



Public Safety Commission

AGENDA

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

7:00 p.m.

This meeting includes in-person and virtual participation.

Albany Police Department

2600 Pacific Blvd SW, The Community Room

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1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approval of June 4, 2025, minutes. (Pages 1-3)
4. Department reports
 - a. Police- Marcia Harnden
 - b. Fire- Chris LaBelle
5. Business from the members
6. Next meeting date: Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at Albany Fire Department, Station 11.
7. Adjournment

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MINUTES

June 4, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Albany Fire Department, Ralston Room

Approved: DRAFT

Call to Order

Chair Cynthia Greene called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Cynthia Greene; Kevin Kreitman, Erik Rau; Katie Pleis; Sheree Speaks-Mahi

Members absent: Nick Fowler, Erik Anderson, Bessie Johnson

Staff present: Captain Jerry Drum (in for Chief Marcia Harnden);
Deputy Chief Kevin Vining (in for Fire Chief Chris LaBelle);
Kate Hennessy, Administrative Assistant

Others present: Brahm Wheeler, Abraham Wheeler

The April 2, 2025, minutes were approved.

Staff Updates:

Police Update – Captain Jerry Drum

Police has hired three dispatchers and one new police officer, as well as four planned overhires to address upcoming retirements and vacancies. They are working on getting more dispatchers, but there is a nationwide shortage of them. Personal crime rates are down from last year, property crime rates are up a little, and drug arrests are going up. Drum reported officers are very motivated to address drug crimes in the community since the repeal of Measure 110. He attributed the lower personal crime rate to increased police presence and interactions, and suggested that the increase in property crimes may be because businesses are reporting shoplifting crimes, but choosing not to prosecute them. Greene asked for the definition of the term “larceny”.

There is concern about the overdose rate (the city is currently at seven overdose deaths), but at the rate it is trending, there will be more this year than ever before. Despite the fact there is a lot of Narcan on the streets, it doesn’t work on the different kinds of Fentanyl coming into the country. Rau asked about drug court, and Drum responded that it hasn’t gone away; the DA’s office is picking up more cases, and a lot more people are choosing drug court as an option. Drum said that to get one person clean is significant; the trickle-down effect it has on families and others affected is amazing. A. Wheeler asked for clarification on the overdose statistics which Drum supplied.

Fire Update – Deputy Chief Kevin Vining

Fire will likely end the (fiscal) year with a record call volume, up around 400 calls in June. The department is averaging about 33 calls a day now, which is up one to two calls a day from the previous year.

Fire just finished installation of the new G2 digital tap-out system (the incident alerting system within the stations). They are optimistic that this will improve response times by 20-30 seconds, enabling the dispatcher to digitally dispatch units while remaining on the phone with the caller to continue providing CPR instructions or similar guidance. Vining is excited to watch that trend over the next year and see how well that works.

Fire has also hired three new lateral employees who just completed academy and have now gone on the line. That leaves them with four vacancies, which they have extended four conditional job offers to fill. They hope to have those four join two other dual-role personnel for an academy that will begin August 1, 2025. Greene asked Vining to clarify the definition of "dual-role" and "single-role" for those present.

There has been a small increase in natural cover fires in more remote areas of the parks. That has prompted Fire to add firefighting capabilities to the Polaris Ranger (a side-by-side utility vehicle) to allow greater access into remote areas where a fire engine or brush truck cannot go. The equipment should arrive any day, and the installation will be quick, so it will be ready to go for the summer. This will be a huge advantage for the department in keeping with the State's mission of keeping fires small and providing a quick response. Pleis asked about likely causes of those fires and potential preventative measures. Vining responded that they are looking at who owns those properties and developing plans for maintenance of those properties.

After serving over 20 years as a Battalion Chief, Ryan Bond is retiring at the end of the month, and Joe Brier will take over his position. Vining was pleased by the passage of the public safety levy by such a large percentage.

Kreitman asked about whether the increase in call volume might be related to Lebanon cutting back on their services. Vining said that, despite ebbs and flows, reports show mutual aid to Lebanon stayed pretty consistent over the last year.

Rau asked whether or not federal funding issues have affected any of the grants the department applies for and relies on. Vining stated that the department is still receiving funding under those grants.

Business from the Commission

Pleis asked Drum to clarify what he meant in his comments about policing. Pleis addressed the commission about education for members of the public and the idea of working on a strategic plan for the commission (maybe with the help of the Deputy City Manager), especially with regard to the charter, mission, and goals of the commission, which she read aloud. She also asked for any guidance on additional education that new commission members can get to help them in their roles. She suggested that it would be good for new members to have a book or some training in the history and background of the commission. Kreitman explained a brief history of the commission.

