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**NOME PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, APRIL 01, 2024 at 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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ADJOURNMENT

To: The Public Safety Advisory Commission

From: Glenn Steckman

RE: Radio System Update

March 29, 2024

Federal Engineering, who drafted the original bid specifications, has reviewed the Arcticom bid proposal. As part of the review, Federal Engineering discovered some minor variances in Arcticom's proposal from Federal Engineering's specifications. The two companies with the city are working through these minor issues before the bid is submitted to the Mayor and Common Council for approval.

To: The Public Safety Advisory Commission

From: Glenn Steckman

RE: Emergency Sirens

March 29, 2024

Federal Signal has installed the replacement siren that was destroyed in the fire last. Public Works is looking at the other siren sites that need to be repaired.

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Jeremy Jacobson



Nome Public Safety Advisory Commission Item A.
Carol Piscoya, *Chair*
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ROLL CALL

Members Present: Shauntel Bruner-Alvanna; Traci McGarry; Justin Noffske; Carol Piscoya;
Members Absent: Peter Travers; Jana Hoggan;
Also Present: Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Mike Heintzleman, NPD Chief;
William Crockett, NPD Deputy Chief; Jeremy Jacobson, Deputy Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

At the roll call:

Aye: McGarry; Noffske; Piscoya; Bruner-Alvanna

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. April 3, 2023 Nome Public Safety Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes,
- B. June 5, 2023 Nome Public Safety Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes,

A motion was made by C. Bruner-Alvanna and seconded by C. McGarry 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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No commentary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

(2:53)

A. Discussion of Police Chief Search

- Manager Steckman noted NPD Chief Heintzelman's 5 years of service to the Nome community and the Nome Police Department, the change in the 5 years since being brought on board, and the recent NPD accreditation in process allowing future opportunity for the NPD and community.
- Commissioner McGarry inquired into the search venues the City would utilize in finding an NPD Chief.
- Manager Steckman noted Association of Police Chiefs, AML, ICMA, and all other previous sites used in the last round of NPD Chief hire. The Police Chief would also be a part of the pension system, now.

STAFF REPORTS

(6:42)

A. City Manager's Report,

- Manager Steckman identified a situation where two youth were driving recklessly, that he witnessed, at the Port of Nome. He noted that traffic safety toward ATV usage would increase in September.
- Chief Heintzelman noted there would be public notice provided well in advance.
- Commissioner Noffske opined, thorough notice to the public was important.
- Manager Steckman identified the lack of housing and resources for youth in detention. He stated there would be discussion brought to City Council soon.
- Commissioner McGarry drew attention abandoned vehicles.
- Vice-chair Noffske inquired on the department's current staffing and capabilities with current resources.
- Chief Heintzelman stated even with recent hiring, currently the department does not have adequate staff per capita. Newly recruited, yet to be brought aboard will elevate the department's staff beyond where it has been in a very long time.
- Manager Steckman added the Council has added pay incentives to newly hired Officers, and the addition of several leadership positions within the department.
- Chief Heintzelman emphasized, without adequate housing for youth-offenders they cannot be housed in Nome which is a disservice to the community and youth. Since joining the department, there has been a lot of changes for the better, training of staff, the onboarding of experienced officers, all has significantly improved.

A motion was made by C. McGarry and seconded by C. Bruner-Alvanna to review the situation toward finding youth detention facilities.

At the roll call:

Aye: McGarry; Noffske; Piscoya; Bruner-Alvanna

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

(50:00)

B. Nome Police Department Quarterly Report,

- Chief Heintzelman noted the department's accreditation requires securing a vehicle impound lot, that is secure itself. The communications officer has been a challenge to fully staff, one reason being the background requirements for security clearance purposes.
- Manager Steckman noted the NPD & EMS radio bid may go out in September of 2024. He noted attaining parts and supplies for the project likely are not readily available making the timeline more difficult to predict.
- Chair Piscoya inquired into place of notice for NPD staff openings.
- Manager Steckman stated the City website, City facilities, state website, and social media.
- Chair Piscoya questioned how the NPD & EMS radio is currently functioning.
- Chief Heintzelman noted the NPD & EMS radio is working, however, they know it needs addressing.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

(1:09:10)

- 1) Commissioner McGarry acknowledged NPD's efforts toward accreditation, and thanked everyone for the meeting.
- 2) Vice-chair Noffske expressed gratitude in NPD's efforts countering sexual assault within the community, and acknowledged NPD Chief Heintzelman's effort with NPD.
- 3) Chair Piscoya opined satisfaction with the direction NPD has been headed in, from where it had been. She identified importance toward community safety and planning for the community's future.
- 4) Commissioner Bruner-Alvanna thanked NPD Chief Heintzelman for his service and expressed eagerness toward the Commission's role in vetting the next NPD Chief.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by C. Noffske and seconded by C. McGarry to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objections, the Commission adjourned at 7:04 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 6th day of February, 2024

CAROL PISCOYA
Chair

ATTEST:

JEREMY JACOBSON
Deputy Clerk



City of Nome Police Department

William Crockett
Chief of Police

Statistical Report for the Public Safety Commission
Chief Crockett
Prepared by: Sgt Wade Harrison
3-27-24

2024 Statistics

Dates of comparison are from start of year 1-1-24 till 3-27-24, compared with the same timeline to 2023.

