

## **BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

The Bloomington Board of Public Safety held a Regular Session on **Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 10:30am**, in the McCloskey Room, Room 135, City of Bloomington located at 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Timothy Brinson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Board Members Russell Kitchner, Philip Amerson, and Barbara McKinney were also present.

Also in attendance were:

- Police: Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham, Police Captain Ryan Pedigo; and
- Fire: Assistant Fire Chief Tania Daffron; and
- Staff: Assistant City Attorney Chris Wheeler, and Police Department Office Assistant and Outreach Specialist Sarah Shahnavaz.

### **CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board member Barbara McKinney motioned to certify the November 20, 2025 Executive Session and Board member Philip Amerson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Board President Timothy Brinson asked if any members of the board wanted to discuss or object to any items on the consent agenda. These items included the minutes from the September 24, 2025 Special Session, the minutes from the October 16, 2025 Regular Session, claims registers dated 10/24/2025, 11/7/2025, and 11/21/2025 and payroll registers dated 10/17/2025, 10/31/2025, and 11/14/2025. None of the board members had questions or objections. All items were approved.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

#### **Report on Monthly Statistics and Training:**

Monthly Statistics and Training were presented by Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham.

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham stated that there is an approximately 10% increase in the number of calls for service compared to this time last year. Deputy Chief Oldham stated that year-to-date traffic stops are lower than end-of-year totals for 2024, and with less than 60 days left in the year it is unlikely that the end-of-year total for 2025 will reach the 2024 statistic. Deputy Chief Oldham stated that calls involving weapons continue to trend down, referencing a year-to-date number of calls that is nearly 200 less than the end-of-year totals for 2023. Deputy Chief Oldham reported that adult arrest statistics remain similar to this time last year, noting the outlier in the data of a spike in August of 2025. Deputy Chief Oldham reported that juvenile arrest numbers are down one compared to September 2025. Deputy Chief Oldham stated that the November Regular Session does not fall within a hate crime reporting period, and the next report will be made in January. Deputy Chief Oldham stated that nuisance calls for service statistics remain consistent.

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that October saw 488.8 total hours of officer training, noting a 24-hour advanced handgun course, K9 training, and an 80 hour traffic reconstruction course. Deputy Chief Oldham reported that October saw 19 community engagement events totaling 71 hours and involving 37 BPD personnel. Deputy Chief Oldham reported the police social work team had 119 referrals and 515 contacts in the month of October. Deputy

Chief Oldham noted that the police mental health professionals assisted Prima County, AZ Sheriff's Office with developing their own police social work program.

### General Business

No general business was presented.

### Personnel Issues:

Police Captain Ryan Pedigo shared that staffing for sworn officers is currently at 94 out of the approved 105. Captain Pedigo stated that the agency will soon be dropping to 92 as one officer retires and one transfers to a different agency. Captain Pedigo referenced the upcoming addition of 2 sworn officers after approval for official employment offers was granted by the Board of Public Safety at the 11/20/2025 Executive Session. Captain Pedigo projected the start date for those officers will be January 5, 2026, pending approval by the state pension board. Captain Pedigo further stated that 5 officers will be graduating from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in mid-December and then will begin their Field Training program at the start of January. Captain Pedigo reported that he has interviewed 11 certified applicants over the past two weeks and 10 of those applicants will be sent to the background phase of the process.

Assistant Fire Chief Tania Daffron asked if this is the police department's background process or the City of Bloomington HR's background process, and Captain Pedigo replied that it is the department's background process, elaborating that BPD detectives are assigned and given anywhere from 4-6 weeks to conduct background investigations of prospective sworn officer hires.

Board member Barbara McKinney asked if the agency could theoretically hire all 10 applicants. Captain Pedigo replied that it is possible, but one applicant doesn't graduate from Indiana University until May of 2026, so he will likely not be hired right away. Captain Pedigo further stated that there have been several IU students set to graduate in May of 2026 that have indicated interest in employment with the Bloomington Police Department.

Board member Barbara McKinney motioned for the approval of the completion of final offer paperwork for applicants Skylar Condra and Andrew Shelton, and Board member Philip Amerson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that 3 officers are on extended light duty status.

### Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that end of year purchasing for the department will occur over the next 30-45 days and will include the replacement of equipment and tools as needed.

### CIRT/ARV REPORT

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that the CIRT team was deployed for a call that came to the Monroe County Sheriff's Office where an individual barricaded himself after County units attempted to serve an emergency detention order. The team resolved the situation without issue. Deputy Chief Oldham stated that this CIRT deployment took place around the time of the October Regular Session and he is unsure if it was reported in that meeting.

