

BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Bloomington Board of Public Safety held a Regular Session on **Thursday, December 18, 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, and Barbara McKinney were also present.

Also in attendance were:

- Police: Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham, Police Captain Myrick Williams; and
- Fire: Deputy Fire Chief Max Litwin; and
- Staff: Assistant City Attorney Chris Wheeler, Risk Administrative Assistant Jazmyn Forte-Plunkett, and Police Department Office Assistant and Outreach Specialist Sarah Shahnavaaz.

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 November 20, 2025 Regular Session, claims registers dated 12/5/25 and 12/19/25, and payroll registers dated 11/26/25 and 12/12/25. None of the board members had questions or objections. All items were approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Report on Monthly Statistics and Training:

Deputy Chief Scott Oldham reported that there were no uncharacteristically large increases in crime statistics for the month of November. Deputy Chief Oldham further stated that statistics for certain crimes year-to-date saw an increase, while others saw a decrease.

Board member Barbara McKinney inquired as to whether OWI arrest rates seem high, and Deputy Chief Oldham reported that this is due in large part to a renewed focus on traffic stops. Deputy Chief Oldham further stated that traffic stops were slightly lower than this time last year and stated that this is the result of a larger number of officers in training. Deputy Chief Oldham projected that the end of the year should see comparable numbers in traffic stops to last year.

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that year-to-date statistics for crimes involving weapons remain dramatically lower and credited the department's attention to hot spots in town as an effort to thwart some of these things before they happen. Deputy Chief Oldham reported that adult arrests and juvenile arrests remain consistent year to year.

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that the department had 306 training hours for the month of November: 70 officers completed low-light firearms qualifications, 20 attended training for towing regulations, six attended training for remotely piloted aerial vehicles, four attended defensive tactics training, four attended civil disturbance training, and one attended understanding police use of force training. Additionally, the Bloomington critical incident response team (CIRT) had their monthly training, which includes 13 BPD officers.

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that the department had 51.5 hours of community engagement for the month of November, and reported that the department has another community event coming up on 12/19/25 at City Hall in

partnership with the Pacers and the Office of the Mayor for a Season of Giving toy event, in addition to the monthly community engagement the department does with the animal shelter.

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that the social work team had 135 referrals, 445 contacts, and highlighted some of the team's accomplishments: assisted a client in recovery to secure housing, assisted two other elderly clients getting reconnected with their families, and assisted a teen client by teaching him how to budget and save after getting his first job. Deputy Chief Oldham stated that the dispatch social worker is being integrated into the dispatch center and is beginning to assist with calls. Additionally, Deputy Chief Oldham reported that the outreach and resource specialists (OARS) assisted a client in getting reconnected with their mother after years of no contact. Additionally, the OARS have assisted with getting several individuals access to health screenings and health care.

Letters of Appreciation:

Deputy Chief Oldham shared a commendation letter that was written to the Bloomington Police Department after employees contacted an individual to inform them their passport had been turned in, and then mailed the passport to the individual who had since left the state.

General Business

No general business was presented.

Personnel Issues:

Police Captain Myrick Williams reported that current staffing sits at 93 out of 105, further stating that two lateral hires are expected to start on January 5th and 10 officers from other agencies currently in the background phase of the hiring process.

Captain Williams reported that five officers of the 93 currently employed with BPD graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy on 12/17/25 and are now on vacation time until January. Captain Williams also reported that BPD had the only honor graduate in the class, one BPD officer was a squad leader, the honor graduate was also the class guidon, and one officer won the Herman B Freeman integrity award.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that upcoming purchases will include replacements for equipment, and recent purchases for radios have been made.

CIRT/ARV REPORT

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that there was one CIRT ARV deployment in November, and Captain Williams stated that it was for a search warrant service conducted by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office on Woodyard Road. Deputy Chief Oldham also clarified that the warrant was for an individual who was manufacturing machine guns.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Fire Report on Monthly Statistics and Training:

Deputy Fire Chief Max Litwin reported that calls are trending with what they typically see for false alarms, fires, EMS, and rescue. Deputy Chief Litwin reported that for IU's campus, most of the runs they go on are EMS related, with some elevator rescues. Deputy Chief Litwin reported that the monthly increase in calls for November

reflected a 39% increase over the last five years. Deputy Chief Litwin reported that hot spots for November were Crawford Apartments, Wheeler Mission, and Redbud Hills Retirement Home.

Deputy Chief Litwin reported that work towards the activity goal for fire prevention outreach has been slightly down due to increased demand for fire inspections at Greek housing on IU's campus.

Deputy Chief Litwin reported that the fire department's training has gone very well in 2025 as far as meeting requirements and hitting benchmarks. Deputy Chief Litwin stated that the department has put forth effort to bring demos out for any new pumper and aerial apparatus purchases to familiarize and train the crews on the equipment before a purchasing decision is made. Deputy Chief Litwin stated that these purchases are very costly, so having input from the crews that will actually use them is very helpful, and it helps staff earn training hours.

Deputy Chief Litwin reported that the department has seen a lot of engineers and sergeants appointed recently. Deputy Chief Litwin reported that this is good because it shows that people are motivated to step up to help the department, it shows that people are going through the training needed for such appointments, and it also helps with overtime.

Deputy Chief Litwin reported that mobile integrated health (MIH) outreach will see a slight decrease around the holidays, but the team is still working diligently to provide reactive care to their patients. Deputy Chief Litwin highlighted that the MIH team successfully convinced a patient to get a life-saving surgery and to self-admit to a program. Deputy Chief Litwin remarked many times, MIH clients are not interested in seeking the help they need, and the MIH team can work with them to convince them to get that care. Deputy Chief Litwin noted another MIH 'win', where the team assisted a frequent 911 caller in getting them connected to health care facilities that will provide them with the long-term care they need.

General Business:

No general business was presented.

Personnel Issues

Deputy Chief Litwin reported that the fire department has two out on light duty, one out on FMLA, three out on parental leave, and a few others with time pending. Deputy Chief Litwin stated that BFD has a young department, so they expect to continue to see a lot of parental leave being used.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Deputy Chief Litwin reported that the department is in the process of converting all of the natural gas-fed generators to diesel, so in the event of a large disaster, diesel can be trucked in and the generators can continue to function. There are three stations left to do this with. Deputy Chief Litwin also stated that the department will be purchasing new radios in 2026 as the current radios utilized by the department are becoming obsolete. The current radios still work, but they will need to be replaced as they cannot be fixed if something breaks. Deputy Chief Litwin stated that other upcoming expenditures/procurements include ongoing costs associated with bond projects the department is working on.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Board member Barbara McKinney motioned to approve the 2026 Board of Public Safety meeting calendar, seconded by Board member Russell Kitchner. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Timothy Brinson adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

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

The minutes of the December 18, 2025 Board of Public Safety Meeting were approved this 15 day of January, 2026.

