



Public Safety Commission

AGENDA

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

7:00 p.m.

This meeting includes in-person and virtual participation.

Albany Fire Department Station 11

611 Lyon St SE, The Ralston Room

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1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approval of April 2, 2025, minutes. (Pages 1-3)
4. Department reports
 - a. Police- Marcia Harnden
 - b. Fire- Chris Labelle
5. Business from the members
6. Next meeting date: Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at Albany Police Department.
7. Adjournment

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MINUTES

April 2, 2025

Albany Police Department, Community Room

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Call to Order

Bessie Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Adam Brenneman, Erik Rau, Kevin Kreitman, Katie Pleis, Bessie Johnson

Members absent: Nicholas Fowler, Cynthia Greene, Erik Anderson

Staff present: Marcia Harnden, Police Chief; Kevin Vining, Deputy Fire Chief;
Hillary Kosmicki, Community Paramedic, Rochelle James, Administrative Assistant

The minutes from the meeting were approved.

Staff Updates

Police Update- Chief Marcia Harnden

APD is seeing a slight increase in property crimes. Self-initiated calls have dropped due to staffing. The annual crime report for 2024 is available on the city website. Based on a 30-minute reactive and 30-minute proactive window, a workload analysis on our patrol section shows we should have 12 more officers. That is not feasible with the current budget, so we prepared a budget at the status quo with no changes. Depending on revenue from the state, we may be able to ask for three additional officers, two for patrol and one for detective. Although technically fully staffed, APD has seven people out for various reasons and another seven in training. On May 1, 2025, we will hire an experienced Klamath County officer. We have successfully hired four individuals from Marion County Corrections, all of whom are very promising. Violent crime in 2024 has dropped off.

The increase in drug crimes can be attributed to the changes in the law that went into effect in September 2024. In the past, APD did not respond to many of these calls because the activity was not criminally illegal. We are responding to these calls and other livability issue calls in which drug cases are generated. Cocaine numbers are up, and we are seeing a resurgence in use. We are on pace to match our fentanyl overdose calls from 2024. Statewide, the numbers dropped off in 2024 due to a multi-pronged approach. There is an overabundance of Narcan available. Users are using Narcan on each other, decreasing the calls to emergency services. Hospitals are also seeing a slight decrease. Law enforcement is more focused on going after the dealers and on harm reduction and preventative measures. Potential federal funding changes and their possible effects were discussed. Albany is building its budget conservatively, keeping those potential funding changes in mind. The HIDTA budget meeting will be held in May, and the budgetary numbers have been set for 2026. However, it has not been approved by Congress.

We are still struggling to fill dispatcher positions. We have a hiring list to move people into positions.

There was discussion regarding the budget and plans for growth, which would include some reorganization, budgetary shortfalls, and the challenges of addressing those. Since the beginning of the year, there have been 73 drug arrests. Most of those arrests correspond to the areas where most of our calls are from (Walmart, Coastal Farm, Goldfish Farm Rd., Winco, Kohls, Fred Meyer, Heritage Mall). Those drug arrests may evolve from other contacts, such as shoplifting or trespassing.

Fire Update- Deputy Chief Kevin Vining

The total calls for February were 955. The total number of calls for the year is 8084. The average response time for medical calls is 6:57, and for structure fires, it is 6:33. It's anticipated that response times will drop more due to new dispatching software and communications systems. Fire and life safety had 57 evaluations for February. Sick persons, falls, and lift assists are our top three calls for service. Concurrent calls for service data show that almost every time we have one call for service, an additional call occurs. Calls per day of the week remain steady, and there is not a lot of discrepancy between the days. AFD responded to a significant structure fire at 950 Airport Rd. The residential structure was a total loss. There was a 10-year-old boy home at the time and an older sister. The older sister ran back into the structure to save the 10-year-old. We are working on a lifesaving award for her and a 16-year-old neighbor boy who assisted.

The training tower project is moving along. Requests for quotes have been made, and we are on pace to complete it by mid-July or early August.

We are finishing the single-role contracts and moving to 24-hour coverage. Currently, we have three employees trained and working in a single-role capacity. We have hired two more. One has completed their training period, and one is close to completion. We are doing interviews on Wednesday for the sixth single-role position. We currently have six vacancies on the dual-role side, with two people out on injury leave. One should be released to full duty soon. We have a dual-role person in training, three lateral dual-role employees starting their training soon, and one entry-level person. We still have two vacancies.

Deputy Chief Vining introduced Community Paramedic Hillary Kosmicki as a guest speaker to discuss her role with the department and her involvement in the community.

