



CITY OF  
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019  
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
CITY HALL  
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM  
280 MADISON AVENUE NORTH  
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA 98110

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## AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / ACCEPT OR MODIFY AGENDA /  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE  
6:00 PM

CHAIR:           JOE DEETS

MEMBERS:       SARAH BLOSSOM  
                    RON PELITER

CITY MANAGER SMITH  
INTERIM POLICE CHIEF HORN

2. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 13, 2018 NOTES – (5 MIN)
3. PUBLIC COMMENT (5 MIN)
4. SELECTION OF NEW CHAIR OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (5 MIN)
5. INTERIM POLLICE CHIEF (5 MIN)
6. CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE CHANGES TO  
COMMITTEE'S MISSION (20 MIN)
7. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER (5 MIN)
8. ADJOURNMENT



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## MINUTES

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The agenda was approved as presented. No conflicts of interest were disclosed. The following were in attendance:
  - a. Committee Members: Joe Deets, Ron Peltier, Sarah Blossom
  - b. Staff: City Manager Morgan Smith, Chief Matthew Hamner
  - c. Public: Cindy Anderson, Sal DeRosalia, Charlotte Rovelstad, Brenda Fantroy-Johnson, Erin Phillips, Andy Rovelstad
2. The September 13, 2018 minutes were approved as presented.
3. Public Comment
  - a. Cindy – there is nobody who represents the people to accept complaints, filed a damage complaint with the City seeking the truth from the City. Cindy passed around copies of her claim for damages form. Elected officials have not paid attention to her and that is why she is seeking redress 11 years later. Elected officials who covered up police abuse should be indicted.
  - b. Charlotte – wants to speak to agenda item 5
  - c. Erin – Bainbridge Dance Center has had swastikas painted on their fence. Was reported to police. Happened 3 weeks ago. Is there a mechanism for the community to know about these types of incidents?
  - d. Brenda – what's the process? (following up on Erin's comment and question)
    - i. Chief Hamner (in response to Erin and Brenda) – depending on the victim. Sometimes victims don't want to be identified. Victims can request that police not publicly say what happened. Police reports are public records, but PD does not put out press releases. If there is a danger to the public, it's a judgment call by the Chief.
  - e. Brenda – if it's something that may endanger the public then they should know.
  - f. Sal – has heard what can be done, not what was done. Has been made aware of some things and will use anything in his power to bring attention to them. Mentioned 94-year-old woman living next to Highway 305.
  - g. Morgan (in response to previous comments) – explained monthly NIBRS reporting.
  - h. Charlotte – an explanation of reporting requirements would be helpful to the community
  - i. Chief Hamner (in response) – no mandatory by citizens. Lots of incidents are not reported to PD
  - j. Andy – at Marine Access Committee there has been a police officer at the meeting, which is new and strange
    - i. Morgan – he came as the Marine Officer to be a resource to answer questions. Supervises the whole marine program for the City.



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4. Chief's Report – Chief Hamner went summarized the Complaints and Performance Measures outlined in his report. Joe asked about the shooting earlier this year, Chief says that the Prosecutor has put out a report. Ron asked about the 2 use of force incidents. Chief didn't have details, but they did not involve injuries. Ron asked about the incident involving two joggers. Chief said blood results are back and are with Prosecutor. This incident is being investigated Kitsap County Sheriff's Office because BIPD doesn't have an officer with the expertise and certifications to conduct a traffic fatality investigation. There has been a delay but BIPD has no control over that, WSP runs the lab.
5. Joe talked about his memo regarding recommended changes to the PSC. Erin asked if the Chief thought it would be helpful to have citizens on the Committee. He believes so but members should be graduates of Citizen Police Academy so that they have an understanding of what BIPD does. Mentioned his Police Chief's Advisory Group. Charlotte asked what formed Joe's opinion that there were no significant police related issue that were not being addressed. Joe stated nothing has been brought to his attention. Charlotte suggests that information needs to be sought out before we determine what the issues. She further stated that elected officials and police are not safe people for those who have had bad experiences with the police to approach so adding citizens to the group is a good suggestion. Cindy discussed the lack of internal affair investigations and specifically mentioned the shooting that occurred earlier this year and the officer involved. Chief Hamner reminded everyone that the police department now is very different from the police department a few years ago. Also reminded the group of the BIPDs certification and the outside investigations that occur. KCIRT investigates these incidents and turns the investigation over the Kitsap County Prosecutor's office for review. Brenda asked if Committee would review the outside investigations as was suggested in the 2/28/15 memo regarding the PSC. **Motion** to forward Joe's recommendation, with the amendment that there be 3 citizens rather than 2, to City Council for consideration. Passes – 3-0.
6. For the Good of The Order – none
7. Adjourned at 7:05  
Notes prepared by Sarah Blossom

