRAD SOSKE
Deputy Clerk