

BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Bloomington Board of Public Safety held a Regular Session on **Friday, July 17 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 Member Barbara McKinney called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. Board Members Charles Cohen and Patrick Galm were also present.

Also in attendance were:

- Police: Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham, Police Captain Mick Williams, 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.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member Barbara McKinney 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 June 18, 2026 Regular Session, claims registers dated 7/2/26 and 7/17/26 and payroll registers dated 6/26/26 and 7/10/26. 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 on monthly statistics for June. Call volume and overall crime totals were down slightly compared to this time last year, while some crime types trended upward. Traffic stops held relatively consistent compared to this time last year. Crimes involving weapons also continue to trend down compared to previous years. Adult arrests and juvenile referrals were both slightly elevated compared to this time last year. July marked the end of the second quarter reporting period for hate crimes; none were reported.

Deputy Chief Oldham reported on training hours for the month of June. BPD personnel logged a total of 721.5 training hours in June, which consisted of the following. 66 officers completed ½ hour of threshold training. 43 officers completed one hour of firearms training. 24 officers completed ½ hour of BMV driver's license forfeiture training. 13 officers completed 78 hours of Moyer mandatory annual training. Nine officers completed 7.5 hours of Crisis Negotiation Team training. Six officers completed 1.5 hours of First Amendment Auditors training. 4 new officers completed 66 hours of POTC training. One officer attended a 32-hour Reid Interview and Interrogation course. One officer attended an 80-hour homicide investigation course. One officer attended a 13-hour course on Emotional Survival. K9s trained for a total of 27 hours.

Deputy Chief Oldham reported on prior community engagement events. BPD personnel logged a total of 20 community engagement hours in June. Prior events include the following. Girl scout troop visit to BPD headquarters for an activity to earn their junior detective badge, touch a truck, furever friends outreach, critical incident debrief with Owen County, 4th of July parades, and a Stonebelt career readiness visit to BPD headquarters.

Deputy Chief Oldham reported on Police Social Worker activity for the month of June. The team received a total number of 218 referrals and made 361 contacts. A summary of their work is as follows. A Police Mental Health Professional (MHP) assisted a mother with obtaining an autism safety kit to assist with her seven-year-old child who frequently elopes from her residence. MHP assisted a client in enrolling in Medicare. MHP attended a Centerstone intake with a frequent caller of 911 and the client has since been taking their medication regularly. MHP assisted a client with accessing legal advice for probate issues after the death of their partner. MHP presented at the National Co-Responder conference in Dallas, regarding the police social support services (PSSS) team's response to survivors after a death. Outreach and resource specialists (OARS) completed six housing assessments for clients. OARS de-escalated a client at a local business while in the downtown area without the need to call 911 for a response. OARS continue to check in with three clients who recently moved into housing from homelessness, helping them set boundaries and access resources.

Letters of Appreciation

Police Captain Ryan Pedigo shared three letters of appreciation that the department has recently received: one from the Chief of Police from the City of Santa Clara, California for Detective Henry's assistance in an investigation that involved a victim and a suspect that were both connected to Bloomington, one from a community member thanking BPD officers, and one from a mother whose daughter had a flat tire late at night one night, where one officer stayed with her until the tow truck arrived and then gave her a ride home.

General Business

None was reported.

Personnel Issues:

Captain Pedigo reported that BPD is currently at 94 sworn officers with 11 openings. There are two officers on light duty, three in field training, and one on intermittent family leave due to the birth of a child. The department is hosting an open hiring process with physical and written testing taking place on August 1st.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that the major expenses reported in the claims registers are equipment upfitting for new vehicles.

CIRT/ARV REPORT

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that there were no CIRT/ARV deployments in June.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Fire Report on Monthly Statistics and Training:

Assistant Fire Chief Tania Daffron reported on monthly statistics for June. Year-to-date calls for service in the city were at 3,144, and 382 of those calls were to IU's campus. The majority of calls by incident type are medical-related (1,267 YTD), followed by non-emergent runs (813 YTD) and fire calls (144 YTD). 420 individuals were educated during commercial fire inspections, bringing the year-to-date total to 1633 individuals reached for fire inspector's educational outreach. The department has completed 57 smoke detector/battery installations out of their annual goal of 100. The department has completed 19% of their annual goal of 2250, fire inspections at highest risk occupancies within the City of Bloomington.

Assistant Chief Daffron reported that BFD's training for June included 4,082 total hours, and included the following. Officer-led training, EVOC, and flashover training for black shift. Joint recruit academy skills courses

including ropes, ladders, hazmat, SAR, ventilation, Mayday, extinguishers, and dynamics. Morgan attended a week-long honor guard training in Indianapolis.

Assistant Chief Daffron reported that the Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) team installed 6 car seats, completed an average of 8.7 visits per client, engaged 24 different services, engaged 18 different agencies and had a total of 18 referrals in June. Notable accomplishments of the MIH team in June include the following. The MIH team supported a hospice patient and his spouse; and after his passing, his widow enrolled herself in the MIH program. MIH completed a 'bad weather blitz' where they visited a list of patients that take refrigerated medications and gave them a cooler and cold packs in case of a power outage. MIH provided first aid at several community events. MIH presented at the FL Fire Marshal's Conference at Disney. Another MIH patient credited the efforts of the team with saving their life.

General Business:

Assistant Chief Daffron reported that the current recruit academy class is on track to graduate on August 14th. The training facility on South Walnut is progressing and is anticipated to be completed in September.

Personnel Issues

Assistant Chief Daffron reported that one firefighter is on light duty and eight are off on intermittent baby bonding time.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

No major purchases were reported.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

New Business From Staff: Assistant City Attorney Chris Wheeler proposed Resolution 2026-01 for board approval, which recommends an amendment to Title 2 of the Bloomington Municipal Code regarding the establishment and definition of the Bloomington Fire Merit Commission. The board unanimously approved Resolution 2026-01.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Barbara McKinney adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

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

The minutes of the July 17, 2026 Board of Public Safety Meeting were approved this ____ day of August, 2026.