2018 BIPD Performance Measures	Quarter 1			Quarter 2			Quarter 3			Quarter 4			Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
ITEM	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Dispatched Calls/Initiated Actions: Total Police Responses	1,614	1,942	1,992	1,851	1,982	1,745	2,043	1,790	1,847	1,756	1,528	1,662	21,752
Top Priority calls: Average Time Dispatch to Arrival in Minutes and Seconds	1:35	4:34	5:12	3:55	0:00 <sup>2</sup>	5:27	2:56	5:37	5:16	4:38	0:48	4:06	3:43
Case Reports	136	129	153	154	140	133	166	182	181	153	142	136	1,805
Criminal Citations	1	7	4	4	3	4	5	6	10	5	4	7	60
Traffic Infractions	40	77	63	43	72	35	63	51	53	41	36	50	624
Traffic Collisions	22	20	21	12	22	16	20	18	21	20	18	20	230
Adult Arrests	24	36	35	38	25	20	40	34	43	21	23	30	369
Juvenile Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	3	1	1	0	0	12
Domestic Violence	1	2	2	1	2	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	13
Driving Under the Influence (DUI)	6	8	9	6	4	0	1	4	7	4	9	7	65
Drugs/Narcotics	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	4	5	1	0	0	15
Use of Force Incidents	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	8
Complaints Against Sworn Personnel	1	0	1	1	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	9
Complaints Sustained Against Sworn Personnel*	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
ITEM	Oct'17	Nov'17	Dec'17	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	YTD
NIBRS <sup>1</sup> Offenses: Crimes Against Persons**	6	9	6	10	10	17	10	7	11	12	21	8	127
NIBRS <sup>1</sup> Clearances: Crimes Against Persons Cleared by Arrest	0	2	1	2	3	2	4	0	5	3	4	5	31
NIBRS <sup>1</sup> Offenses: Crimes Against Property - Incidents***	28	31	38	22	34	28	32	31	22	41	36	26	369
NIBRS <sup>1</sup> Clearances: Crimes Against Property Cleared by Arrest	0	3	3	1	2	0	0	2	1	12	1	5	30

<sup>1</sup>Due to the reporting cycle for National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) data, values shown reflect a 90-day delay (i.e. Q1 2018 data reflects October-December of the previous year)

<sup>2</sup> No Top Priority calls for service were received this month.

\* May occasionally show sustained complaints when none were received in the same month due to the length of the investigation process (e.g. complaint was received in months prior).

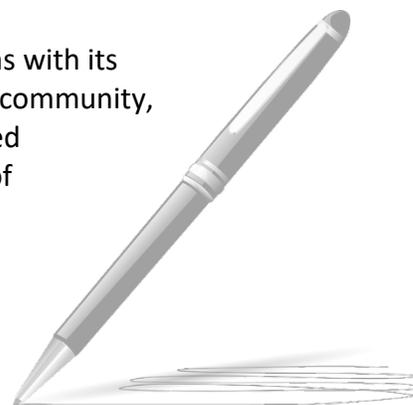
\*\* Includes Murder, Forcible Sex Offenses, Robbery, Aggravated or Simple Assault, Intimidation, Non-Forcible Sex Offenses, Kidnapping, Human Trafficking, Violation of No Contact Order

\*\*\*Includes Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Arson, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft, Extortion/Blackmail, Counterfeiting/Forgery, Fraud, Embezzlement, Stolen Property Offenses, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property

# BAINBRIDGE ISLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CUSTOMER SURVEYS - 2018

In an effort to measure the success of the department's interactions with its customers and improve the overall level of service provided to the community, the BIPD began mailing 20 surveys each month to randomly selected individuals with whom officers have interacted with in the course of their duties. The overall response rate and feedback continues to be informative and encouraging.



