Petersburg Borough

Meeting Agenda

Public Safety Advisory Board

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Thursday, June 11, 2026	1:00 PM	Assembly Chambers

1. **Zoom Information**
   When: June 11, 2026 1:00 PM Alaska
   Topic: Regular Assembly Meeting

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2. **Call to Order / Roll Call**

3. **Approval of Minutes**

   A. **February 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

4. **Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda**

5. **Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda**

6. **Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda**

7. **Staff Report**

   A. **Chief Kerr will provide a report.**

   B. **Director Hankins will provide a report.**

8. **Unfinished Business**

   A. **Snow Removal: Sidewalks on Haugen Drive**

      Discussion item carried forward from the February meeting at the Board's request.

9. **New Business**

   A. **Request for Stop Sign at Surf and Odin Streets**

Consideration of a request to install a stop sign at the intersection of Surf Street and Odin Street due to safety concerns regarding vehicle speed and limited visibility for pedestrians, including children and pets. The request is attached to this agenda item.

10. Communications

11. Discussion Items

12. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes

Public Safety Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 11, 2026	1:00 PM	Assembly Chambers

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lichtenberger at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT
Chair John Lichtenberger
Vice Chair Mark Tuccillo
Board Member Devren Bennett
Board Member Stan Hjort

2. Approval of Minutes

A. November 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Without objection, the minutes of the November 14, agenda were approved.

3. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

Without objection, the agenda was approved.

4. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Penny and Shannon from Napa spoke about the Wesley Street parking and agree that parking should be kept to one side of the street and that they prefer that the parking be on the side closest to the store.

5. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

Joel Randrup, representing himself, spoke about the Board of Game proposal to rescind the quarter mile no hunting zone along the highway to Blind Slough.

Dave Beebe, representing himself, spoke against communication towers due to adverse health effects.

6. Staff Report

A. Chief Kerr Report:

The crosswalk at 1st Street and Boulder and curb painting at 2nd and Dolphin, will be completed once winter sand cleanup is finished and weather conditions allow.

Regarding Wesley Street parking, initial congestion has subsided. The change may be attributed in part to winter conditions, and the area will continue to be monitored before any additional action is taken.

Sidewalk improvements from Haugen Drive to the schools (along North 2nd and North 5th Streets) have been submitted to the PIA project list. Funding for the project is not yet confirmed.

The police department is moving forward with pursuing accreditation for both the Police Department and the 911 dispatch center. The process includes review of policies, procedures, evidence management, and audit practices. The estimated annual cost is approximately $2,200. Accreditation will support maintaining high professional standards, strengthen risk management, and may lead to potential insurance savings.

Some dispatch personnel have completed Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) training.

The many safety concerns related to scooters and bicycles stem from user behavior and that education will be a key focus. Enforcement will continue to apply to reckless operation and violations of speed limits, regardless of the type of vehicle involved.

B. Director Hankins Report:

Alternative locations are being explored for the Scow Bay training facility and Station 2 due to development. No site has yet been secured for the station; preliminary discussions with the Forest Service are underway.

A proposal is being developed to relocate the training facility to the base of Dump Hill, with estimated costs of $500,000–$600,000. Operations at Scow Bay will continue until a replacement is in place.

A shared public safety drone has been acquired; policy and training development are in progress. Ryan Gilkey has been hired as EMS Coordinator. Five individuals are currently enrolled in EMS training.

The fire department applied for grant funding to replace Engine 6. Work is also underway on a fiber loop to improve system redundancy.

SCBA replacement funding of $225,000 has been received; additional funds will be requested to cover the total cost. A request was also made to use potential property sale proceeds for new radios.

Emergency response plans are outdated; updating both plans is estimated at $54,000.

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

A. Emergency Operations Plan Presentation

Presentation by Dan Nelson of Katmai Preparedness Solutions.

Emergency Operations Plan Presentation

Presentation by Dan Nelson of Katmai Preparedness Solutions. A motion was made to recommend the funding of the emergency operations plan.

Motion made by Vice Chair Tuccillo, Seconded by Board Member Bennett.
Voting Yea: Chair Lichtenberger, Vice Chair Tuccillo, Board Member Bennett, Board Member Hjort

9. Communications

A. Communications Received Since November 12, 2025

10. Discussion Items

The board discussed the letter from Sarah Fine Walsh regarding safety concerns due to snow and ice not being removed on the sidewalks next to Haugen Drive. Discussion ensued. The board asked to add this topic to old business at the next meeting.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

From: Sarah Fine <sarahfine90@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2026 10:49:03 AM
To: James Kerr <jkerr@petersburgak.gov>; Aaron Hankins <ahankins@petersburgak.gov>
Subject: Request for Stop Sign — Surf St @ Odin

Dear Public Safety Advisory Board:

I would like to request a stop sign on Surf Street at Odin. Without a stop sign there cars do tend to rip around that corner coming off of Nordic Drive. It makes it nervy walking Odin Street with my little guy. Once a car tore around the corner and almost hit us while we were driving in a big truck, so I worry about kids & dogs who are low to the ground and harder to see.

If you don't mind forwarding to the PSAB for discussion. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sarah Fine-Walsh
501 Odin Street