

## **BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

The Bloomington Board of Public Safety held a Regular Session on **Thursday, March 19, 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 Russell Kitchner called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Board Members Tim Brinson, Patrick Galm, Charles Cohen, 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, Deputy Chief Max Litwin; and
- Staff: Assistant City Attorney Chris Wheeler and Police Department Office Assistant and Outreach Specialist Sarah Shahnava.

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Board President Russell Kitchner 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 January 15, 2026 Regular Session, claims registers dated 1/30/26, 2/13/26, 2/27/26, and 3/13/26 and payroll registers dated 1/23/26, 2/6/26, 2/20/26, and 3/6/26. 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 on January statistics, followed by February statistics.

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that calls for service and traffic stops are trending down slightly compared to this time last year. Board Member Barbara McKinney inquired as to whether this was due to colder weather. Deputy Chief Oldham stated that this correlation would be better explained as we compare future statistics. Deputy Chief Oldham reported that adult and juvenile arrests slightly increased compared to this time last year.

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that training for January was as follows. 36 officers completed one hour of firearms training, 20 officers completed one hour of WRAP training, seven officers completed two-hour breath test recertification training, three officers completed one hour of IDACS training and certification, one sergeant attended a 40-hour course on street sergeant first line supervision training, and the K9 unit logged 15 training hours. Deputy Chief Oldham reported that community engagement included DRO outreach, a department tour for a local cub scout troop, car seat installations, and 'forever friends' with the animal shelter.

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that, for February, calls for service and weapons calls remain at a downward trend compared to this time last year, while traffic stops are beginning to trend upward. Deputy Chief Oldham reported that adult arrests continue to trend upward compared to last year, while juvenile arrests are down slightly.

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that training for February was as follows. 31 officers completed one hour of patrol rifle training, 20 officers completed one hour of state-mandated emotional survival training, seven officers completed 21 hours of annual in-service training, four officers completed 24 hours of CIT training, three officers completed eight hours of drone assessment and response tactics training, two officers attended a 36-hour training

on Reid Interview techniques, two new officers completed 41.25 hours of POTC training, one officer attended a 40 hour standardized field sobriety test instructor course, the K9 unit logged 20 hours of training, 10 CNT members logged 7.5 hours of training each, and 5 CDU members logged 4 hours of training each. Deputy Chief Oldham reported that community engagement remains consistent with DRO outreach, CSS outreach, and 'forever friends'.

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that police mental health professionals had 181 referrals, reaching a total 320 contacts established by the division. A summary of recent achievements include assisting multiple unhoused individuals secure housing, access to services, and reestablish contact with their families. Police mental health professionals hosted a mental health training for members of BPD and other local agencies.

### General Business

No general business was presented.

### Personnel Issues:

Police Captain Ryan Pedigo announced that the department is seeking the Board's approval for official offers of employment for 6 certified applicants. Captain Pedigo stated that the Board had initially approved conditional offers of employment for 8 certified applicants, but two have dropped from the process, leaving 6 applicants remaining in the process.

Board Member Charles Cohen motioned to approve the official offer of employment for Zachary Brock, and Board Member Barbara McKinney seconded the motion. All Members voted in favor, and the motion passed. Board Member Charles Cohen motioned to approve the official offer of employment for Dustin Carpenter, and Board Member Barbara McKinney seconded the motion. All Members voted in favor, and the motion passed. Board Member Charles Cohen motioned to approve the official offer of employment for Harrison Fleetwood, and Board Member Barbara McKinney seconded the motion. All Members voted in favor, and the motion passed. Board Member Charles Cohen motioned to approve the official offer of employment for Steven Hatton Jr, and Board Member Barbara McKinney seconded the motion. All Members voted in favor, and the motion passed. Board Member Charles Cohen motioned to approve the official offer of employment for Cade Lindsay, and Board Member Barbara McKinney seconded the motion. All Members voted in favor, and the motion passed. Board Member Charles Cohen motioned to approve the official offer of employment for Tyler McGlocklin and Board Member Barbara McKinney seconded the motion. All Members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

### Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that upcoming purchases include routine equipment replacement.

