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**NOME PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 01, 2021 at 6:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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ROLL CALL

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## **OATH OF OFFICE**

United States of America                    )  
 State of Alaska                                )  
 Second Judicial District                    )                   ss.

“I, **Peter Travers**, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the laws of the State of Alaska, and the Ordinances of the Municipality of Nome, and that I will, to the best of my ability, honestly and faithfully discharge the duties of my office of **City of Nome Public Safety Advisory Commissioner** without fear, favor, or partiality, and therein to do every justice to all persons and to the City, so help me GOD.”

**SIGNED AND SWORN** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2021.

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**Peter Travers**  
 Public Safety Advisory Commissioner

**ATTEST:**

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**Jeremy Jacobson**  
 Deputy City Clerk

TO: Mayor and Common Council

FROM: Glenn Steckman

RE: City Manager's Report

October 22, 2021

**New Emergency Order:**

A new Emergency Order has been issued limiting occupancy on bars to 25%. The city now has 87 active cases. The highest number of cases that we have ever had. Approximately 30% of cases are break through cases and 70% of cases are non-vaccinated individuals. I have also extended the facemask requirement until November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Rec Center Boiler:**

The new boiler has arrived in Nome. The electric wiring has been moved to allow for the installation of the boiler. A new door is being installed to allow the installation and Carl Emmons will be managing the necessary re-piping. A concrete floor pan is also part of the installation.

**Building Inspector:**

Cliff McHenry has been hired as the new part-time building inspector. He is an exempt employee and will work an average of 15-24 hours per week, Tuesday through Thursday.

**Building Maintenance:**

The city staff has interviewed several applicants for the Building Maintenance position. All were experienced. An offer letter will be extended on Monday to the person that is the best match for the city.

**Joe Horton:**

Joe has submitted his resignation letter effective November 5<sup>th</sup>. HR will be advertising first internally to fill the position.

**Floating Docks:**

Lucas and the staff have been removing the floating docks to wrap the season. Port staff will be reduced as of November 1 as employees conclude their seasonal positions.

**Arctic Access 2022:**

From February 22 to March 6, 2022 the city will be hosting Arctic Access 2022. To facilitate the event, the city will be providing housing for about 40-60 National Guardsmen at the Rec Center. Others National Guardsman will be located in other non-city facilities. The Guardsman field kitchen will also be

sited at the Rec Center. The soldiers will be encouraged to spend money in all retail establishments, restaurants and bars.

CITY OF NOME  
EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2021- 04

Issued Pursuant to Ordinance No. 21-09-01

The City Manager of the City of Nome orders as follows:

1. Findings and Basis for Order.

A. The Findings and Basis for Emergency Order No. 2020-06, Emergency Order No. 2020-07, Emergency Order 2020-08, Emergency Order 2020-09, Emergency Order 2020-10, Emergency Order 2020-11, Emergency Order 2020-12 and Emergency Order 2020-13, and Emergency Order 2021-01 are incorporated by reference and as modified below.

B. As of the date of this Order there have been 87 active confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Nome and 130 active confirmed cases of Covid-19 in communities in the Nome Census Area other than Nome.

C. As of the date of this Order there are at least 128,084 confirmed cases of Covid-19 that have been reported in Alaska; 54,828 of which were reported in Anchorage. At least 673 people have died in Alaska of Covid-19.

D. As of the date of this Order there are at least 70 Alaskan communities in which the Covid-19 virus has been confirmed to be present. All communities in the Nome Census Area have reported a confirmed case of Covid-19.

E. As of the date of this Order there are 117 active COVID-19 cases in the Nome Census Area and community spread cases are increasing rapidly in Nome.

F. On February 14, 2021 Adam Crum, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services and Dr. Anne Zink Chief Medical Officer of the State of Alaska issued Health Advisory No. 1 strongly recommending all Alaskans two years of age and older other than those with breathing problems and those who cannot remove the covering without assistance wear a cloth face covering mask.

G. On July 27, 2021 the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued updated information recommending that fully vaccinated people wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission of COVID-19.

H. The entire State of Alaska including the City of Nome and the Nome Census Area are categorized as areas of high transmission of COVID-19 based upon current case counts as a percentage of the total population.

I. Emergency Ordinance No. O-20-05-03 extended the authority delegated to the City Manager by Emergency Ordinance No. O-20-07 subject to City Council ratification through July

14, 2020. Emergency Ordinance No. O-21-07-01 extended the authority delegated to the City Manager by Emergency Ordinance Nos. O-20-07 and O-20-05-03 through September 11, 2020; Ordinance O-21-07-02 extended the authority delegated to the City Manager by previous emergency ordinances through December 31, 2020, Ordinance O-20-10-01 extended the authority delegated to the City Manager by previous emergency ordinances through June 30, 2021, Ordinance O-21-06-08 extended the authority delegated to the City Manager by previous ordinances through September 30, 2021, Ordinance 21-09-01 extended the authority delegated to the City Manager by previous ordinances through January 31, 2022.

J. The CDC and Norton Sound Health Corporation have both indicated that persons who have received both doses of either the Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination and a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine may still be able to transmit COVID-19 to other persons they contact.

2. Authority for Order. This Order is issued pursuant to the City of Nome's general police powers including, but not limited to the authority set forth in Section 18.10.040 of the Nome Code of Ordinances to regulate the use of real property to "Provide protection from flood, and fire hazards and other dangers" and to "Promote the health, safety and general welfare of city residents", and pursuant to the authority delegated to me by Ordinance No. 0-20-07 and Ordinance No. 0-20-05-03 and Ordinance No. 0-20-10-01 and Ordinance No. 21-06-08 and Ordinance 21-09-01 subject to City Council ratification to exercise discretion to regulate public accommodations in order to reduce or limit the spread of corona virus all as allowed by Alaska Statutes in order to implement the public health recommendations of NSHC, the President of the United States, the CDC, the Governor of the State of Alaska and staff of Norton Sound Regional Health Corporation to reduce or limit the spread of the corona virus within and from Nome.

