



Public Safety Commission

AGENDA

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

7:00 p.m.

This meeting includes in-person and virtual participation.

Albany Fire Department

611 Lyon St SE, The Ralston Room

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1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approval of June 5, 2024, minutes. (Pages 1-2)
4. Department reports
 - a. Police- Marcia Harnden
 - b. Fire- Chris LaBelle
5. Business from the members
6. Next meeting date: Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at the Albany Fire Station 11
7. Adjournment

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MINUTES

June 5, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Ralston Room, Albany Fire Department/VIRTUAL

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Call to Order

Erik Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Erik Rau, Evan Church, Erik Anderson, Nicholas Fowler, Kevin Kreitman

Members absent: Cynthia Greene, Pat Kidd, Adam Brenneman

Staff present: Jerry Drum, AIC Police Chief; Chris LaBelle, Fire Chief;
Rochelle James, Administrative Assistant I

April 3, 2024, Minutes were approved as submitted.

Staff Updates

Police Update – AIC Chief Jerry Drum

AIC Chief Jerry Drum advised the crime rate in Albany is down by a little over 11%. We are experiencing a slight increase in aggravated assaults, up into the 40% range. Sex crimes are up from 18 reported crimes last year to 50 this year. There will be an article in USA Today reporting on the organization People vs Predators. An article also appeared in the Albany Democrat-Herald. Their operation in Albany accounted for a significant spike in sex crimes. APD had 26 arrests resulting from their activity in Albany. Albany's overdose rate is on par with where we were last year. There has been a slowdown, which may be attributed to public education and Narcan availability.

APD is working on managing livability issues. We went into Eads Park today and did a full sweep clearing out camps there. They only encountered three camps. One was quite entrenched, and the occupant had been living in the camp for the entire winter. Efforts are being made to remove him from the area.

We currently have four police officer vacancies due to career changes and retirements. We have a few applicants in the background process. One of our Community Resource Officers will move into a police officer position. We have three dispatcher vacancies due to movement from the dispatch center into other department areas. We also have a clerk vacancy and a Community Resource Officer vacancy. Detective Lieutenant Buck Pearce was promoted to Captain and will move into that role beginning July 1, 2024. Brian Corbett moved up to a Patrol Lieutenant position. Joe Clausen and Peter Teague will move into patrol Sergeant positions on July 1, 2024.

Erik Rau asked if the level of turnover was average. AIC Chief Drum explained the push for hiring in the 1990s, which accounted for the wave of retirements that began in the last 3-4 years, causing movement. The discussion also focused on the difficulties of recruitment and retention in the law enforcement field.

The trend of having few qualified applicants appears to be changing, and as the public perception of law enforcement improves, more qualified people are applying.

Fire Update – Chief Chris Labelle

Chief Labelle advised that total responses towards the end of the fiscal year are on par with where we were in fiscal year 2023. AFD is projected to finish with 11,421 calls for this fiscal year. The call load for March, April, and May was average. The response times have remained virtually the same. AFD tracks response times as we get busier and have more calls for service. AFD also tracks unit hour utilization, which looks at the total time resources are on an emergency call.

Our fire life safety evaluations are on par with those in 2023. However, budgetary issues have made it more challenging to inspect locations at the level we would like. Sandy Roberts works on the risk reduction side, and the fire marshal and senior deputy fire marshal work on compliance with the evaluations.

The Community Paramedic activity is at approximately the same level as last fiscal year. AFD has seen a reduction in calls because of the community paramedic's activity and intervention. There was discussion regarding the impact of the emergency response single-role positions and the community paramedic on both call load and relief for outlying stations. The desire to eventually operate these positions 24 hours per day is an AFD goal. The challenges of hiring for the single role positions and retaining that staffing while competing with other agencies for applicants were also discussed.

The top 25 responses remain the same with sick person, fall/lift assist, and breathing problems remaining the most common. As Albany dries out, we will begin to see the small bark dust fires. There have already been two fires in Simpson Park this year.

It is common for AFD to have more than one call happening at the same time.

The full transition with Chief Wooton is in progress. Chief Wooton retires on June 28, 2024. Chief Labelle officially takes over as Fire Chief on July 1, 2024. This will create a lot of movement within the department. Kevin Vining will be promoted to Deputy Chief; Ben Cooper will be promoted to Battalion Chief; and Greg Sipe will be promoted to Lieutenant. Our training chief, Scott Cowan, will be leaving in November. Ryan Bond will be retiring in February 2025. Mark Bernt has been promoted to Battalion Chief.

We have four firefighters in the recruit academy who will hopefully be finished by the end of the month. We have 6 firefighters and 2 single-role EMTs in various stages of the pre-employment process. We are hoping to have a large recruiting academy in August. We still have three vacancies in the firefighter ranks and one single-role paramedic position to fill.

The new fire engine purchased with grant funding is in Springfield, OR. AFD should take ownership of it in the middle of July. We will be getting the tactical water tender, with a delivery date to be determined.