Total Surveys Mailed in 2018:	240
Total Responses Received:	72
Response Rate:	30%

The respondent's overall impression of the officer or employee with whom they interacted:

Very High:	72%
High:	17%
Average:	6%
Low, Very Low, or not Indicated:	5%

## Survey Comments

### January

- Reported missing person. Very good and compassionate communication (see attached letter).
- The officer who pulled me over was very professional ut also friendly. He took time to explain what I needed to do as follow-up.
- Both officers were very nice, professional, and they explained the legal limits of the damage well and not condescendingly.
- I was stopped for not having proper auto registration tags. The officers who stopped me on 305 were very professional and informative regarding the law. I thanked them!
- Overall, my wife and I feel protected; our experience with the BIPD has always been great.
- Excellent interpersonal skills. Excellent information sharing and openness.

### February

- Sergeant Sias and Detective Ledbetter were both amazing, helpful, and warm during an intensely difficult situation.
- Officer was very professional.

### March

- I renewed my CPL. Office staff was helpful, cheerful, and efficient in getting my renewal processed.
- The officer stayed with me and called a tow truck for me. He was very helpful. High praise to him and the BIPD. Thank you very much!

- The officer was extremely polite, professional, and personable. I was very glad to have the officer act with respect and sincere(ly) wanting to help.
- Very friendly, very pleasant, good experience!
- I was sinking in my boat and they were there within 5 minutes, quickly assessed my situation and helped. Great attitude and professionalism. I was extremely impressed with (the) officers who assisted me!
- Person was very patient as incident unfolded and caregiver finally arrived - so no officer dispatched.
- Two squad cars came to the road end because neighbor made 911 complaint re: after dusk beach noise. I asked officers why they were at road end, adjacent to my house. The officers and I had a pleasant two minute conversation. Perfect (the people on beach were Navy hired researchers, harvesting mussels. - no party). Too bad police resources are so frequently called unnecessarily for Hidden Cove Road End. The public should be free to see the beach 24/7 but always in a manner which does not disturb the peace. The no-use dusk-dawn rule is unfair and causes more problems than it prevents. However, the responding officers with whom I have spoken occasionally are always pleasant and respectful (sorry about arthritic handwriting). I am interested in discussion about the signs/rules being changed. Thank you. How about evening hours at beach half the month? Let people see evening beach nature, phosphorescence, hear the nocturnal heron squawking, etc - don't make people sneak to enjoy beach. Don't allow property owners to be gate-keepers of public land!

#### **April**

- Officer was great in helping diffuse an upset driver of the other car.
- As a high school student, I've generally felt good about our P.D. w/frequent visits to the school regarding safety, but now I'm left with the feeling of being on the opposing team and feel like I'm being hunted by every police vehicle I see.
- (The detective) is an asset to the Department.
- I work on Winslow and have a permit. Lately I cannot find a permitted parking place. I was able to have my ticket reduced from \$50 to \$10, but this is a hardship when you spend your daily earnings on a \$50 ticket and this will happen again for sure - especially when called in on call.
- Very professional officer - genuine and caring.

#### **May**

- I was greeted immediately, and my contact was very professional. Another customer entered during my visit and was asked about her need, to determine priority. Very well-handled. Thank you!

