

BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Bloomington Board of Public Safety held a Regular Session on **Thursday, January 15, 2026 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 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 Shahnnavaz.

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Member Russell Kitchner motioned to certify the January 15, 2026 Executive Session, and Board Member Barbara McKinney seconded the motion. The motion to certify the Executive Session 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 December 18, 2025 Regular Session, claims registers dated 12/22/25 and 1/6/26, and payroll registers dated 12/24/25 and 1/9/26. None of the board members had questions or objections. All items were approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Report on Monthly Statistics and Training:

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham reported that 2025 stats concluded at around a 5.9% increase compared to the end of 2024. Deputy Chief Oldham reported that most statistics stayed relatively consistent compared to 2023 and 2024. Board Member Barbara McKinney commented that it was surprising that graffiti is down 50% compared to 2024, and Deputy Chief Oldham replied that graffiti is sometimes coded as vandalism, which is also down compared to 2024. Police Captain Ryan Pedigo commented that a 22% decrease in larceny calls compared to 2024 is something that stands out.

Board Member Russell Kitchner inquired about how OWI cases are reported, and Deputy Chief Oldham replied that an OWI is counted towards statistics when it is an arrestable charge. Board Member Russell Kitchner then asked whether the increased statistic is due to officers putting forth more effort to watch out for intoxicated drivers. Deputy Chief Oldham reported that this is part of the explanation for the increased statistic, and it is also due to an increased number of OWI cases originating from second shift which runs from 1:30pm to 10pm. Board Member Barbara McKinney asked if there was an observable increase in OWIs after IU sporting events, and Deputy Chief Oldham reported that they did not observe a direct correlation between IU sporting events and OWI arrests.

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that traffic stops declined slightly compared to 2024 and, more notably, calls involving weapons were down significantly compared to 2024. Deputy Chief Oldham credited increased efforts by the patrol and detective divisions as well as special details for this.

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that adult and juvenile arrests trended down in December compared to previous months which could be due to colder weather. Deputy Chief Oldham reported zero hate crimes at the end of the final reporting period in 2025. Deputy Chief Oldham reported that nuisance calls showed similar trends compared to previous months.

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that December training hours were at 335.5 and included the following: 42 officers completed 2.5 hours of active shooter training, 30 officers completed one hour of firearms training, three detectives attended the annual Internet Crimes Against Children conference, 10 officers completed Taser 10 virtual reality training, three officers attended firearms and tactical med training, one officer attended an eight hour Mastering Proactive Policing training, and the Bloomington CIRT team trained for 8 total hours during December.

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that December community engagement hours were at 32.5 hours with seven engagement events and 16 BPD personnel involved. December events included the following: winter resource fair, MHP Home Instead holiday wrapping party, and the Pacers Season of Giving toy event.

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that, in December, BPD Mental Health Professionals received 91 referrals and reached 349 total contacts. A summary of MHP work during December included: assisting an elderly client get electricity and gas restored to her residence, facilitating a psychological evaluation for a client struggling with their mental health, reuniting an elderly client who was also a domestic battery victim with their family from out of state, assisted a formerly unhoused member of the community find housing and mental health support, and supporting a formerly unhoused client adjust to live with stable housing.

General Business

No general business was presented.

Personnel Issues:

Board Member Barbara McKinney motioned to approve an offer of conditional employment to Zachary Brock, and Board Member Russell Kitchner seconded the motion. Board Member Russell Kitchner motioned to approve an offer of conditional employment to Cade Lindsay, and Board Member Barbara McKinney seconded the motion. Board Member Barbara McKinney motioned to approve an offer of conditional employment to Dustin Carpenter, and Board Member Russell Kitchner seconded the motion. Board Member Russell Kitchner motioned to approve an offer of conditional employment to Steven Hatton, Jr, and Board Member Barbara McKinney seconded the motion. Board Member Barbara McKinney motioned to approve an offer of conditional employment to Andrew Weeks, and Board Member Russell Kitchner seconded the motion. Board Member Russell Kitchner motioned to approve an offer of conditional employment to Harrison Fleetwood, and Board Member Barbara McKinney seconded the motion. Board Member Barbara McKinney motioned to approve an offer of conditional employment to Dylan Erwin, and Board Member Russell Kitchner seconded the motion. Board Member Russell Kitchner motioned to approve an offer of conditional employment to Tyler McGlocklin, and Board Member Barbara McKinney seconded the motion. All offers of conditional employment were unanimously approved.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that end of year purchases included routine equipment replacement.