### CIRT/ARV REPORT

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that there were no CIRT/ARV deployments to report for January and February.

Board Member Barbara McKinney asked whether the police department has made any decisions regarding partnership with Flock Safety, and Deputy Chief Oldham replied that the decisionmaking process has been ongoing and that he defers to Chief Diekhoff to answer any questions regarding partnership with Flock.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

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

Assistant Fire Chief Tania Daffron reported that calls for service are at 1050 year-to-date, with medical calls being the most common incident type at 432 calls. Assistant Chief Daffron noted that due to changes to national

reporting requirements, 'false alarm' calls are now to be coded as 'no emergency' calls, of which there are 276 year-to-date. Assistant Chief Daffron reported that 904 calls of the 1050 were within city limits and 146 were to IU's campus. Of that 146, 75 were no emergency calls, 26 were medical, and 36 were labeled 'public service' calls, which is often used when there is an odd situation and dispatchers aren't certain of who to send.

Assistant Chief Daffron reported that the department has reached 6% of their annual goal of 2250 fire inspections. The department has also set goals for smoke detector/battery installations and K-12 school visits. Assistant Chief Daffron reported that Public Education Officer Tom Figolah visited the City of Bloomington Utilities department to teach fire extinguisher use on live fire.

Assistant Chief Daffron reported that the department logged 4308 training hours in January and 4218 training hours in February, and included the following. BFD hosted NIMS incident command system classes at the 300 and 400 level. BFD administrators attended City ITS accessibility training. Deputy Chief Litwin and Battalion Chief Drescher visited the Insurance Service Office, the office that issues ratings for BFD classes. BFD crews completed tool familiarity training, EMS training, and training for new 800mhz radio systems. Battalion Chief Drescher attended Indiana Fire Chief Training Academy in Plainfield.

Assistant Chief Daffron reported that Mobile Integrated Health accomplishments include the following. The MIH team collaborated with a senior living community to provide point of care testing, and additionally identified several residents in need of care for high blood pressure and/or high blood sugar. MIH responded to an injured patient which originated from a domestic violence incident, noticed that the police needed to be involved, and saw to that. MIH assisted a patient with severe mobility issues and arranged for them to borrow the necessary equipment from the mobility aid lending library. MIH identified an emergency medical issue and arranged for 911 emergent transportation. MIH and Assistant Chief Daffron taught CPR/AED use to 17 teachers at Harmony School.

#### 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.

Deputy Chief Max Litwin reported that the department has 3 recruits starting April 27, which fill 3 operational vacancies, bringing the department back to full staffing. The current Fire Marshall is leaving the department soon, so a hiring process is underway to fill that position. Two new MIH employees started recently, bringing that division to full staffing.

Board Member Barbara McKinney asked who is the Fire Marshall that is leaving, and Deputy Chief Litwin replied that it is Tim Clapp, who has been employed with BFD for a long time.

Deputy Chief Litwin reported that one staff member is on light duty, one is out on FMLA, and eight staff members with intermittent baby bonding time available for them to use.

#### Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Deputy Chief Litwin reported that the new radios that had been previously reported on have arrived and are now in use. The new radios are an upgrade from those that were previously in use; the new ones utilize a combination of cell tower signal and Wi-Fi, allow highly accurate geographical tracking of other radios, and have a screen that displays locations of nearby fire hydrants. Two new fire engines have been delivered, one of which came from a new vendor that offered a lower price and quicker delivery. Fire stations 2, 4, and 5 have received renovations

transforming old communal restrooms to individual restrooms. Construction on the new fire training facility located on South Walnut street is progressing well and is expected to be complete in September.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business discussed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Board Member Tim Brinson thanked the police and fire departments for their quick response during the tornado that touched down on the west side on February 19th.

Board Member Patrick Galm offered to distribute printed lists of calendar dates for future Board Meetings to the rest of the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Russell Kitchner adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Shahnava, Office Assistant and Outreach Specialist  
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Board of Public Safety

The minutes of the March 19, 2026 Board of Public Safety Meeting were approved this 16 day of April, 2026.

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