Drum asked whether anyone in the commission would be available to go to the City Council meeting Wednesday, June 11, to speak in favor of a raise in the city services fee. Kreitman explained further how

budgeting affects city services and public safety. When Pleis mentioned that she didn't understand the budgeting, Vining suggested the City's online tool for budget transparency on the city website. Speaks-Mahi asked for clarification on the name of the budget transparency tool.

The alert tones went off, giving an impromptu demonstration of the new alerting system. Commission members were able to determine that 30 to 40 seconds were saved in the dispatching action. Kreitman explained that dispatchers are also required to have some medical training to provide critical guidance to callers, which is one of the difficulties faced in training a dispatcher.

Pleis moved that the commission contact the City Manager and/or Deputy City Manager to come and discuss what a strategic plan would look like for the commission. Rau seconded the motion, and all commission members present voted in favor of the motion. Pleis volunteered to send the necessary email invitations.

Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on August 6, 2025, at the Albany Police Department.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chair Greene adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Kate Hennessy
Administrative Assistant I

Reviewer's Name
Reviewer's Title

**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 4, 2025



Albany Fire Department Total Responses					
Month	FY 21 Total	FY 22 Total	FY 23 Total	FY 24 Total	FY 25 Total
July	858	1,070	992	1,001	1,015
August	884	1,048	968	1,018	1,118
September	893	1,010	920	862	998
October	866	958	972	957	1064
November	824	941	970	891	938
December	876	945	1158	970	997
January	883	911	1007	1118	999
February	817	829	914	816	957
March	795	853	880	936	903
April	926	864	905	922	875
May	905	896	891	996	1013
June	922	936	924	973	
Total	10,449	11,291	11,495	11,459	10,869

Fire & Life Safety Evaluations					
Month	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25
July	126	142	79	67	79
August	113	98	97	51	91
September	113	88	60	98	70
October	123	69	54	82	98
November	144	85	31	70	143
December	114	95	83	86	70
January	107	172	72	52	65
February	86	132	72	52	57
March	117	110	102	76	78
April	145	92	54	77	48
May	205	73	57	81	
June	175	175	75	72	
Total	1,568	1,083	836	864	799

Average Response Times City of Albany Calls Only 911 Call Received to Arrival Time					
	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25
Emergent Responses	7:15	7:10	7:18	7:06	7:25
Structure Fires	6:08	6:18	6:09	6:35	6:27

Community Paramedic Activity					
Month	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25
July	24	40	47	28	51
August	33	50	29	45	26
September	16	45	26	24	17
October	46	46	38	40	34
November	70	13	40	53	19
December	35	14	23	39	27
January	42	30	58	56	55
February	16	21	19	45	36
March	17	14	54	21	32
April	9	33	33	22	50
May	24	29	64	58	
June	38	44	46	20	
Total	370	306	477	373	347

Top 25 Responses	
Nature	Count
SICK PERSON	1654
FALL	1006
LIFT ASSIST	834
BREATHING PROBLEMS	743
UNCONSCIOUS FAINTING	657
CHEST PAIN	550
TRANSFER	520
FIRE ALARM ACTIVATION	471
UNKNOWN MEDICAL PROBLEM	463
MVC INJURY	451
SEIZURE	266
HEMORRHAGE BLEED	237
STROKE CVA TIA	236
EMERGENCY TRANSFER	235
ABDOMINAL PAIN OR PROBLEMS	224
OD INGESTION POISONING	206
HEART PROBLEMS AICD	185
PSYCHIATRIC SUICIDE ATTEMPT	170
DIABETIC PROBLEM	161
TRAUMA INJURY	147
SMALL MISC FIRE	123
CARDIAC OR RESPIRATORY ARREST	117
FIRE MOVEUP ONLY	117
BACK PAIN	100
STRUCTURE FIRE	99

Concurrency	
# of Calls	Frequency
1	3991
2	3736
3	2030
4	783
5	258
6	54
7	13
8	2
9	1
10	

Row Labels	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Grand Total
00	45	35	31	40	49	37	44	281
01	40	36	38	34	30	42	38	258
02	48	28	37	36	30	49	37	265
03	36	33	25	21	36	25	39	215
04	35	38	35	20	23	31	31	213
05	31	34	34	29	29	29	28	214
06	29	37	44	46	51	51	41	299
07	40	63	61	54	52	52	50	372
08	52	68	82	60	63	82	66	473
09	71	80	73	74	87	94	80	559
10	87	83	112	98	84	84	73	621
11	73	104	79	94	92	97	73	612
12	69	93	93	88	95	90	71	599
13	85	94	85	94	78	86	81	603
14	87	85	93	85	80	95	96	621
15	73	79	92	105	95	91	85	620
16	87	81	97	89	95	97	78	624
17	98	100	65	86	98	89	76	612
18	82	73	82	83	96	87	74	577
19	69	77	86	71	63	91	84	541
20	58	80	85	72	80	74	74	523
21	59	59	62	68	73	69	69	459
22	54	42	52	51	46	58	73	376
23	45	42	46	41	43	63	52	332
Grand Total	1453	1544	1589	1539	1568	1663	1513	10869