REQUEST: (A) Review periodic reports prepared by the public safety department to detect trends evident in Nome as portrayed through police statistics, separated by race and sex, including general information regarding the number of sexual assault and domestic violence calls, status of sexual assault and domestic violence cases including status of victim follow-up, the number of public inebriation calls, the number of alcohol and drug abuse calls and the number of felony investigations.

Data was obtained from Crimestar RMS.

Calls for Service (These are calls generated by the Nome Police Dispatch Center)

2023	2024
Total inclusive of security checks: 2959	Total inclusive of security checks: 3334
Security Keep Checks: 1602 (54%)	Security Keep Check: 1936 (58%)
Alcohol Involved: 537 (18%)	Alcohol Involved: 633 (18%)

We are showing a slight increase of 375 in calls for services. We have 18% current alcohol involvement, stagnate from last year. Please refer later to incident (reports) that are created from an Officer that involve alcohol, the percentage is much higher.

Sexual Assault

Sexual Assault statistics are determined by two different call types in our record management system "Sexual Assault" and "Sexual Abuse."

2023	2024
4	7

Out of the 7 current, 6 closed, 1 open.

OVERALL

Sexual assaults for the year compared to last year has slightly increased.

At the current rate of cases if it stays consistent we will reach approximately 30-50 for the year.

Investigator Nguyen has been at the helm of Investigations as our new Investigator, he just passed his 6 months in his new position.

Community Liaison (DV/SA Coordinator) – Sharon Sparks has been doing an excellent job with follow up and resource materials as well as keeping the community updated.

There will be an added Advocate position to help Sharon's work load to focus on Domestic Violence.

Physical Arrests

2023	2024
89	104

Arrest and Bookings (This is the total charges submitted for prosecution)

2023	2024
251	212
31 Felonies	18 Felonies
178 Misdemeanors	138 Misdemeanors
42 Other (Probation Violations)	56 Other (Probation Violations)

Currently we have a decrease in charges. The Alaska Court system has been actively resuming trials to catch up from COVID times.

Incidents (Reports) – this is after a Call for Service is generated that would require more written narrative such as arrests, investigations, charges, death investigations, etc.

2023	2024
150 Reports	153 Reports
109 Alcohol Involved (72%)	101 Alcohol Involved (66%)
30 Domestic Violence Related (20%)	26 Domestic Violence Related (16%)

Overall, 66% of all reports created by patrol staff are alcohol involved this is a realistic picture of how often alcohol is involved in an officer's shift. Out of every (6 or so) official reports, one of them is roughly domestic violence related.

Intoxicated Person's Down

"Intoxicated Person" Is the criteria used to obtain our intoxicated person down statistics. I wanted to portray since 2020, here is the numbers at a glance – from Jan 1 to 3-27 for the respective years.

2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
192	151	193	116	160

We have seen an increase in these types of calls.

DUI (Driving Under the Influence)

2023	2024
8	7

Current driving under the influence cases have remained about the same. We have responded to numerous REDDI (Report every dangerous driver immediately) reports and noticed many Motor Vehicle Accidents.

Drug Related Calls

2023	2024
1	2

- Possible Heroin, Kratom, Pill selling, marijuana, anonymous tips, etc.
- Cases get referred to Alaska State Troopers, to WANT (Western Alaska Narcotics Team)

Motor Vehicle Accidents

Inclusive of (Damage only, Injury, or Fatality)

Please note this is for City of Nome jurisdiction, not outside in Alaska State Trooper jurisdiction.

2023	2024
32	27

Traffic Stops

2023	2024
Total Stops: 109	Total Stops: 69
Warnings: 93	Warnings: 56
Citations: 16	Citations: 13

We have seen a decrease our traffic enforcement presence. We currently have a 81% warning rate in efforts with our community policing. These traffic stops are both proactive enforcement and education or REDDI reports (Report every dangerous driver immediately.)

Dispatch Phone Calls

2023	2024
Non Emergency: 776	None Emergency: 798
911 Calls: 240	911 Calls: 212

We have had reduced 911 calls, non-emergency is on par.

Personnel

There has been quite a number of changes in personnel status or changes with NPD. Nome Police Department Roster is below compared from the last report to Public Safety Commission back in August of 2023.

