



**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

**Online via Zoom and In Person at
Tumwater City Hall, Council Conference
Room, 555 Israel Rd. SW, Tumwater, WA
98501**

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023
8:00 AM**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
- [3.](#) Approval of Minutes: Public Health & Safety Committee, February 14, 2023
- [4.](#) South Sound Behavioral Hospital Briefing (Jon Weiks)
- [5.](#) Tumwater HOPES Update (John Doan)
6. Additional Items
7. Adjourn

Meeting Information

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CONVENE: 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Chair Leatta Dahlhoff and Councilmembers Peter Agabi and Angela Jefferson.

Staff: City Administrator John Doan, Police Chief Jon Weiks, Police Lieutenant Kenneth Driver, and Police Administrative Manager Laura Wohl.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: There were no changes to the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES: PUBLIC
HEALTH & SAFETY
COMMITTEE,
OCTOBER 11, 2022,
NOVEMBER 8, 2022
& JANUARY 10,
2023:**

MOTION: Councilmember Agabi moved, seconded by Councilmember Jefferson, to approve the minutes of October 11, 2022, November 8, 2022, and January 10, 2023 as presented. A voice vote approved the motion.

K9 PROGRAM UPDATE: Police Chief Weiks reported the briefing is an overview of the K9 Program in 2022 and changes in 2023. He introduced, Lieutenant Ken Driver, supervisor of the K9 Program.

Lieutenant Driver reported in 2022, the Police Department learned K9 Officer Mize would likely retire in 2023. K9 James was also reaching the end of his working life. The department initiated a selection process in 2022 and selected Police Officer Chase Grimmett to serve as the program's new K9 Officer. Officer Mize encouraged initiating the transition early to enable mentoring and training the new K9 handler. K9 Officer Mize has over 18 years of service as the department's K9 Officer. Officer Grimmett completed 400 hours of training in December 2022 and assumed the K9 handler position in January 2023 serving with a new dog, K9 Thor, a two-year old Belgian Malinois.

The pandemic and new state laws created many changes in law enforcement methods. Through 2018 to the present, narcotic deployments of the K9 unit decreased mostly because of legislative changes affecting K9 deployments involving narcotics. K9 deployments not related to narcotics from 2018 through 2022 have remained consistent. However, there have been no K9 contacts over the last two years for narcotic incidents. The department tracks all K9 deployments. The main change in

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deployments is related to narcotics. Currently, K9 Officer Mize is the only certified narcotics K9 handler in the region. Most of his work involves regional narcotic response.

Councilmember Jefferson asked about the different categories of deployments. Lieutenant Driver said K9s are not deployed for runaways or missing persons. Deployments are related to tracking for criminal offenses. New state laws on use of force have lead to a decrease in deployments. Stricter guidelines dictate when a K9 can be deployed. Throughout the region, there are approximately four K9 handlers within the different agencies. Response is dependent upon the unit on shift. Tumwater's K9s are deployed frequently. K9 Officer Grimmiett serves as the primary K9 unit when callouts occur. K9 Officer Mize serves as the second handler to assist in mentoring K9 Officer Grimmiett. Both K9 Officers are on an on-call status.

Police Chief Weiks added that K9 tracking involves building searches, area searches, and evidence searches. K9s are often deployed as a deterrent to use of force.

Councilmember Agabi asked for additional information on the Blake decision.

Police Chief Weiks explained that the Blake decision primarily applies to narcotics and treating people with addiction. The ability for the police to enforce laws involving narcotics has been greatly reduced as marijuana was legalized, as well as possession. It is often difficult to charge a suspect with a narcotic-related offense with the exception of selling, which requires a second and third offense before the individual can be charged. Legislation changed policing from enforcement to a therapeutic model for addressing narcotic addiction.

City Administrator Doan advised that K9 Officer Grimmiett and K9 Thor will attend the February 28, 2023 City Council worksession for a presentation and overview and to meet the new K9.

**SOUTH SOUND
 BEHAVIORAL
 HOSPITAL:**

The briefing was deferred to a future meeting.

Chair Dahlhoff shared that she had an opportunity to tour the hospital. The hospital is a behavioral hospital that provides specialized acute care for behavioral health and addiction treatment to people of all ages.

**ADDITIONAL
 ITEMS:**

Chair Dahlhoff reported on a recent meeting with Jason Bean-Mortinson with the Thurston County Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program. She recommended scheduling a briefing on program outcomes. To date, the program has initiated 447 referrals with 220 people individually served.

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Police Chief Weiks said he would follow-up with Mr. Bean-Mortinson to schedule a briefing.

ADJOURNMENT: **With there being no further business, Chair Dahlhoff adjourned the meeting at 8:23 a.m.**

Prepared by Valerie L. Gow, Recording Secretary/President
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TO: Public Health & Safety Committee
FROM: Jon Weiks, Chief of Police
DATE: March 14, 2023
SUBJECT: South Sound Behavioral Hospital Briefing

1) Recommended Action:

No action is requested. This is for discussion only.

2) Background:

The CEO of South Sound Behavioral Hospital will present an overview of their new facility and programs in Lacey. There will be an opportunity to learn about their role in the community mental health system. <https://www.southsoundbehavioralhospital.com/>

3) Policy Support:

2021-2026 Strategic Priority: *"Provide and Sustain Quality Public Safety Services"*

4) Alternatives:

This is for discussion only.

5) Fiscal Notes:

No fiscal impact.

6) Attachments:

No attachments.

TO: Public Health & Safety Committee
FROM: John Doan, City Administrator
DATE: March 14, 2023
SUBJECT: Tumwater HOPES Update

1) Recommended Action:

No action required. This is a briefing only.

2) Background:

Tumwater HOPES co-chairs, Beau Wilson and Keitha Bryson, along with Georgia Aust, Tumwater HOPES Coalition Coordinator with Thurston County Public Health and Social Services, will provide an update on the coalition. Tumwater HOPES continues to promote the health and wellbeing of children, teens and families in partnership with Tumwater Parks and Recreation, Tumwater School District, 4-H, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Washington through evidence-based and innovative programs.

3) Policy Support:

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4) Alternatives:

This is a briefing only.

5) Fiscal Notes:

There is no cost associated with this briefing.

6) Attachments:

None.