



# PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

## MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026, AT 5:00 PM

### SNOQUALMIE CITY HALL, 38624 SE RIVER STREET & ZOOM

*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, Bryan Holloway, and Catherine Cotton were present.

**Executive:** Mayor James Mayhew was also present.

**City Staff:** Interim Police Chief Gary Horejsi, Fire Chief Mike Bailey, Executive Assistant Rebecca Solem, and IT Support Specialist Andrew Jongekryg.

#### AGENDA APPROVAL.

**Motion:** Councilmember Holloway made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Cotton.

Motion passed: 3-0

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS.

There were no public comments.

#### MINUTES.

There were no minutes provided for approval.

#### AGENDA BILLS

##### 1. AB24-011: King County Emergency Medical Services Basic Life Services Contract

Chief Bailey provided an overview of the King County EMS BLS Contract and the upcoming five-year contract cycle and noted that the contract includes annual inflationary adjustments and authorizes up to \$300,000 in funding, with historical usage typically in the \$230,000–\$240,000 range. Committee discussion followed.

**Action:** The Committee approved moving the item forward as a consent agenda item for the April 27th, 2026, Council Meeting.

#### DISCUSSION

##### 2. Update on School Safety Enforcement

Chief Horejsi provided updated data on school traffic enforcement and stated that between January 1 and April 6, 2026 (a three-month period), officers conducted 228 traffic stops while still supporting both cities. Between April 1 and April 18 (a three-week period), officers conducted 289 traffic stops. A future report will reflect activity from a full-time officer dedicated to traffic stops as an additional data point. Committee discussion followed.

##### 3. Update on RCW Regarding Covered Loads.

Chief Horejsi presented on enforcement efforts of covered loads.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION.**

Councilmember Cotton brought forth a request to discuss in the future how Snoqualmie's public safety agencies are updating current strategic plans regarding evacuation criteria vs. shelter in place criteria for specific neighborhoods, schools, hospitals, commercial sectors, etc. both on the ridge and downtown when indicated for potential disasters such as the recent flooding event, urban wildfires, various hazmat scenarios, etc. Mayor Mayhew briefed that a presentation will be forthcoming in the third quarter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 pm.

*Minutes taken by Rebecca Solem, Temp Executive Assistant.*

*Recorded meeting audio is available on the City website after the meeting.*

*Minutes approved at the May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Public Safety Committee Meeting*