



January 21, 2026
Public Safety Advisory Board Agenda

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A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

C. Public Comment

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D. Late Items

E. Consent Agenda | Approve

- a. Public Safety Advisory Board Minutes Approval
 - i. November 19th, 2025 Minutes

F. Information

- a. Police Department Report
- b. Fire Department Report

G. Other Considerations

- a. Continue Bike Line discussion – Update from Chief Smith

H. Board Member Reports

I. Adjournment

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

Virtual Meeting

Port Angeles, Washington

November 19th, 6:00 pm

This meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Margolis called the regular meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Board to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Members Present: Chair Mary Margolis, Vice Chair John Hauck, Jessica Johnson, Evan Brown (arrived at 6:20)

Members Absent: Sandy Sinnes, Liz Uraga

Staff Present: Derrell Sharp, Fire Chief; Brian Smith, Police Chief; Kari Martinez-Bailey, Clerk

Guest: Deputy Chief Viada, Detective Beth Hollis, PAPD

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

LATE ITEMS: None

CONSENT AGENDA/REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Chair Margolis commented that the board would skip this section as this time since a quorum was not present to approve the minutes.

INFORMATION:

Police Department Report: Deputy Chief Viada provided an overview of independent investigative teams and when the PSAB may be asked to serve as community representatives following an officer-involved shooting (OIS). Explained current practice/transition between: Injury OIS: regional independent investigative team responds and Fatal OIS: Office of Independent Investigations (state team) responds; noted the state team is still building staffing but is now responding in the region. PSAB community rep role includes: Reviewing conflict-of-interest forms for investigators and approving/denying participation. Reviewing and approving required monthly public updates/press releases during an ongoing investigation. Reviewing potential requests that could affect the “appearance of independence” (e.g., use of equipment from an involved agency). Deputy Chief Viada introduced Detective Beth Hollis as a new member of the investigations team; Detective Hollis summarized background, training, and interest in transparent independent investigations. Q&A included explanation of the BolaWrap device (nonlethal restraint option). Chief Smith described the operational impacts of the Monday incident on the department, including: Significant staffing impact and workload surrounding the OIS response even when OII leads the investigation. Reliance on partner agencies and city departments for scene management and continuity of patrol coverage. Noted administrative leave for involved personnel (four on leave at time of meeting; anticipated three the following week), affecting already-limited deployable staffing. Identified parallel processes beyond the criminal use-of-force investigation, including an administrative investigation. Chief Smith mentioned Shop With a Hero: Announced event preparations; stated it will occur December 6 at Walmart, with anticipated media coverage and volunteer needs (including gift wrapping).

Fire Department Report: Chief Sharp noted that Paramedic Nick Rangel successfully graduated from the Washington State Fire Academy on Halloween and has returned to duty, now staffing the day car peak unit. Extending community paramedic shifts to 10-hour schedules has increased post-overdose response coverage, with data showing an additional 17% of overdoses being reached. The Behavioral Health Advisory Board has recommended fully funding a grant proposal to extend the two community paramedic positions and expand the post-overdose response program; this recommendation is scheduled to go before the county commissioners for approval on November 24. The department reported several upcoming and recent training efforts, including Washington State Difficult Airway training conducted by Airlift Northwest scheduled for the following day, and hosting a second COAST training on November 24 focused on behavioral health crisis de-escalation and care with multidisciplinary participation. In addition, Chief Sharp and Chief Gage have completed FEMA Incident Command System Train-the-Trainer certification, enabling the department to provide local instruction through ICS 300 and 400 levels. Regarding the apparatus, the Rosenbauer fire engine ordered in 2023 is expected to be ready for final inspection in the second week

of January, with delivery anticipated approximately six weeks after inspection. October response statistics were also presented, noting 583 calls for service, an average of 19 calls per day, a breakdown of EMS, ALS, and BLS responses, and several notable 24-hour periods with unusually high call volumes.

CONSENT AGENDA/REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The Clerk confirmed with Chair Margolis that there was now a quorum for the meeting.

Motion made and seconded to approve the October meeting minutes as written, motion carried with no opposition.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Bike Lane Discussion - Board discussed an updated letter (described as consistent with prior discussion) recommending Council consider:

- New signage such as “No Parking in a Bike Lane”; and
- Direction to Public Works regarding trash cans.

Motion: Forward the letter to City Council for consideration/potential action.

Vote: Roll call vote taken; motion passed unanimously

December Meeting Discussion possible action taken:

Motion: Cancel the December PSAB meeting scheduled for December 17.

- Discussion cited quorum challenges and interest in giving staff/department leadership time off around the holidays.
- Vote: Roll call vote taken; motion passed unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Chair noted several board member terms are expected to end in February; members will receive an email from the City regarding term expiration and reapplication.

Ean Brown: Reported observations about an apparent increase in individuals in crisis/detached behavior in town; asked if agencies had seen an influx.

Jessica Johnson: Reported completing a PD ride-along; emphasized staffing limitations and requested community “grace” with officers given call volume and limited capacity (including difficulty completing traffic stops when higher-priority calls arise).

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting Adjourned at 6:40.

The next scheduled PSAB Meeting is January 21, 2026

Mary Margolis, Chair

Kari Martinez-Bailey, City Clerk