Next Meeting Date

The Oregon Health Authority will visit on June 28, 2024. They visit approximately every five to seven years to evaluate the department and ensure it has the right equipment, proper training, and employees with the proper immunizations.

A question was asked regarding the city's strategic plan, whether there was an all-encompassing plan, or if each department has its own. Chief Labelle advised that each department has an operational plan, and those departments are meeting with City Hall to evaluate how they are integrated into the new city strategic plan. AIC Chief Drum advised that APD has its own strategic plan, which works in conjunction with the city plan. AIC Chief Drum stated the plan is in its third year and is done annually.

AIC Chief Drum advised the new substation is working out well and is being utilized. APD is in a transition period with new vehicle and body cameras so we are working to make sure officers using the substation will still be able to download and view their videos.

AIC Chief Drum discussed the upcoming summer months. July 4, 2024, falls on a River Rhythms night. Juneteenth and the Pride Event are significant summer events, and staffing needs are a concern.

Chief Labelle is also concerned about staffing levels during the summer when vacations are scheduled and extra EMS staffing is needed at various events. Staffing will be a challenge.

There was a question regarding the cost of these events and how the cost is covered. AIC Chief Drum advised there has been a lot of discussion on how to be fair to all parties wanting to hold events. The costs associated with hosting the events were discussed (OT, water barriers, etc.).

A request for additional guest speakers at future events was made.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at the Albany Police Department.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Rochelle James
Administrative Assistant I

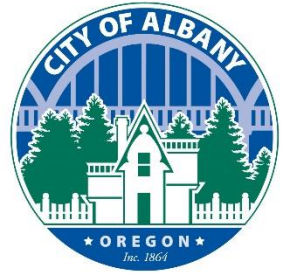
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**Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record. The documents are available by emailing cityclerk@cityofalbany.net.*



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION DEPARTMENT REPORT

June 5, 2024



Albany Fire Department Total Responses				
Month	FY 21 Total	FY 22 Total	FY 23 Total	FY 24 Total
July	858	1,070	992	1,001
August	884	1,048	968	1,018
September	893	1,010	920	862
October	866	958	972	957
November	824	941	970	891
December	876	945	1158	970
January	883	911	1007	1118
February	817	829	914	816
March	795	853	880	936
April	926	864	905	922
May	905	896	891	996
June	922	936	924	
Total	10,449	11,291	11,495	10,487
Fiscal Year 24 Projection 11,421				

Fire & Life Safety Evaluations				
Month	FY 21	FY 22	FY23	FY24
July	126	142	79	67
August	113	98	97	51
September	113	88	60	98
October	123	69	54	82
November	144	85	31	70
December	114	95	83	86
January	107	172	72	52
February	86	132	72	52
March	117	110	102	76
April	145	92	54	77
May	205	73	57	
June	175	175	75	
Total	1,568	1,083	836	711

Community Paramedic Activity				
Month	FY 21	FY 22	F23	FY24
July	24	40	47	28
August	33	50	29	45
September	16	45	26	24
October	46	46	38	40
November	70	13	40	53
December	35	14	23	39
January	42	30	58	56
February	16	21	19	45
March	17	14	54	21
April	9	33	33	22
May	24	29	64	
June	38	44	46	
Total	370	306	477	373

Average Response Times City of Albany Calls Only 911 Call Received to Arrival Time				
	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24 (Average)
Emergent Responses	7:15	7:10	7:18	7:05
Structure Fires	6:08	6:18	6:09	6:33

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Top 25 Responses	Count
SICK PERSON	1583
FALL	973
LIFT ASSIST	842
BREATHING PROBLEMS	766
UNKNOWN MEDICAL PROBLEM	519
FIRE ALARM ACTIVATION	512
CHEST PAIN	508
TRANSFER	503
UNCONSCIOUS FAINTING	490
MVC INJURY	447
OD INGESTION POISONING	255
SEIZURE	221
STROKE	212
HEMORRHAGE BLEED	205
ABDOMINAL PAIN OR PROBLEMS	182
DIABETIC PROBLEM	177
EMERGENCY TRANSFER	146
HEART PROBLEMS AICD	142
FIRE MOVEUP ONLY	141
SMALL MISC FIRE	139
PSYCHIATRIC SUICIDE ATTEMPT	134
TRAUMA INJURY	129
CARDIAC ARREST	124
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	121
STRUCTURE FIRE	98

Concurrency	
# of Calls	Frequency
1	3979
2	3638
3	1836
4	741
5	201
6	65
7	14
8	6
9	3
10	3