Community Paramedic Hillary Kosmicki-

Hillary provided background information on her career with the Albany Fire Department and the various positions that she has held. She was designated as the Community Paramedic with the directive to keep people out of the ambulance and emergency room. Community Paramedic Kosmicki described working closely with our local care facilities (assisted living, senior living, memory care, residential care homes). She holds quarterly meetings with all the care facilities to discuss their rules and licensing agreements with the state to continue maintaining their licensing, including performing many of the services for their clients that they may have been calling AFD to assist with (i.e., lift assists, basic evaluations, and meeting the needs of their residents 24-hours a day). Many of the calls from the facilities revolve around non-emergency transport of their residents. Through discussion, AFD's responses to many of these calls can be mitigated.

She discussed meeting with and partnering with other community partners, the two local shelters, APD, and mental health to coordinate responses and ensure all involved parties are on the same page and doing the same thing. These meetings occur once per month. There was a discussion on how this meeting differs from the weekly situation table meetings involving many of these same groups.

Hillary discussed her continued efforts to get all the various outreach, emergency, medical, and mental health services to communicate with each other. She described sharing ideas and strategies for working with the areas that generate the most 911 calls and working towards solutions that best appropriately serve our community members and lessen the impact on all those partners.

She discussed conducting home visits to residents, frequently requesting AFD assistance to ascertain if environmental changes could help lessen the frequency of those calls. Those changes may include needing a walker or cane to prevent falling, suggesting an eye exam, or noticing if the individual is wearing loose or improperly fitting shoes.

Community Paramedic Kosmicki described working with hospice care, primary care doctors, adult and family protective services, and mental health services to support individuals during their physical and mental health journeys. She reviews all cardiac arrest reports and inputs them into a national database. She also reviews any reports of possible elder abuse. The goal was to improve their services and lessen the strain on emergency services.

Business from the members

Questions were asked regarding the community paramedic position and working with facilities and community partners in Albany. Discussions followed. Commission members raised additional questions regarding public education surrounding various public safety and emergency services issues in the Albany area, how both are affected by local government planning decisions and state regulations, and how to provide that information on a broader scale, so citizens are well informed when asked to vote on various issues that arise in the community. Ideas for community engagement, public forums, and restrictions were discussed.

The upcoming public safety levy and its effect on the community if it passes or fails was discussed.

Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at the Albany Fire Department, Station 11.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Rochelle James
Administrative Assistant I

Reviewer's Name
Reviewer's Title

**Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record. The documents are available by emailing cityclerk@cityofalbany.net.*



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION DEPARTMENT REPORT APRIL 2025



CRIME SNAPSHOT						
Selected Group A Offenses	Mar 2024	Mar 2025	% Chg	2024 YTD	2025 YTD	% Chg
Person	54	31	● -42.59%	136	101	● -25.74%
Homicide	0	0	● N/C	1	0	● -100.00%
Rape	1	3	● 200.00%	4	5	● 25.00%
Ag Assault	6	3	● -50.00%	17	12	● -29.41%
Assault - Other	37	22	● -40.54%	89	70	● -21.35%
Sex Crime	10	3	● -70.00%	25	14	● -44.00%
Human Trafficking	0	0	● N/C	0	0	● N/C
Domestic (subset of above)	11	4	● -63.64%	21	24	● 14.29%
Property	116	112	● -3.45%	377	363	● -3.71%
Robbery - Residence	0	0	● N/C	0	0	● N/C
Robbery - Business	0	0	● N/C	0	1	● N/C
Robbery - Other	1	2	● 100.00%	2	3	● 50.00%
Robbery 3 (subset of above)	0	1	● N/C	1	2	● 100.00%
Burglary - Business	3	4	● 33.33%	13	15	● 15.38%
Burglary - Other	1	0	● -100.00%	4	2	● -50.00%
Burglary - Residence	1	6	● 500.00%	7	15	● 114.29%
Stolen Vehicle	4	1	● -75.00%	15	10	● -33.33%
Larceny - From Vehicle	11	6	● -45.45%	25	36	● 44.00%
Larceny - Shoplifting	25	41	● 64.00%	103	102	● -0.97%
Larceny - Other	35	19	● -45.71%	99	71	● -28.28%
Arson	1	0	● -100.00%	2	2	● 0.00%
Vandalism	5	11	● 120.00%	20	35	● 75.00%
Fraud - Credit Card	3	4	● 33.33%	10	8	● -20.00%
Fraud - ID Theft	16	3	● -81.25%	42	18	● -57.14%
Fraud - Other	10	15	● 50.00%	35	45	● 28.57%
Society	32	50	● 56.25%	108	182	● 68.52%
Animal Cruelty	2	0	● -100.00%	5	0	● -100.00%
Drug Laws	2	30	● 1400.00%	13	81	● 523.08%
DUII	21	9	● -57.14%	60	52	● -13.33%
Weapons Laws	7	11	● 57.14%	30	49	● 63.33%
Livability	49	28	● -42.86%	153	161	● 5.23%
Abandoned Vehicle	45	25	● -44.44%	136	154	● 13.24%
Junk/Trash	4	2	● -50.00%	17	5	● -70.59%
Overnight/Prohibited Camping	0	1	● N/C	0	2	● N/C
Calls for Service	Mar 2024	Mar 2025	% Chg	2024 YTD	2025 YTD	% Chg
Call Source	2967	3155	● 6.34%	8708	9000	● 3.35%
Dispatched Calls	1606	1559	● -2.93%	4594	4464	● -2.83%
Self-Initiated Calls	1361	1596	● 17.27%	4114	4536	● 10.26%
Response Time (Minutes)						
Priority P & 1	4.59	5.57	● 21.21%	4.88	6.18	● 26.61%
Priority 2 & 3	8.70	9.93	● 14.22%	10.00	10.82	● 8.20%
Priority 4+	5.73	9.04	● 57.60%	6.93	9.02	● 30.19%