#### **June**

- Outstanding & prompt. Follow up better than promised. Keep up the hard work and positive attitudes in an increasingly challenging time.
- (The officer) was wonderful. My grandson loved meeting him.
- I believe there has been more emphasis by the Police department in monitoring speeding on Manitou Beach Drive. The recent death of a pedestrian on Sportsman's Club drive reinforces the dangers on Manitou.
- Very professional, empathetic, and involved. Pleasant demeanor and helpful. Thank you!
- It's been over two months since my case was opened (I18-000440). I still have no resolution. Have emailed (the officer) several times. The last time I got no response. I have received harassing voice mails from a person who I believe works with me. This person is using a disguised creepy voice when leaving messages. (The officer) has these voice mails. I live in fear

when I go to work. How hard is it to get the phone number of the person who has left voicemails from Verizon? The person uses NO CALLER ID. I finally got Verizon to block these calls several weeks ago because I continued to get more calls! Please help me!

- Perfectly kind and polite - but I've never heard anything more about the case.

#### **July**

- (The officer) was very sympathetic and understanding. (The detective) was also very courteous and professional. The only concern we have was that 2+ weeks passed from the break-in to when (the detective) came to investigate and get prints. (The officer) did not get any prints at the scene. (The detective) surmised that the perps wore gloves, so it may not have mattered anyway. However, as I mentioned, everyone with whom I corresponded was very kind and made the whole experience much less horrible. Thanks to everyone in the department.
- Very helpful, concerned. He followed up two days later too. Great guy!

#### **August**

- The officer was extremely sensitive, kind, and a compassionate person.
- The officers were very kind and explained everything.
- The woman in the office was very helpful, friendly, and efficient.
- I appreciate how quickly the officer and detective addressed the problem, worked closely with the personnel of (the bank). And they both followed up with me by phone to inform me of the outcome and status.
- Officer was polite and explained my options regarding the ticket.
- I was hit by a car (on 6/13 between 8:15 - 9:30) in front of VM Clinic (new location) - no note. The officer said he would request the video camera. I was parked in the first space next to last disabled (on the left) in full view of camera. I followed up with BIPD, acted like it was first time I requested and said 'OK I will.' (Please follow up with me) as I'm sure the video has long been taped over and I'm SOL.
- (The person who helped me) was very friendly and personable.
- (The officer) was very professional and helpful. As a family we have a very high regard for our officers and the whole Bainbridge Island Police Dept.
- I thought I had lost all ID and credit cards. Later they were found. The officer's first name is (XXXXX) and he jumped right on it. He was kind and very helpful and had already made appropriate calls and inquiries. His actions and demeanor spoke well for COBI PD.
- The Bainbridge Island Police Department is extremely professional and compassionate. Chief Hamner is superb. We are lucky to have you ALL protecting us. Thank you for your service!
- Three interactions, and others, were all professional and issues (were) very competently resolved.

#### **September**

- No comments were included with surveys received in September.

#### **October**

- I came into (sic) get a conceal carry; first day the fingerprinting person was not there. Next day they were there and were very nice as well as apologetic for my first trip over. Very kind woman who does fingerprints.
- I was impressed by the level of professionalism shown in handling my case.
- I always find the COBI PD people excellent - not that I have a lot of contact, but when I've needed help, I got great help.
- The two officers made me feel 100% better and I have the utmost respect for all of our BI officers.

**November**

- Front office staff was friendly, courteous and fast!
- I was beyond thankful for the help I received.
- The officer was very personable and thorough in his investigation.

**December**

- Proud to live here, happy we have BIPD - top notch!
- Anytime when work w/BIPD everyone has been very kind and very helpful.
- Completely satisfied. (The officer was) very professional and courteous.
- It felt as though (the officers) were 'on our side' even though they were following up on a report made on our child.
- I am grateful for the service of every member of the Department.
- (The person I spoke with) was very friendly and personable.
- Very intelligent officer. (The office person) explained the criteria affecting my situation. I go to Small Claims on January 16, 2019 and if I get a favorable verdict I shall return to see you.
- Absolutely wonderful! I love the BI police department. Thank you for everything.

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# Memorandum

TO: Chief Matthew Hamner  
 FROM: Deputy Chief Jeff Horn  
 DATE: January 4, 2019  
 RE: **2018 Year-End Bias-Based Policing Analysis**

Sir,

I have reviewed the Criminal Traffic Citations and standard Traffic Citations in the table below. While every column is not exactly represented per the percentage of the population, I see no patterns of racial profiling or bias. If the officer could not distinguish the race of the individual, a designation of 'unknown' was placed in the race box.

