



Public Safety Commission

AGENDA

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

6:00 p.m.

This meeting includes in-person and virtual participation.

Albany Police Department

2600 Pacific Blvd SW, The Community Room

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1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approval of October 1, 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, February 4, 2026, at the Albany Police Department

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MINUTES

October 1, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Albany Fire Department Station 11, Ralston Room

Approved: DRAFT

Call to Order

Chair Cynthia Green called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Bessie Johnson; Kevin Kreitman; Katie Pleis; Erik Anderson; Erik Rau;

Members absent: Nick Fowler, Sheree Speaks-Mahi

Staff present: Chief of Police Marcia Harnden; Fire Chief Chris LaBelle;
Deputy City Manager Kayla Barber-Perotta
Rochelle James, Administrative Assistant

The August 6, 2025, minutes were approved with a correction to the header date on page 2-5.

Guest speaker Deputy City Manager Kayla Barber-Perotta attended the meeting to provide the commission with information on creating a strategic plan. The commission members actively participated in discussions and group exercises, which allowed them to take steps toward honing in on the commission's vision and scope. The commission will continue to work towards those goals and will consider creating a strategic plan in future meetings.

Staff Updates:

Fire Update – Chief Chris Labelle

Total responses so far for the fiscal year are just over 2000. AFD is on pace to have over 12,000 calls for service this year. There have been 173 fire and life safety evaluations so far for this fiscal year. Response times are trending down, and that could possibly be attributed to the new dispatch system. Adding a single rural ambulance downtown has been a game changer and we are seeing a lot of positive benefits from that. We will continue to track those response times and that will play a role in determining the location for the east side station. Response times are broken up into three parts: the call is received, turnout time, and travel time. The target response time for travel time to a call is four minutes.

Our community paramedic, Hillary Kosmicki, is doing an excellent job. She and our EMS Chief have been visiting various care facilities, and we are in the process of implementing the lift devices program, which is fully funded through a grant.

Sick person, fall, and lift-assist calls continue to be at the top of our top twenty-five responses list. We have responded to 83 fire alarm activations, with 99% of them being false alarms. At the end of this month, we are proposing to the city council that we implement a false alarm fee. The hope is to reduce the number of nuisance alarms, thereby reducing wear and tear on the equipment and the community's

exposure risk. If approved by the council, AFD will model the false alarm fee structure after APD's process. The first false alarm will be a warning, and a fee will apply to subsequent false alarms.

We are paying close attention to concurrent calls, as it is becoming more common for us to be out of ambulances and going from call to call. Our busiest times are from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

We currently have eight firefighter-paramedics in our 16-week academy. Once they come online, AFD will be fully staffed around the end of December for the first time in four years.

We will be going to the city council to increase our Firemed fee. Because of write-offs and amounts not covered by insurance, we have had to reevaluate the program's cost. Albany will charge one of the highest base rates in the state; however, many of the other ambulance services will only write off 50 percent. Albany will be asking for a fee increase to \$85.00.

AFD will be hosting their annual open house this Sunday at Station 14 in North Albany from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Kreitman asked Fire Chief Labelle how difficult it would be to show on a map or separate form how many times, and for police as well, in a month where we have no units available to respond.

AFD is refurbishing an ambulance, which is a cost savings of around \$100,000.00. The ambulance should be arriving back in Albany on Friday. It should be operational in a couple of weeks.

Commissioner Plies asked Fire Chief when commission support at city council meetings may be beneficial for gaining council approval for AFD requests. Chief Labelle advised there are instances where commission support may be beneficial depending on the individual circumstances.

Police Update – Chief Marcia Harnden

Looking at the drug laws on page one of the report, you're seeing a massive increase because that law changed on September 24, 2025. You will also see that calls involving livability issues, such as abandoned vehicles and junk and trash, have decreased. We had CSO staffing issues that affected our ability to reach those calls quickly. You will also see an uptick in camping with the closure of Marvin's Gardens. We have seen a ripple effect throughout the city with that closure, resulting in calls to APD. Our Second Chance shelter is already at capacity, primarily because Corvallis closed its shelter. We will continue to monitor that situation.

We have already exceeded the number of Narcan doses used in 2024 compared to this year. Fentanyl continues to be a significant issue, and nitazenes, which are referred to by the street name carfentanil, are spreading up the West Coast. Nitazenes are more potent than fentanyl and do not respond well to Narcan. Additionally, we are still encountering xylazine, a substance that impairs users and does not react at all to Narcan.