Changes in small numbers can result in large percentage changes and must be viewed with caution.

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Albany Police Department								
Narcan	Year	ODs	OD Death	Heroin	Fentanyl	Meth	LSD	Cocaine
10	2019	21	2	12	2	3	1	0
20	2020	29	1	14	4	6	2	1
39	2021	50	4	21	15	7	1	1
72	2022	91	11	14	63	18	0	1
155	2023	126	18	5	105	23	1	3
82	2024	95	11	0	68	13	1	7
33	2025	20	2	0	15	1	0	1

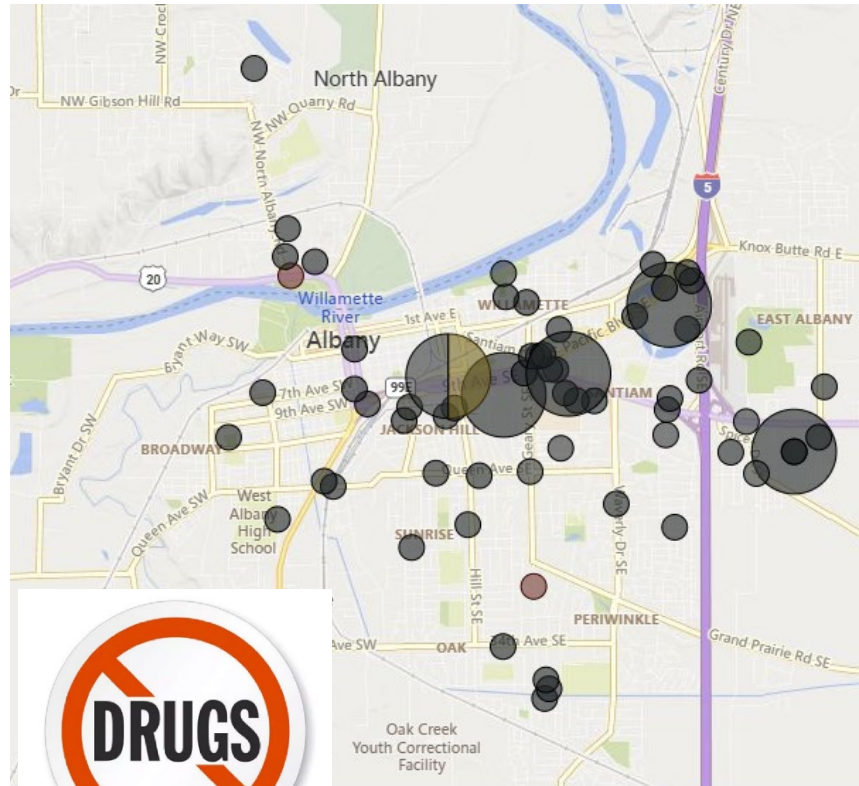
*Year to Date



HIRING

2025 HIRING	
2025 total hires	0 (4 PENDING IN APRIL/MAY)
PENDING HIRES	1 DISPATCHERS 3 POLICE OFFICERS
VACANCIES	3 DISPATCHERS 3 POLICE OFFICERS (OH)