Bainbridge Island demographics are listed at the end of the table, data provided on the website City-Data.com from 2013. There is also a category for individuals with 2 or more races which accounts for 3.7%. (<http://www.city-data.com/city/Bainbridge-Island-Washington.html>)

Race or Ethnicity	Traffic Infractions		Criminal Traffic		Totals		Bainbridge Island Demographics
	# by Race	% by Race	# by Race	% by Race	# by Race	% by Race	
African-American	10	1.6	6	9.7	16	2.3	1.3
Asian	13	2.1	2	3.2	15	2.2	3.8
Hispanic	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.9
American Indian	1	.62	0	0	1	.1	0.6
White	493	80	42	68	535	79	86.3
Unknown	102	16	12	19	114	17	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>619</b>		<b>62</b>		<b>681</b>		

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# Memorandum

TO: Chief Matthew Hamner  
 FROM: Deputy Chief Jeff Horn  
 DATE: January 4, 2019  
 RE: **2018 Use of Force/Pursuit Review**

Sir,

In 2018 the department recorded 9 use of force incidents as compared to 4 in 2017.

Use of Force: Type of Force	
Physical Control	7
Firearm	1
Taser	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>

Use of Force: Aggravating Factors	
Intoxicants/Drugs	4
Mental Health	4
Attempt to Flee	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>

Use of Force by Race	
White	8
Native American	1

Use of Force by Gender	
Male	9
Female	0

Use of Force Injuries		Minor (No Treatment Required)	Aid Required
Suspect	3	0	3
Officer	3	0	3

## Notes/Trends

- Total Incidents where officers used force: 9
- Total Incidents for 2018: 21,752
- % of Incidents in which force was used: .04 %

<b>Pursuit Statistics</b>	
Total Number of Pursuits	1
Day Pursuits	1
Night Pursuits	0
Pursuits Discontinued by Officer	1
Pursuits Ruled 'Within Policy'	1
Pursuits Ruled 'Outside of Policy'	0

**Notes / Trends**

- There was 1 pursuit in 2018 by the Bainbridge Island Police Department. The pursuit was discontinued by the officer. The suspect went down a dead-end road and attempted to back up in the middle of a busy street when the officer intentionally struck the fleeing vehicle. The officer had discontinued but noticed the suspect driving down a dead-end street. The suspect attempted to pull back onto a busy street (driving in reverse) with many vehicles and pedestrians in the area. While the officer was no longer pursuing the car, he did make the decision to strike the vehicle to stop the driver from putting other vehicles and pedestrians at risk.

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## Memorandum

TO: Chief Matthew Hamner  
FROM: Deputy Chief Jeff Horn  
DATE: January 4, 2019  
RE: **2018 Complaint/Performance Review**

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Sir,

In 2018 the department recorded 9 complaints or performance issues as compared to 11 in 2017.

Categories of 2018 Complaints	Number
Driving/Traffic Related	4
Demeanor/Courtesy/Rudeness	1
Discrimination	1
Performance Issues	2
Firearm Discharge	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>

Dispositions	Explanation of Dispositions	2018 Dispositions
Exonerated	The alleged act occurred, but the act was justified, lawful, and/or proper.	2
Unfounded	The allegation was false or not factual or that the alleged act(s) did not occur or did not involve department personnel.	0
Not-Sustained	There is insufficient evidence to sustain the complaint or fully exonerate the employee.	2
Sustained	The act occurred and it constituted misconduct/policy violation.	3
Closed	The alleged act did not fit into any of the standard dispositions	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>

There were no Internal Affairs Investigation in 2018.

### Notes/Trends

- Two of the officers who received sustained complaints were issued coaching and counseling. The third officer was issued a written reprimand.
- During 2018, eight (8) members of the department were listed in complaints. One officer had two complaints; one for driving and the other for demeanor.