



CITY OF
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019
6:00 PM
CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
280 MADISON AVENUE NORTH
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA 98110

AGENDA

CHAIR: JOE DEETS
MEMBERS: SARAH BLOSSOM
RON PELITER

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / ACCEPT OR MODIFY AGENDA /
CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE
6:00 PM
2. APPROVAL OF MAY 9, 2019 MEETING NOTES
3. PUBLIC COMMENT (10 MIN)
4. POLICE CHIEF REPORT (20 MIN)
5. CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE CHANGES TO
COMMITTEE (20 MIN)
6. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER (5 MIN)
7. ADJOURNMENT



MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda/Conflict of Interest
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
 - b. Committee Members Present: Joe Deets, Ron Peltier, Sarah Blossom
 - c. Staff Members Present: Chief Horn, City Manager Morgan Smith
 - d. Member of the Public Present: Kian Ashabi (RETF), James Friday (RETF), Cindy Anderson, David Schutz, Charlotte Rovelstad, Andy Rovelstad
 - e. A discussion of Navigator program room rental was added to the agenda.
 - f. There was a request to discuss speed limits during the Good of the Order
 - g. The Agenda was accepted as modified (Peltier/Deets)
 - h. There were no conflicts of interest

2. Approval of March 4, 2019 minutes: Approved (Peltier/Deets)

3. Public Comment

Cindy Anderson – would like to talk about 3 things

- Filed a complaint a year ago in March and has not gotten a written response. Cindy believes that is because we're worried it will end up in litigation. That's not fair. She shouldn't be treated differently.
- Would like to have a discussion of the fact that we have no liability coverage for use of unreasonable force or false arrest. Every City she knows of self-insures.
- Discuss the difference between the internal investigation process and use of force investigations.

Charlotte Rovelstad

- Has attended RETF meetings. Would be good to have a discussion about racial profiling on this Island. How can we get information about the prevalence or lack thereof?
- Future plans on the use of technology. Would be prudent to have a community conversation around that. Talk to other jurisdictions i.e. Poulsbo using drones. Bill in Olympia re missing and murdered indigenous woman, stats not tracked at all. Seattle has highest number in country so relevant to us.
- Drew Hansen – Hope Act re people newly released from prison and obstacles that they face. Troubled by the requirement of a background check to apply for PSC as a citizen. Not satisfied with answers she's gotten. Would encourage further exploration.

4. Race Equity Task Force

- There is a need for RETF to try to change the actions of citizens. Things that are happening on the Island demonstrate the need for the RETF. Introduced the purpose of RETF and goals.
- Kian read the founding statement and vision
- The data does not exist to determine if there are certain trends that demonstrate racial bias
- RETF will continue to have a presence at the PSC meetings
- It was suggested that maybe someone from PSC could attend RETF meetings



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- Joe asked James and Kian how they felt about the RETF? Kian feels slightly overwhelmed because we'll be charting a new path to gather the data that's needed. Considering developing a survey for the high school, also a hotline where incidents can be reported.
 - Joe also asked if there was anything to highlight what the PSC could do for RETF? That's still in development and would also like to know if there's anything that the RETF can do for the PSC.
 - James thinks that requiring a background check does not make the opportunity available for everybody.
 - Kian said RETF is here to serve entire community
5. Navigator program update – request for room, Morgan is still working on an interlocal agreement with the Program. Very supportive of it. New interlocal agreement was drafted but then format changed. Putting it together again to bring to Council and can address the request for a room in the agreement. Not able to waive the fee per the Auditor.
6. Police Chief's Report – Chief Horn summarized the Chief's Report
- 2 complaints, 1 exonerated (noise related), 1 unfounded (officer wasn't near incident)
 - 1 use of force (minor injuries to both suspect and officer)
 - Survey results – 83% very high impression of officer or employee
 - Performance Measures – no juvenile arrests this year
 - James asked if the RETF could ask the Police Department for data for them to use? Morgan and the Chief will follow up with James
 - James asked if there is a Community Watch Program? Chief – nothing like that, have tried to work on it but some communities are pretty spread out, others are not, and it would be easier. In other communities the Police go to the neighborhoods on National Night Out, we do it differently here. James – perhaps insert it into neighborhoods that are organized via disaster preparedness.
 - Chief – will be speaking at Memorial ceremony in Bremerton for Police Week, also reminder that 4 Corporals and K-9 Officer will be sworn in on 5/14
6. For the Good of the Order
- New PSC structure and qualifications were discussed
 - Charlotte – maybe the purpose of the Committee could be broadened to focus on how we become a safe community in more respects
 - David Schutz - City Manager makes a really good point regarding adding citizen representatives and Council should pause because it may become a forum for topics that are more appropriate for other venues i.e. Chief's Roundtable
7. Adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

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Memorandum

TO: Jeffrey Horn, Interim Chief of Police
 FROM: Barbara Burns, Administrative Supervisor
 DATE: August 5, 2019
 RE: 2019 Complaint Review – Quarter 2

In the second quarter of 2019, the department recorded no Internal Affairs investigations and 7 complaints against officers or policy as indicated below:

Control #	Category	Explanation	Disposition
CR 2019-03	Demeanor	Complainant did not like the way an officer handled an altercation between spectators at a youth sporting event.	Not Sustained
CR 2019-04	Policy	Complainant asserts that specific decals on police patrol vehicles are racist and offensive.	Incomplete
CR 2019-05	Policy	Complainant asserts that specific decals on police patrol vehicles are racist and offensive.	Incomplete
CR 2019-06	Policy	Complainant accuses BIPD officers (in general) of harassment, bullying, lying, violence, and covering up for one another.	Incomplete
CR 2019-07	Demeanor	Complainant claimed to have witnessed an officer smoking in his patrol vehicle.	Unfounded
CR 2019-08	Driving/ Traffic Related	Complainant accused two officers of traveling at low rates of speed on Highway 16, preventing other drivers from going around them.	Unfounded
CR 2019-08	Driving/ Traffic Related	Complainant accused an officer of parking in a fire lane at Safeway.	Sustained