New Version (3-27-24):

Patrol Personnel
Chief Crockett (William) WJCO
VACANT Dep Chief
Admin Sergeant - Harrison (Wade) WGH0
Sergeant - Barry (Brandon) BFBO
Sergeant - Le (Alex) HTLO
Investigator - Nguyen (Vincent) VPNO
Officer - Boyle (Brandon) BMB2
VACANT
Officer - Bryson (Nathan) NAB1
Officer - Turk (James) JDT2
Officer - Griffin (Chelsea) CMG2
Officer - Broady (Thomas) TPB0
Officer - Howard (Dylan) DJH1
Corporal - Martino (Austin) AMM3
Community Service Officer - Bellamy (Hunter) HCBO
Community Service Officer - Lampart (Joseph) JTL1
Animal Control Officer - Emily Stotts
Dispatch Personnel
CO III/Alt Supervisor - Karen Ecke (TAC)
CO II - Jessica Saclamana (Alt TAC)
CO II - Jennifer Dean-Johnson
VACANT
CO Supervisor - Alex Thomson
CO I - Tom Nguyen
CO II Autumn Day-Tocktoo
Administrative Staff
Administrative Assistant - Kelly Corns
Evidence Custodian - Paul Kosto
DV/SA Coordinator - Sharon Sparks

Older Version (8-3-23):

Patrol Personnel/ PERMID's
Chief Heintzelman (Michael) MGH0
Deputy Chief- Crockett (William) WJCO
Admin Sergeant - Harrison (Wade) WGH0
Sergeant - Barry (Brandon) BFBO
Sergeant - Le (Alex) HTLO
Officer - Camastra (Ted) TJC6
Officer - Nguyen (Vincent) VPNO
Officer - Bryson (Nathan) NAB1
Officer - Turk (James) JDT2
Officer - Griffin (Chelsea) CMG2
Officer - McNabb (Leighton)
Officer - Howard (Dylan)
Corporal - Martino (Austin) AMM3
Community Service Officer - Lampart (Joseph) JTL1
Evidence Custodian - Paul Kosto PGK0
Animal Control Officer - Emily Stotts
Dispatch Personnel
CO II - Nikki Sprague
CO III/Alt Supervisor - Karen Ecke (TAC)
CO II - Jessica Saclamana (Alt TAC)
CO I - Jennifer Dean-Johnson
CO II - Angelina Mendez
CO I - Alex Thomson
Supervisor Jeremiah Angusuc
VACANT
Administrative Staff
Administrative Assistant - Kelly Corns
DV/SA Coordinator - Sharon Sparks

VACANCIES

Officer Boyle hired.
 Re-hired Dispatcher Autumn Day-Tocktoo
 Dispatcher Mendez resigned.

- 1 Police Officer
- 1 FT Dispatcher
- 1 DV Advocate

ACCREDITATION

The new Alaskan Assessments have been obtained and uploaded to Power DMS. Proofs are being entered.

The impound building/lot is on hold till this Summer.

Working with CO Supervisor A. Thomson on creating training guides and policies in the Nome 911 Center.

EQUIPMENT

Radio project is pending the award. Federal Engineering was hired to analyze the bid, and that was done and currently awaiting commentary from Artic-Com, the bidder.

(2) new Dash Cam/In Car Video units are to be installed in April, 2024. Pilot test.



City of Nome Police Department

William Crockett
Chief of Police

4th Quarter Stat Report
October 1st – December 31st, 2023

General patrol statistics

Category	Oct 1, 2023 – Dec 31st, 2023
Calls for Service counting keep checks	2794 (554 or 19% alcohol related)
Calls for Service not counting keep checks	1382
Arrests	101 (65% alcohol related)
Total Charges	255
Traffic Stops	53
Citations	17
Incident Reports	167
Sexual Assaults	9
Intoxicated Person Calls	144
Ambulance Requests	116
Fire Department Response	12
Court Service Documents	49
Dispatch Stats	
Non-Emergency Calls	855
911 Calls	233

Personnel

Officer Brett resigned.
CO Spears (PT) resigned.
CO Dickson-Bahnke was hired.
Officer Nguyen was promoted to Investigator.
Alex Thomson was promoted to Dispatch Supervisor.

Vacancies

(2) Police Officer Spots (as of 12/31/23)
(1) FT Communications Officer

Vehicles

2004 302 – Old CSO Van

Transferred to PW.

2005 290 – CSO Chevy Astro Van
Transferred to PW.

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2021 679 – Ford Expedition
Good condition.

2022 689 Ford Expedition
New condition

2022 692 Ford Expedition
New condition.

2016 321 – Silver unmarked Explorer
Good condition.

2016 323 – White Explorer
Good condition.

2019 885 – F-150
Good condition.

2019 887 – F-150
Good condition.

2021 978 - F-150
Good condition.

2023 721 F-150
New Condition

2023 722 Ford Transit Van
New Condition

2021 Can Am Side by Side ATV 800
Good condition.

EQUIPMENT

Renewed 5 year Bodycam Contract with AXON.
February is scheduled to start installation meetings for 2 dash cam units.
(2) Two Taser 10's were purchased and are in the pilot phase.
New headsets for dispatch were installed.

INVESTIGATIONS

2023 SA's
Total: 41
Closed: 39
Open: 2

RADIO PROJECT

Radio project is currently out for bid.

ACCREDITATION

NWAA (North West Accreditation Alliance) is moving to creating their own Alaska assessment due to the increase of Alaska agencies seeking accreditation from this organization. Currently utilizes an adopted Oregon assessment.

Working with Cole from PW for an Impound building, put on hold until next Summer.

Many policies are moving towards the approval/publish phase, however due to the Chief vacancy most are put on hold until position is filled.

Working with CO Thomson on creating training guides and policies in the Nome 911 Center.

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