

## **BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

The Bloomington Board of Public Safety held a Regular Session on **Thursday, April 16, 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 10:31 a.m. Board Members Tim Brinson, and Patrick Galm were also present.

Also in attendance were:

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

### **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 March 19, 2026 Regular Session, claims registers dated 3/20/26 and 3/27/26 and payroll registers dated 4/2/26 and 4/10/26. 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 year-to-date, calls for service are down about 5% compared to last year. Traffic stops are slightly increased, which can be attributed to several officers moving along through the field training phase. Crimes involving weapons are down compared to previous years. Adult arrests are slightly down compared to last year, and juvenile referrals are slightly up. Zero hate crimes were reported in the first reporting period of 2026.

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that BPD training hours for March are as follows: 660.5 total hours: 79 officers completed two hours of mandated emergency vehicle operations training, 12 officers completed one hour of state-mandated emotional survival training, 10 officers completed 21 hours of annual in-service training, 13 officers completed one hour of WRAP training, one officer attended a 40 hour women's leadership training, one officer attended a 16 hour pepperball instructor training course, K9 unit logged 14 hours of training, CDU logged 7 hours of training for 7 officers, and Honor Guard logged 7 hours of training for 9 officers.

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that BPD community engagement statistics for March are as follows: 6 events, 9 personnel, 7.4 total hours. March events included DRO outreach, animal shelter outreach, and car seat inspections and installations. April events include the DEA prescription drug takeback day and the parks and recreation children's expo.

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that BPD social workers have received a year-to-date total of 294 referrals and have made 528 contacts. A summary of their work as of March is as follows: assisted a client who has been isolated and struggling with mental health issues, assisted an elderly client establishing transportation through her insurance, assisted an elderly client secure low-cost medications and food for her cat through MCHA, hosted

another successful easter party for BPD staff. BPD Outreach and Resource Specialists (OARS) also assisted two long-term homeless individuals obtain housing and two clients gain disability benefits. Four individuals that OARS had helped secure housing within the last year remain housed.

### Letters of Appreciation

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that the department received two letters of appreciation: One from Deputy Mayor Gretchen Knapp congratulating and thanking the Central Emergency Dispatch Center for exceeding the national standard for performance, and one from City Councilmember Isabel Piedmont-Smith thanking BPD for starting the Blue Envelope Program for drivers on the autism spectrum.

### General Business

No general business was presented.

### Personnel Issues:

Police Captain Ryan Pedigo reported that the department currently has 93 sworn officers, but one officer is leaving for the Bloomington Fire Department. Six applicants are in the process for hiring, awaiting approval from the local pension board.

Board President Russell Kitchner asked for a motion to approve the conditional offer of employment for applicant Olivia Crose, contingent upon her successfully completing the remaining steps in the hiring process. Board Member Tim Brinson motioned, and Board Member Patrick Galm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that purchases involve regular equipment replacements.

### CIRT/ARV REPORT

Deputy Chief Oldham reported no CIRT/ARV deployments in the month of March.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

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

Assistant Fire Chief Tania Daffron reported that year-to-date calls for service are at 1608, with 558 being in March., 220 of March's 558 calls were medical in nature. The department is down approximately 150 calls compared to 2025, but up roughly 10% compared to five years ago. 62 runs, or 11% of March runs, were to IU's campus.

Assistant Chief Daffron reported that 433 individuals were educated during commercial fire inspections, bringing the year-to-date total to 998 individuals reached for fire inspector's educational outreach. The department has completed 34 smoke detector/battery installations out of their annual goal of 100. The department has completed 248, 11% of their annual goal of 2250, fire inspections at highest risk occupancies within the City of Bloomington, and approximately 110 of that 248 were completed in March.

Assistant Chief Daffron reported that BFD's training for March included 4434 total hours, and included the following: Garvin attended advanced pumper class, Aydt and Strafacci attended driver/operator training, Deputy

Chief Litwin attended a station design conference, Hudson and Johnson taught technical rescue skills to all three BFD shifts, and officer-led training topics covered in March included multi-casualty incident and hazmat.

Assistant Chief Daffron reported that the Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) team installed 6 car seats, completed an average of 11.1 visits per client, engaged 27 different services, and engaged 19 different agencies, and had a total of 19 referrals in March. Notable accomplishments of the MIH team in March include: the team connected with a self-referred patient, the team arranged for 911 transport to the hospital for a patient that was experiencing a hypertensive crisis, two new MIH team members became certified as Community Health Workers, and two members of the MIH team presented at a national conference in Arizona.

Assistant City Attorney Chris Wheeler asked how many members of the MIH team are certified, and then followed up to ask how many members of the MIH team there are. Assistant Chief Daffron answered that there are 7 members of the MIH team and all are certified Community Health Workers. Assistant City Attorney Wheeler also asked how many clients the MIH team currently has, and Assistant Chief Daffron replied that she does not know the exact number of clients currently being seen by the MIH team.

#### General Business:

Deputy Fire Chief Max Litwin reported that a new fire marshal has been selected, who will be working with the current fire marshal until he exits. The new fire marshal, Jeff Yutmeyer, was an internal candidate, so he is already familiar with Bloomington Fire Department operations.

#### Personnel Issues

Deputy Chief Litwin reported that one firefighter is on light duty, one is on FMLA, and eight have intermittent baby bonding time available for use.

#### Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Deputy Chief Litwin reported that the department has budgeted to replace generators at Stations 4 and 5 with diesel generators as a part of a multi-year planned replacement of all generators for diesel generators.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business discussed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business discussed.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Board Member Tim Brinson asked members of the police department about the recent Mayoral decision in regards to the contract with Flock Safety, and specifically asked what system the department plans to enter into a contract with in place of Flock Safety. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff replied that he has no idea. Board Member Brinson expressed that he is disappointed with the Mayoral decision to forgo BPD's contract with Flock Safety, citing his previous experience as a police officer working ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) cases in Houston. Board Member Brinson further stated he does not understand how Flock cameras violate civil rights or privacy, considering the 30-day storage of data and that the data only includes a license plate number. Board President Russell Kitchner asked Board Member Brinson to elaborate on what is a Flock camera. Board Member Brinson answered that it is a camera system that records license plates on vehicles as they pass through intersections. Board Member Brinson further explained that the city he used to work in recently utilized Flock

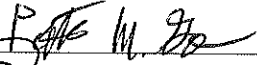
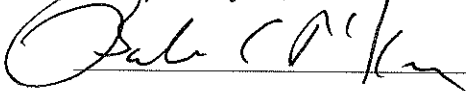
camera systems to solve a juvenile sex crime. Board Member Brinson concluded by stating that this would have been a very useful tool if it were available during his time as a police officer in Pasadena, Texas.

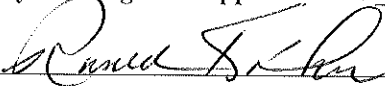
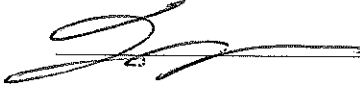
**ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Russell Kitchner adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

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

The minutes of the March 19, 2026 Board of Public Safety Meeting were approved this 21 day of May, 2026.

  
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