Disposition	Explanation	Instances
Exonerated	The act occurred, but the act was justified, lawful, and/or proper.	0
Unfounded	The allegation was false or not factual or that the alleged act(s) did not occur or did not involve department personnel.	2
Not Sustained	Insufficient evidence to sustain the complaint or fully exonerate the employee.	1
Sustained	The act occurred, and it constituted misconduct/policy violation.	1
Incomplete	The complaint is still under investigation.	3

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RE: 2019 Use of Force and Pursuit Reviews – Quarter 2

Use of Force: In the second quarter of 2019, the department recorded 4 use of force incidents.

Use of Force: Type of Force	
Physical Control	4
Firearm	0
Taser	0
Total	4

Use of Force: Aggravating Factors	
Intoxicants/Drugs	3
Mental Health	3
Attempt to Flee	1

Use of Force by Race	
White	3
Black	1
Native American	0

Use of Force by Gender	
Male	2
Female	2

Injured Party(ies) if Applicable	Aid Required
Suspect	2
Officer	1

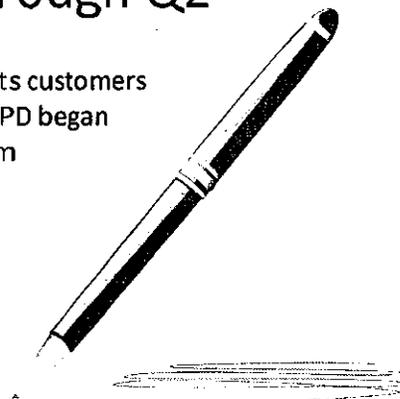
Pursuits: In the second quarter of 2019, the department recorded no pursuits.

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

CUSTOMER SURVEYS – 2019 through Q2

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 thru Q2 2019:	120
Total Responses Received:	36
Response Rate :	30%



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

Very High:	80.7%
High:	16.6%
Average:	2.7%
Low, Very Low, or not Indicated:	0%

Comments in Q2

- I fell asleep at the wheel and rear-ended a parked truck. Though shaken up and in a good bit of pain, I will always remember the kindness and professional manner of the attending police officer.
- The officer that helped me was incredibly nice and helpful. I love all interaction I've had with BIPD.
- Your officer shoveled the snow off my drive to allow me to get out for which I was very grateful. I love the BIPD! Enclosed is a story I wrote which involves the BIPD (correspondence # 2019-054).
- The officer was very appreciative that I called in this suspicious looking device - it looked like a homemade small bomb - supposedly it was found to not be an explosive. I and my neighbors would like to see more speed limit enforcement on Manitou Beach Drive NE - we have offered our driveway as a spot for officers to monitor and enforce traffic.
- They were very kind and made me feel safe!! Thank you! Cookies really are on the way!!
- The young lady who processed my concealed carry was knowledgeable, efficient, and friendly.
- I am highly impressed with the quality of every officer I have met on the BIPD. Their interactions with the public in times of stress is outstanding. I sleep safely in my bed at night and (I'm) treated warmly in the day. Keep up the good work.
- Everyone involved was super helpful and professional. Glad we have such a great police department.
- Officer was friendly but also professional. Took his time to make sure the incident was compiled correctly.
- I appreciate the Department's involvement with the community and in particular as an association property manager. The Department has provided great support with multiple issues.
- Yes, the interaction was very pleasant. The officer was very nice, respectful, and willing to listen and engage in a conversation. I was happy to receive this survey because since the exchange I had wanted to thank the officer (I don't remember his name).
- All officers involved were professional and friendly. They made me feel like my issue was very important for them.
- But, (sic) a county police dept. would be much more effective than all the small depts. In the county now. Local substations.

2019

BIPD Performance Measures

ITEM	Quarter 1			Quarter 2			Quarter 3			Quarter 4			Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Dispatched Calls/Initiated Actions: Total Police Responses	1,684	1,242	1,471	1,102	1,151	1,118							7,768
Case Reports	138	89	133	126	130	108							724
Criminal Citations	1	2	3	0	3	3							12
Traffic Infractions	30	18	35	15	22	14							134
Traffic Collisions	17	11	15	15	12	16							86
Adult Arrests	29	25	23	27	27	12							143
Juvenile Arrests	0	0	0	2	0	0							2
Domestic Violence	2	0	1	0	0	1							4
Driving Under the Influence (DUI)	3	1	4	4	1	4							17
Drugs/Narcotics	1	4	1	1	1	0							8
Use of Force Incidents	1	0	0	0	0	4							5
Complaints Against Sworn Personnel	0	1	0	1	2	3							7
Complaints Sustained Against Sworn Personnel*	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
ITEM	Oct'18	Nov'18	Dec'18	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	YTD
NIBRS ¹ Offenses:	15	17	8	10	6	10							66
Crimes Against Persons**													
NIBRS ¹ Clearances:	1	2	1	5	4	4							17
Crimes Against Persons Cleared by Arrest													
NIBRS ¹ Offenses:	34	29	41	3	27	27							161
Crimes Against Property - Incidents***													
NIBRS ¹ Clearances:	4	1	7	0	4	0							16
Crimes Against Property Cleared by Arrest													

¹ 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)
² 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