3. Mask Requirement for Persons in Public Places. All persons must wear well-fitting masks or cloth coverings over their noses and mouths when they are indoors in public settings around people who don't live in your household or communal spaces outside the home where physical distancing is not possible and in all places of business. This includes all customers and visitors of businesses that are open and operating. This order is subject to the following conditions and exceptions:

a) Face coverings should not be placed on children under age 2, or young children who are unable to wear one without assistance.

b) Face coverings should not be worn by anyone who has a valid medical reason that causes trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

c) A person may decline to wear a face covering because of a valid medical condition or disability. The person must avoid all public locations. The person shall make other arrangements to have someone buy groceries, pick-up their mail, and any location where close proximity to others is possible.

d) Brief removal of face covering, such as necessary to eat, drink, or scratch an itch does not constitute a violation of this order.

e) A business owner or operator of a building open to the public may refuse admission or service to any individual who fails to wear face coverings as required by this ordinance.

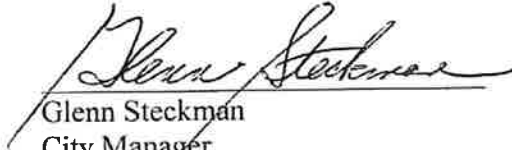
f) This Order does not apply to the Nome City School District (NSD) facilities. NSD will have oversight of and will implement mitigations and face covering requirements within NSD facilities.

4. **Bars: Effective Saturday, October 23 at midnight, occupancy for bars is limited to 25% until midnight, Saturday, November 14, 2021**

5. Effective Period. This order shall be effective as of 12:01 am October 21 and remain in effect until midnight, November 14, 2021 unless modified or extended by a subsequent emergency order that is ratified by the Nome Common Council or unless modified by the Nome Common Council.

6. Inconsistent Provisions Superseded. As set forth in Section 3 of Ordinance No. O-21-09-01, this Order supersedes any inconsistent ordinances, rules or regulations of the City of Nome.

ENTERED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021

  
Glenn Steckman  
City Manager  
City of Nome







# City of Nome Police Department

**Michael Heintzelman**  
Chief of Police

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Statistical Report July – September, 2021

### General patrol statistics

Total Calls for Service counting keep check patrols: 3457  
Of which Alcohol Related: 763 (22%)

Total Arrests: 140  
Alcohol Related: 117 (83%)

Total Charges: **357**

Total Citations: 63  
- Includes all, such as MCA, traffic, NCO, etc.

Total Incidents (Reports): 264

Total Intoxicated Person's calls: 137

Total Ambulance Requests: 148

Total Fire Department Response: 15

Total Sexual Assaults: 14

### Dispatch Statistics

911 calls - 324  
Non-emergency calls 1,303

### Personnel

CO I Madeline Koweluk resigned June, 2021.  
CO II Angelina Mendez resigned October, 2021.  
CO II Taelor Rivas promoted to Acting Communications Supervisor May, 2021.

Officer Brandon Murphy resigned July, 2021.  
Officer Vincent Nguyen rehired September, 2021 as a Police Officer II.

Cordell Murray reclassified from Acting Sergeant to Police Officer II, September 2021.

CSO Bryan Piercy set to retire, end of September 2021.

**Vacancies**

- (2) Police Officer Spots
- (1) Investigator
- (3) Dispatch positions.

**Vehicles**

302 – Old CSO Van

Good condition, no 4wd.

679 – New Ford Expedition

Good condition

318 – Ford Expedition

Took engine from vehicle 482, and is back in service.

321 – Silver unmarked Explorer

Good condition just installed new lighting equipment and siren. (Some lights still not working due to installation.) New tires.

322 – Black Explorer

Good condition, rear wiper not working. New tires.

323 – White Explorer

Fair condition, TPMS sensor bad, engine light on. New tires.

329 – Dodge CSO Van

Wrecked out of service, waiting on estimates from NMW.

482 – Ford Expedition

Out of service, parts went to 318.

481 – Ford Expedition

Fair Condition. Higher miles.

885 – F-150

New condition.

887 – F-150

New condition.

New F-150 (October, 2021)

New condition. New tires.

Blue Chevy Silverado

Fair condition, driven by Chief

Can Am Side by Side ATV 800

Brand new, excellent condition.

**EQUIPMENT**

Axon Body 3's were implemented and distributed to the patrol team, every sworn member is assigned one and the CSO.

Some members transitioned to the Glock 17, 9mm was authorized by Chief Heintzelman to improve accuracy and gun proficiency. Investigator 9mm, Glock 43X was also purchased due to non-uniform attire.

New vests and ballistic panels are continued to be purchased upon new hires. Rebate program with AML/JIA.

New phone project is in the planning stages from the City of Nome IT to replace IP phones with newer models to be consistent with the rest of the City.

Additional laptop is being configured by GCSiT and awaiting final shipment to Nome Police Department.

## **INVESTIGATIONS**

Investigations have been working diligently to close cases. All of the cold cases have been reviewed and worked. Current cases for the year are at 44. 34 closed, with 10 open. The 10 open are pending investigation work, DNA results, or other state crime lab results. DV/SA Advocate Sharon Sparks has been doing an excellent job with follow up and advocating for victims of crime.

## **RADIO PROJECT**

The radio system is a top priority of the department. Much work has been done and submitted to the city manager's office in an effort to replace a failing system. It is imperative that this project is completed in a timely manner.

Deputy Chief Pruckner

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