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION DEPARTMENT REPORT JUNE 2025



CRIME SNAPSHOT						
Selected Group A Offenses	Apr 2024	Apr 2025	% Chg	2024 YTD	2025 YTD	% Chg
Person	71	37	● -47.89%	207	141	● -31.88%
Homicide	0	0	● N/C	1	0	● -100.00%
Rape	3	2	● -33.33%	7	8	● 14.29%
Ag Assault	14	5	● -64.29%	31	18	● -41.94%
Assault - Other	29	23	● -20.69%	118	94	● -20.34%
Sex Crime	25	7	● -72.00%	50	21	● -58.00%
Human Trafficking	0	0	● N/C	0	0	● N/C
Domestic (subset of above)	9	6	● -33.33%	30	29	● -3.33%
Property	116	137	● 18.10%	493	517	● 4.87%
Robbery - Residence	1	0	● -100.00%	1	0	● -100.00%
Robbery - Business	0	1	● N/C	0	2	● N/C
Robbery - Other	0	0	● N/C	2	3	● 50.00%
Robbery 3 (subset of above)	1	1	● 0.00%	2	3	● 50.00%
Burglary - Business	3	4	● 33.33%	16	20	● 25.00%
Burglary - Other	3	0	● -100.00%	7	2	● -71.43%
Burglary - Residence	2	2	● 0.00%	9	17	● 88.89%
Stolen Vehicle	2	4	● 100.00%	17	15	● -11.76%
Larceny - From Vehicle	7	5	● -28.57%	32	42	● 31.25%
Larceny - Shoplifting	35	48	● 37.14%	138	152	● 10.14%
Larceny - Other	26	32	● 23.08%	125	107	● -14.40%
Arson	3	1	● -66.67%	5	3	● -40.00%
Vandalism	12	23	● 91.67%	32	62	● 93.75%
Fraud - Credit Card	2	3	● 50.00%	12	11	● -8.33%
Fraud - ID Theft	4	4	● 0.00%	46	24	● -47.83%
Fraud - Other	16	10	● -37.50%	51	57	● 11.76%
Society	25	72	● 188.00%	133	262	● 96.99%
Animal Cruelty	0	2	● N/C	5	2	● -60.00%
Drug Laws	5	41	● 720.00%	18	124	● 588.89%
DUII	17	18	● 5.88%	77	73	● -5.19%
Weapons Laws	3	11	● 266.67%	33	63	● 90.91%
Livability	85	31	● -63.53%	238	195	● -18.07%
Abandoned Vehicle	82	29	● -64.63%	218	186	● -14.68%
Junk/Trash	3	0	● -100.00%	20	5	● -75.00%
Overnight/Prohibited Camping	0	2	● N/C	0	4	● N/C
Calls for Service	Apr 2024	Apr 2025	% Chg	2024 YTD	2025 YTD	% Chg
Call Source	2955	3295	● 11.51%	11663	12298	● 5.44%
Dispatched Calls	1604	1611	● 0.44%	6198	6078	● -1.94%
Self-Initiated Calls	1351	1684	● 24.65%	5465	6220	● 13.82%
Response Time (Minutes)						
Priority P & 1	8.73	4.69	● -46.32%	6.03	5.36	● -11.09%
Priority 2 & 3	9.77	15.77	● 61.38%	9.94	12.06	● 21.39%
Priority 4+	5.51	9.05	● 64.27%	6.57	9.03	● 37.43%

Changes in small numbers can result in large percentage changes and must be viewed with caution.

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*Year to	<i>Narcan</i>	Year	ODs	OD Death	Heroin	Fentanyl	Meth	LSD	Cocaine	Date
10		2019	21	2	12	2	3	1	0	
20		2020	29	1	14	4	6	2	1	
39		2021	50	4	21	15	7	1	1	
72		2022	91	11	14	63	18	0	1	
155		2023	126	18	5	105	23	1	3	
82		2024	95	11	0	68	13	1	7	
54		2025	36	7	0	29	4	1	1	



HIRING

2025 HIRING	
2025 total hires	3 (4 PENDING IN JUNE-AUG)
PENDNG HIRES	3 DISPATCHERS 1 POLICE OFFICERS
VACANCIES	1 RECORDS CLERK 3 DISPATCHERS 4 PENDING POLICE OFFICERS (OH)