



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES March 2, 2026

This meeting was conducted in person at Snoqualmie City Hall and remotely using Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL – Chair Wotton called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Committee Members: Councilmembers Rob Wotton, Catherine Cotton and Bryan Holloway were present.

Mayor James Mayhew was also present.

City Staff:

Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Dena Burke, City Attorney; Gary Horejsi, Interim Police Chief; Mike Bailey, Fire Chief; Jimmie Betts, IT Systems Specialist; and Rebecca Solem, Temp Executive Assistant.

AGENDA APPROVAL – The Agenda was approved as presented

AGENDA BILL –

1. **AB26-004:** Ordinance adding Ch. 10.13 Automated Traffic Safety Cameras to the Snoqualmie Municipal Code – Councilmember Holloway raised concerns about delegating enforcement to vendors, long-term policy control, and avoiding pressure to issue citations. Staff and Councilmembers clarified that cameras only augment capacity, capture limited images/video, and operate under strict state law and public-records rules.

DISCUSSION –

2. Crisis Intervention Training for Officers – Councilmembers received an update on Crisis Intervention Training requirements: officers must complete 24 hours of annual de-escalation training plus a 40-hour CIT course every three years, exceeding state standards. King County covers CIT training costs, with all officers expected to complete the training by the end of 2026. Snoqualmie currently lacks a dedicated mental-health professional, and call-volume data reflects only police-related mental-health responses. With the North Bend contract ending, the department anticipates needing 18 CIT training slots.
3. 4th Quarter Accreditation Report – Chief Bailey reported the ongoing training, and progress toward accreditation requirements. Key goals include updating SMC language, improving volunteer-day recordkeeping, and preparing the wildfire/brush-truck program for the upcoming smoke season. The Council praised the department’s performance, emphasizing that the Chief is underselling the team’s strong work.

FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS –

4. FIFA fan zones

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

*Minutes prepared by Rebecca Solem, Temp Executive Assistant.
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Minutes approved at the 3/16/2026 Public Safety Committee Meeting.*