



# City of Fort Bragg

416 N Franklin Street  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437  
Phone: (707) 961-2823  
Fax: (707) 961-2802

## Meeting Minutes Public Safety Committee

---

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

3:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

---

### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Acting Chair Peters opened the meeting at 3:00 PM.

### ROLL CALL

Present where Acting Chair Lindy Peters and Councilmember Scott Hockett.

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1A. [24-592](#) Approve Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting October 18, 2023.

Acting Chair Peters approved the minutes as presented.

1B. [24-907](#) Approve Minutes of the Special Public Safety Committee Meeting March 19, 2024.

Acting Chair Peters approved the minutes as presented.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No comments made.

### 3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

3A. [24-1075](#) Update on Police Department Staffing, Equipment, Training, and Care Response Unit.

Police Chief Cervenka provided an update on the filled positions within the Police Department. He mentioned briefly the additional positions that could possibly be filled as long as the candidates pass the extensive background check. Chief Cervenka summarized what a background check involves and the estimated cost for hiring an officer.

Chief Cervenka spoke about the total amount of electric vehicle in fleet for the Police Department and he announced the prospected purchases for additional electric fleet in the near future.

Chief Cervenka announced that the Police Department received the new firearms for all officers. He shared information regarding the importance of new updated equipment for the Police Department and the reasons why this purchase was made.

He moved on to thank the City of Fort Bragg IT Department for all their hard work placing new computer equipment inside each patrol vehicle.

Another amazing piece of equipment that the Police Department has updated is the new taser guns that are in conjunction to the new body cameras. The new contract with AXON includes a community portal feature that has increased cyber security along with time saving digital evidence processing and has added unlimited data storage.

Chief Cervenka provided an overview of the "Core Course" trainings that all officers will be completing within a given time frame to be within the Peace Officer Standards & Training (POST) compliance mandates.

In conclusion, Chief Cervenka mentioned the outstanding functions the Care Response Unit have carried out within the community.

Councilmember Scott Hockett brought up the question on what would be the best way to retain officers. Chief Cervenka answered by stating that by having pay raises, wonderful working culture, and supporting community would be some of the reasons officers would choose to stay longer. Lastly, Acting Chairman Lindy Peters mentioned that hiring locals is a good standpoint because they are known to the community and they have already an established life here.

**3B. [24-1076](#)** Receive and Accept Report Regarding Earthquake/Tsunami Incident Occurring on December 5, 2024 and City Personnel Response.

Police Chief Cervenka read the timeline response from City Personnel from the December 5, 2024 7.0 magnitude earthquake that occurred off the coast of Mendocino County. He went on to explain how the virtual Emergency Operations Center (EOC) software named VEOCI was used and how well this program has assisted the City in real life incidents. Ultimately, Chief Cervenka was pleased with the effectiveness of the response on behalf of all City Employees that were involved.

#### **4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF**

**4A. 24-1077** Receive Oral Update From Staff on Departmental Activities

No other updates were provided.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Acting Chair Peters adjourned the meeting at 3:45 PM.**