Staffing continues to be an issue. We had several scheduled retirements and then lost three police officers unexpectedly. The good news is that for those eight vacancies, we have seven people in backgrounds. Our mental health intervention specialist, Kiersten Glaser, retired. That position was utilized throughout the city. We received no applicants on our first posting; we are reevaluating the requirements for that position to generate interest.

All our traffic camera locations are live and ticketing. At the request of the city council, we are going to put some warning lights at North Albany Rd. We will take that funding from some crosswalk improvements. We are hoping to have those lights up in six months or so.

After discussions during the last meeting, we pulled some data regarding suicides. In 2024 we had six suicides. We have already reached 6 for 2025, with the fall and holiday season approaching. That time of year tends to see an increase in suicides. The average age of our suicide victims for this year was 43. The youngest victim was 17 years of age and the oldest was 68.

Chief Harnden suggested that those attending the December meeting may bring a holiday treat to share at the meeting.

Business from the Commission

Commissioner Rau advised that there is an emergency preparedness event being held at the farmers market on October 11, 2025. Commissioner Rau suggested this may be an opportunity for the commission to engage with the public. There was discussion regarding communication between members outside of meeting to coordinate appearances at events and how that could be facilitated.

Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on December 3, 2025, at the Albany Fire Department.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chair Greene adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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 October 1, 2025



Albany Fire Department Total Responses					
Month	FY 22 Total	FY 23 Total	FY 24 Total	FY 25 Total	FY 26 Total
July	1,070	992	1,001	1,015	1,061
August	1,048	968	1,018	1,118	1,011
September	1,010	920	862	998	
October	958	972	957	1064	
November	941	970	891	938	
December	945	1158	970	997	
January	911	1007	1118	999	
February	829	914	816	957	
March	853	880	936	903	
April	864	905	922	875	
May	896	891	996	1013	
June	936	924	973	990	
Total	11,291	11,495	11,459	11,859	2,072

Fire & Life Safety Evaluations					
Month	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26
July	142	79	67	79	89
August	98	97	51	91	84
September	88	60	98	70	
October	69	54	82	98	
November	85	31	70	143	
December	95	83	86	70	
January	172	72	52	65	
February	132	72	52	57	
March	110	102	76	78	
April	92	54	77	48	
May	73	57	81	38	
June	175	75	72	69	
Total	1,083	836	864	906	173

Average Response Times City of Albany Calls Only 911 Call Received to Arrival Time					
	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26
Emergent Responses	7:10	7:18	7:06	7:25	7:02
Structure Fires	6:18	6:09	6:35	6:27	6:28

Community Paramedic Activity					
Month	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26
July	40	47	28	51	65
August	50	29	45	26	52
September	45	26	24	17	
October	46	38	40	34	
November	13	40	53	19	
December	14	23	39	27	
January	30	58	56	55	
February	21	19	45	36	
March	14	54	21	32	
April	33	33	22	50	
May	29	64	58	54	
June	44	46	20	58	
Total	306	477	373	459	117

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Top 25 Responses	Count
SICK PERSON	315
FALL	186
LIFT ASSIST	127
BREATHING PROBLEMS	120
UNCONSCIOUS FAINTING	107
MVC INJURY	103
UNKNOWN MEDICAL PROBLEM	99
CHEST PAIN	94
TRANSFER	89
FIRE ALARM ACTIVATION	83
SEIZURE	55
FIRE MOVEUP ONLY	48
HEMORRHAGE BLEED	46
STROKE CVA TIA	43
OD INGESTION POISONING	43
SMALL MISC FIRE	42
TRAUMA INJURY	41
EMERGENCY TRANSFER	34
PSYCHIATRIC SUICIDE ATTEMPT	34
ABDOMINAL PAIN OR PROBLEMS	33
HEART PROBLEMS AICD	33
SMOKE INVESTIGATION	25
DIABETIC PROBLEM	24
ASSAULT RAPE VIOLENT TRAUMA	21
BACK PAIN	20