Row Labels	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Grand Total
00	47	49	45	32	36	35	43	287
01	50	40	27	40	31	30	49	267
02	44	27	32	36	38	27	40	244
03	36	29	35	23	29	36	23	211
04	38	28	28	35	26	22	27	204
05	31	40	29	35	40	29	25	229
06	37	40	43	41	49	33	44	287
07	55	48	52	60	59	53	37	364
08	52	66	65	68	76	53	49	429
09	71	81	76	85	89	94	53	549
10	76	93	94	93	71	72	76	575
11	59	91	84	93	65	69	78	539
12	78	90	94	115	92	92	74	635
13	76	90	105	94	96	87	72	620
14	88	86	87	85	86	65	71	568
15	72	73	86	83	78	92	68	552
16	77	93	80	94	79	104	60	587
17	88	75	78	93	74	94	80	582
18	75	73	93	90	106	90	76	603
19	76	68	76	69	67	81	71	508
20	73	64	85	73	79	75	75	524
21	56	68	73	61	51	64	60	433
22	52	44	49	44	59	65	46	359
23	48	45	53	47	40	50	47	330
Grand Total	1455	1501	1569	1589	1516	1512	1344	10486

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION DEPARTMENT REPORT JUNE 2024



CRIME SNAPSHOT						
Selected Group A Offenses	Apr 2023	Apr 2024	% Chg	2023 YTD	2024 YTD	% Chg
Person	44	71	● 61.36%	142	207	● 45.77%
Homicide	1	0	● -100.00%	4	1	● -75.00%
Rape	1	3	● 200.00%	2	7	● 250.00%
Ag Assault	7	14	● 100.00%	18	31	● 72.22%
Assault - Other	30	29	● -3.33%	100	118	● 18.00%
Sex Crime	5	25	● 400.00%	18	50	● 177.78%
Human Trafficking	0	0	● N/C	0	0	● N/C
Domestic (subset of above)	13	9	● -30.77%	38	29	● -23.68%
Property	155	116	● -25.16%	575	493	● -14.26%
Robbery - Residence	0	1	● N/C	0	1	● N/C
Robbery - Business	0	0	● N/C	1	0	● -100.00%
Robbery - Other	1	0	● -100.00%	3	2	● -33.33%
Robbery 3 (subset of above)	1	1	● 0.00%	2	2	● 0.00%
Burglary - Business	8	3	● -62.50%	24	16	● -33.33%
Burglary - Other	4	3	● -25.00%	9	7	● -22.22%
Burglary - Residence	4	2	● -50.00%	18	9	● -50.00%
Stolen Vehicle	9	2	● -77.78%	41	17	● -58.54%
Larceny - From Vehicle	16	7	● -56.25%	80	32	● -60.00%
Larceny - Shoplifting	40	35	● -12.50%	141	138	● -2.13%
Larceny - Other	35	26	● -25.71%	118	125	● 5.93%
Arson	1	3	● 200.00%	2	5	● 150.00%
Vandalism	15	12	● -20.00%	57	32	● -43.86%
Fraud - Credit Card	4	2	● -50.00%	9	12	● 33.33%
Fraud - ID Theft	13	4	● -69.23%	32	46	● 43.75%
Fraud - Other	5	16	● 220.00%	40	51	● 27.50%
Society	35	25	● -28.57%	119	133	● 11.76%
Animal Cruelty	2	0	● -100.00%	4	5	● 25.00%
Drug Laws	8	5	● -37.50%	26	18	● -30.77%
DUII	7	17	● 142.86%	39	77	● 97.44%
Weapons Laws	18	3	● -83.33%	50	33	● -34.00%
Livability	44	85	● 93.18%	175	238	● 36.00%
Abandoned Vehicle	32	82	● 156.25%	157	218	● 38.85%
Junk/Trash	12	3	● -75.00%	15	20	● 33.33%
Overnight/Prohibited Camping	0	0	● N/C	3	0	● -100.00%
Calls for Service	Apr 2023	Apr 2024	% Chg	2023 YTD	2024 YTD	% Chg
Call Source	2895	2955	● 2.07%	11262	11664	● 3.57%
Dispatched Calls	1652	1604	● -2.91%	6153	6198	● 0.73%
Self-Initiated Calls	1243	1351	● 8.69%	5109	5466	● 6.99%
Response Time (Minutes)						
Priority P & 1	5.20	8.85	● 70.21%	4.92	6.03	● 22.63%
Priority 2 & 3	9.06	9.77	● 7.82%	9.49	9.94	● 4.74%
Priority 4+	5.67	5.51	● -2.79%	5.50	6.57	● 19.54%

Changes in small numbers can result in large percentage changes and must be viewed with caution.
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Albany Police Department									
Narcan	Year	ODs	OD Death	Heroin	Fentanyl	Meth	LSD	Marijuana	
10	2019	21	2	12	2	3	1	3	
20	2020	29	1	14	4	6	2	2	
39	2021	50	4	21	15	7	1	1	
72	2022	91	11	14	63	18	0	8	
155	2023	126	18	5	105	23	1	5	
33	2024	37	7	0	28	5	0	1	

*Year to Date

Countywide	
ODs	OD Death
23	4
32	4
51	5
156	21
251	37
83	14



HIRING

2024 HIRING	
2024 total hires	4
PENDNG HIRES	5 POLICE OFFICERS / 3 DISPATCHERS / 2 CLERKS / 1 PSO
VACANCIES	4 WITH MORE COMING