CIRT/ARV REPORT

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that there was one CIRT ARV deployment in December for a barricaded subject on North Smith Pike, to assist the Monroe County Sheriff's Department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Fire Report on Monthly Statistics and Training:

Assistant Fire Chief Tania Daffron reported that the year-end total for 2025 was 6,745 emergency responses by the Bloomington Fire Department. Assistant Chief Daffron reported that EMS calls made up about 30-40% of overall runs. For the month of December, runs have gone up about 33% since December of 2020, which saw 319. Year-to-date totals have seen about a 40% increase since December of 2020, which saw 4,066 runs. Assistant Chief Daffron reported that runs to IU's Campus predominantly were for false alarms and rescue/EMS calls. Assistant Chief Daffron reported that 80% of December's fire suppression incidents saw an arrival time between 240 and 480 seconds after the initial call.

Assistant Chief Daffron reported that BFD reached 1168 fire inspections in 2025, 52% of their overall goal of 2250 for the year. Board Member Barbara McKinney asked if BFD's goal for fire inspections will remain the same in 2026. Assistant Chief Daffron reported in the affirmative, and elaborated that they chose 2250 because the City's record management system shows about 3,800 registered businesses and the department would aim for approximately two-thirds of that total number. Assistant Chief Daffron stated that fire inspectors are tasked with a lot of duties and don't have a lot of time to spend on fire inspections, so if the department were to hire more inspectors, they may be able to get closer to their goal of 2250 in the future. Assistant Chief Daffron reported that 80 smoke detectors were installed in 2025, 80% of their overall goal of 100 for the year.

Assistant Chief Daffron reported that the department exceeded their goal for training hours for the year; their goal was 30 hours per month per individual, and they reached 100 hours per month per individual. The 2025 total of training hours was 48,671. Assistant Chief Daffron reported that December's number of training hours was abnormally high because many training hours that were missed throughout the year were entered at the end of the year. Notable training highlights for December included: new ladder 4 training and one attended wildland refresher training.

Assistant Chief Daffron reported that the MIH team reached 515 referrals to the program, and that the program has observed that about 90-95% of referrals utilize the services that are provided by the MIH team. Notable achievements by the MIH team in December included: assisting in securing housing for a long-term unhoused member of the community, providing items for Christmas dinner for several MIH families, and assisted a family in obtaining the deed to their home and negotiate arrearages so that the family could keep their home.

General Business:

No general business was presented.

Personnel Issues

Assistant Chief Daffron reported that the fire department has two out on light duty, one out on FMLA, and six out on intermittent parental leave. The department anticipates three retirements and has had three recent resignations.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Assistant Chief Daffron reported that the department is expected to be under roof at the new training facility on South Walnut by next month (February) and the department is moving forward with the purchase of a fire engine pumper, which has an estimated cost of \$678,272, and is expected to be available for immediate delivery

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Board President Timothy Brinson nominated Board Member Russell Kitchner as Board of Public Safety Chairperson, Board Member Barbara McKinney seconded the nomination. Board Member Russell Kitchner accepted the nomination. Board Member Barbara McKinney nominated Board President Timothy Brinson as Board of Public Safety Vice Chairperson, Board Member Russell Kitchner seconded the nomination. Board President Timothy Brinson accepted the nomination.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Timothy Brinson adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

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

The minutes of the January 15, 2026 Board of Public Safety Meeting were approved this 19 day of ^{March} ~~February~~, 2026.