### Letters of Appreciation:

Police Captain Ryan Pedigo shared a commendation for an officer that came from a resident's academy participant who participated in a ride along. Captain Pedigo stated that the individual commended the officer's

thorough explanations of his work, his welcoming demeanor, his personal journey to becoming an officer, and his thoughtful perspective of the role of the police in the community.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

### **Fire Report on Monthly Statistics and Training:**

Assistant Fire Chief Tania Daffron reported that October saw 19 fire calls, 259 rescue/EMS calls, 28 calls reporting hazardous conditions, 79 service calls, 130 false alarm calls, and 78 'other' calls. Assistant Chief Daffron compared the total number of emergency responses in October of 2025 are at 593, compared to 620 this time last year, and 394 in October of 2020. Assistant Chief Daffron reported that October saw 83 runs to IU's campus, which equates to approximately 14% of all calls for the month of October and 12% of all calls year-to-date. Assistant Chief Daffron shared that false alarms and EMS calls are the most common call types for IU's campus.

Assistant Fire Chief Tania Daffron shared that Fire Inspection site visits is at 40% of their goal of 2250, with 390 public engagements having been conducted in October out of the total 890 for the year. Assistant Chief Daffron reported that community education has skyrocketed since the inclusion of IU students in the 'adults educated' section. Assistant Chief Daffron reported that Novo Nordisk is receiving fire extinguisher training for all 2000 of their employees, and administration at the company has indicated interest in making this an annual training. Assistant Chief Daffron reported that as of the end of October, 72 smoke detectors have been installed/replaced, nearing their annual goal of 100.

Assistant Fire Chief Daffron reported that the agency is at 85% of their annual goal of 42,000 hours of training. Assistant Fire Chief Daffron reported that Firefighters Moreland and Strafaci attended an interior operations course in Durham, NC, and have returned to Bloomington to share the knowledge with other BFD stations. Other trainings from October include training on records management, heavy rescue course for heavy vehicles, shift exercises, surface water technician training, and Risk Management's 'reasonable suspicion' training on recognizing and reporting impairment.

Assistant Fire Chief Daffron reported that the Mobile Integrated Health team distributed three carseats and installed five in vehicles. Additional work by the MIH team in October included attending a career fair at Ivy Tech and helping to transition a high 911 utilizer into an assisted living facility. Assistant Fire Chief Daffron also reported that the MIH team conducted a training for Kinser Flats employees on AED, CPR, and 'Stop the Bleed'.

### **Letters of Appreciation:**

No letters of appreciation were presented.

### **General Business:**

No general business was presented.

### **Personnel Issues**

Assistant Fire Chief Daffron reported that two staff members are out on FMLA, two are on light duty status, two are on parental leave, and a few additional intermittent leave requests pending. Assistant Fire Chief Daffron projected that the agency will see nine different firefighters intermittently making use of parental leave within a six-month period.

### **Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:**

Assistant Fire Chief Daffron reported that the bay floor at Station 2 is complete and Ladder 4 has arrived and the last items are being installed. Assistant Fire Chief Daffron projected that there will be a push-in ceremony in December, and stated that the agency will share the official date once it is confirmed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business discussed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Assistant Fire Chief Daffron informed the board that the oversight of fire service contracts will transition from being a Board of Public Works agenda item to being a Board of Public Safety agenda item.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

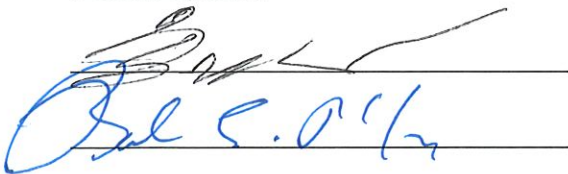
Board member Philip Amerson informed the Board of his upcoming retirement from service on the Board of Public Safety, citing both his age and the fact that his role as a clergyperson makes it difficult to speak freely on personal values. Board member Amerson commended Public Safety in Bloomington before discussing his personal values surrounding immigration enforcement and his choice to be where he can have more of a voice. Board member Amerson continued to state his last meeting will be the December Regular Session and concluded that has been honored to serve on the Board.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Timothy Brinson adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Shahnava, Office Assistant and Outreach Specialist  
City of Bloomington Police Department  
Board of Public Safety

The minutes of the November 20, 2025 Board of Public Safety Meeting were approved this 18 day of December, 2025.



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