	# of Concurrent
1	729
2	714
3	423
4	144
5	44
6	16
7	2
8	
9	
10	

Row Labels	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Grand Total
00	7	7	9	4	8	7	9	51
01	10	7	4	8	4	7	7	47
02	7	3	5	1	4	2	5	27
03	5	4	5	6	7	8	7	42
04	6	5	6	2	7	7	5	38
05	5	4	6	4	7	7	7	40
06	8	4	9	14	4	8	10	57
07	8	5	10	10	10	12	14	69
08	16	11	15	16	11	13	11	93
09	20	10	17	7	15	13	12	94
10	14	15	16	20	17	18	16	116
11	21	18	22	25	15	10	12	123
12	14	16	19	14	16	18	13	110
13	16	17	19	18	20	10	17	117
14	13	16	22	16	12	8	14	101
15	9	13	20	26	13	17	19	117
16	17	23	23	16	24	19	22	144
17	16	13	16	20	15	22	18	120
18	13	10	17	25	19	31	10	125
19	16	13	19	8	8	21	10	95
20	12	13	13	13	13	12	10	86
21	11	19	20	12	15	14	7	98
22	11	14	20	15	12	23	10	105
23	9	5	9	6	7	10	11	57
Grand Total	284	265	341	306	283	317	276	2072

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CRIME SNAPSHOT						
Selected Group A Offenses	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Chg	2024 YTD	2025 YTD	% Chg
Person	41	50	21.95%	391	304	-22.25%
Homicide	0	0	N/C	1	0	-100.00%
Rape	3	2	-33.33%	12	14	16.67%
Ag Assault	5	6	20.00%	61	46	-24.59%
Assault - Other	26	36	38.46%	246	204	-17.07%
Sex Crime	7	6	-14.29%	71	40	-43.66%
Human Trafficking	0	0	N/C	0	0	N/C
Domestic (subset of above)	8	6	-25.00%	70	74	5.71%
Property	172	155	-9.88%	1095	1049	-4.20%
Robbery - Residence	0	0	N/C	1	0	-100.00%
Robbery - Business	1	1	0.00%	3	4	33.33%
Robbery - Other	5	2	-60.00%	17	8	-52.94%
Robbery 3 (subset of above)	3	3	0.00%	13	9	-30.77%
Burglary - Business	3	1	-66.67%	29	28	-3.45%
Burglary - Other	1	2	100.00%	11	6	-45.45%
Burglary - Residence	8	5	-37.50%	26	35	34.62%
Stolen Vehicle	10	3	-70.00%	37	39	5.41%
Larceny - From Vehicle	22	16	-27.27%	123	96	-21.95%
Larceny - Shoplifting	25	51	104.00%	272	295	8.46%
Larceny - Other	49	38	-22.45%	272	228	-16.18%
Arson	3	2	-33.33%	19	10	-47.37%
Vandalism	15	10	-33.33%	84	112	33.33%
Fraud - Credit Card	4	4	0.00%	23	22	-4.35%
Fraud - ID Theft	12	8	-33.33%	80	55	-31.25%
Fraud - Other	14	12	-14.29%	98	111	13.27%
Society	42	88	109.52%	301	531	76.41%
Animal Cruelty	2	3	50.00%	10	7	-30.00%
Drug Laws	4	33	725.00%	41	230	460.98%
DUII	20	23	15.00%	152	152	0.00%
Weapons Laws	16	29	81.25%	98	142	44.90%
Livability	60	21	-65.00%	504	346	-31.35%
Abandoned Vehicle	55	19	-65.45%	474	329	-30.59%
Junk/Trash	4	2	-50.00%	29	13	-55.17%
Overnight/Prohibited Camping	1	0	-100.00%	1	4	300.00%
Calls for Service	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Chg	2024 YTD	2025 YTD	% Chg
Call Source	3174	3329	4.88%	24743	25999	5.08%
Dispatched Calls	1805	1813	0.44%	13330	12997	-2.50%
Self-Initiated Calls	1369	1516	10.74%	11413	13002	13.92%
Response Time (Minutes)						
Priority P & 1	4.43	5.66	27.67%	5.63	5.56	-1.37%
Priority 2 & 3	10.73	10.76	0.34%	10.38	11.47	10.47%
Priority 4+	17.91	11.98	-33.12%	7.50	10.20	36.06%

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

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*Year to Date



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
90	2025	58	7	0	47	7	2	2

**Note about Nitazenes



HIRING

2025 HIRING	
2025 total hires	6 (2 more in AUG)
PENDING HIRES	1 DISPATCHERS 4 POLICE OFFICERS
VACANCIES	1 Dispatcher 8 Police Officers *
*2 New police officers positions created in 25-27 budget	