Address	Incidents
1330 GOLDFISH FARM RD SE	5
1300 9TH AVE SE	2
2141 SANTIAM HWY SE	2
3100 PACIFIC BLVD SE	2
901 PACIFIC BLVD SE	2
100 3RD AVE SE/LYON ST	1
1046 6TH AVE SW	1
1055 JACKSON ST SE	1
1057 GOLDFISH FARM RD SE	1
1100 JACKSON ST SE	1
1101 LAWRIDGE ST SW	1
1110 HILL ST SE	1
1135 DALE ST SE	1
124 7TH AVE SW	1
1310 34TH AVE SE	1
1425 CENTER ST SE/14TH AV...	1
169 PACIFIC BLVD SE	1
1699 QUEEN AVE SE/GEARY S...	1
1700 PACIFIC BLVD SE	1
1709 HILL ST SE	1
1799 1ST AVE E/GEARY ST NE	1
1833 38TH AVE SE	1
1901 PACIFIC BLVD SE	1
1903 39TH AVE SE	1
1917 PACIFIC BLVD SE	1
199 CLEVELAND ST NE/WATE...	1
1990 14TH AVE SE	1
2005 WAVERLY DR SE/20TH A...	1
2025 SANTIAM HWY SE	1
2075 SANTIAM HWY SE	1
209 THURSTON ST SE	1
2140 HILL ST SE	1
Total	73





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Albany Fire Department Total Responses					
Month	FY 21 Total	FY 22 Total	FY 23 Total	FY 24 Total	FY 25 Total
July	858	1,070	992	1,001	1,015
August	884	1,048	968	1,018	1,118
September	893	1,010	920	862	998
October	866	958	972	957	1064
November	824	941	970	891	938
December	876	945	1158	970	997
January	883	911	1007	1118	999
February	817	829	914	816	955
March	795	853	880	936	
April	926	864	905	922	
May	905	896	891	996	
June	922	936	924	973	
Total	10,449	11,291	11,495	11,459	8,084

Fire & Life Safety Evaluations					
Month	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25
July	126	142	79	67	79
August	113	98	97	51	91
September	113	88	60	98	70
October	123	69	54	82	98
November	144	85	31	70	143
December	114	95	83	86	70
January	107	172	72	52	65
February	86	132	72	52	57
March	117	110	102	76	
April	145	92	54	77	
May	205	73	57	81	
June	175	175	75	72	
Total	1,568	1,083	836	864	673

Average Response Times City of Albany Calls Only 911 Call Received to Arrival Time					
	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25
Emergent Responses	7:15	7:10	7:18	7:06	6:57
Structure Fires	6:08	6:18	6:09	6:35	6:33

Community Paramedic Activity					
Month	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25
July	24	40	47	28	57
August	33	50	29	45	20
September	16	45	26	24	19
October	46	46	38	40	34
November	70	13	40	53	34
December	35	14	23	39	27
January	42	30	58	56	55
February	16	21	19	45	36
March	17	14	54	21	
April	9	33	33	22	
May	24	29	64	58	
June	38	44	46	20	
Total	370	306	477	373	282

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Top 25 Responses	
Nature	Count
SICK PERSON	1209
FALL	742
LIFT ASSIST	657
BREATHING PROBLEMS	552
UNCONSCIOUS FAINTING	471
CHEST PAIN	408
TRANSFER	377
FIRE ALARM ACTIVATION	357
MVC INJURY	349
UNKNOWN MEDICAL PROBLEM	344
SEIZURE	202
STROKE CVA TIA	169
EMERGENCY TRANSFER	167
HEMORRHAGE BLEED	165
ABDOMINAL PAIN OR PROBLEMS	164
OD INGESTION POISONING	164
HEART PROBLEMS AICD	142
PSYCHIATRIC SUICIDE ATTEMPT	134
DIABETIC PROBLEM	117
TRAUMA INJURY	107
SMALL MISC FIRE	95
CARDIAC OR RESPIRATORY ARREST	90
FIRE MOVEUP ONLY	84
BACK PAIN	77
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	69

Concurrency	
# of Calls	Frequency
1	2926
2	2738
3	1537
4	604
5	210
6	47
7	13
8	2
9	1
10	

Row Labels	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Grand Total
00	36	24	24	34	30	25	35	208
01	32	28	29	28	20	25	26	188
02	35	18	26	25	25	35	26	190
03	24	28	19	17	29	22	31	170
04	25	27	29	13	19	24	20	157
05	25	22	25	24	19	23	21	159
06	22	29	35	40	42	41	29	238
07	25	46	48	41	44	40	38	282
08	34	55	60	42	42	56	46	335
09	51	53	54	58	68	75	54	413
10	61	63	88	67	65	61	48	453
11	52	73	56	73	70	74	55	453
12	51	68	71	67	67	71	51	446
13	63	71	66	70	55	59	61	445
14	63	68	71	63	63	74	78	480
15	57	59	62	86	74	65	60	463
16	62	59	80	64	72	79	54	470
17	72	72	49	63	77	71	59	463
18	62	53	62	68	78	64	47	434
19	49	59	65	55	48	64	58	398
20	46	60	65	54	58	46	58	387
21	43	39	49	52	50	55	53	341
22	39	32	36	31	29	37	47	251
23	36	30	35	31	39	46	38	255
Grand Total	1065	1136	1204	1166	1183	1232	1093	8079

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