



**CITY OF BETHEL**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023, 6:30 PM**

**LOCATION:**

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

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**MEMBERS**

Theresa Quiner, Chair  
Melanie Fredericks  
Farah Sears  
Patrick Snow, Council Rep.  
Musa Saliu

**STAFF**

Peter Hicks, Ex Officio Member  
Daron Solesbee, Ex Officio Member  
Salina Tom, Ex Officio Member  
[police@cityofbethel.net](mailto:police@cityofbethel.net)  
907-543-3814

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – FIVE MINUTES PER PERSON**

- A. Please submit written public comments to [police@cityofbethel.net](mailto:police@cityofbethel.net) by 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- A. July 05, 2023 Public Safety & Transportation Commission Meeting

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Implement of Ordinance Pertaining to Misuse of Emergency Services (Chief Hicks)  
B. Educating Younger Children on Law Enforcement (Theresa Quiner)  
C. Discussion for BPD Recruitment, Retention, Hiring, Longevity Bonuses, Housing and Travel (Chief Hicks)

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Ordinance on Misuse of 911

**VIII. EX OFFICIO REPORT**

- A. June 2023

**IX. MEMBER COMMENTS**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Posted July 27, 2023 at City Hall, AC Co., Swanson's, and the Post Office.

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Name, Ex-Officio Staff

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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was **NOT** held on \_ July 05\_, 2023 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

Roll call was called to order at 6:30 pm. No quorum was present. The meeting was adjourned by 6:31.

### II. ROLL CALL

Present: Patrick Snow, Damien-New Admin Assistant for Fire Department, Farah Sears

Absent: Theresa Quiner, Melanie Fredericks, Musa Saliu, Leonard Hicks, Daron Solesbee, Christopher Wigner

Ex-Officio Present: Salina Tom

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Salina Tom, Recorder

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Theresa Quiner, Chair

**Best in the West  
Finalist Application**

**Rural Alaska  
Public Safety Corps**

**@  
the YK Fitness Center  
Bethel, Alaska**

**Jon Felperin  
March 27, 2020**

**Amount requested: \$7000**

## **Business Objectives**

The Rural Alaska Public Safety Corps is a social and civic training enterprise that provides practical, career job training and referral services, online, initial or continuing education for existing, rural VPO/TPO/VPSO employees and public safety personnel (PoliceOne Academy LMS), ethical, wellness and leadership training for disadvantaged youth, and physical conditioning classes (boxing, mixed martial arts, self-defense and defensive tactics) for youth and adults potentially interested in careers in public safety or private security.

The self-sustaining business model includes, but is not limited to, the sale of annual fitness memberships and classes (**beginning 1/19/2020**), equipment and clothing, online PoliceOne Academy training licenses for continuing education, CLEP/DSST college test preparation and tutoring--all supported by grants, donations, sponsorships, strategic alliances and for-profit business activities.

The Rural Alaska Public Safety Corps is seeking a non-profit, umbrella organization (BCS Foundation) to temporarily manage and administer funds payable to the YK Fitness Center (proven model) for services rendered, a for-profit management company.

All costs associated with operation, including the instructor/director, with the exception of fund management fees, will fall under currently YK Fitness Center (YKFC) administration or in conjunction with LKSD. Within twelve months of operation, the Rural Alaska Public Safety Corps will apply for its own 501(c)(3) status with the IRS.

## **Business Plan**

The Rural Alaska Public Safety Corps was developed in response to serious public safety and social problems endemic to rural Alaska. Those include a severe lack of law enforcement presence across Alaska, a shortage of qualified candidates for VPO, TPO and VPSO positions, few cost-effective, professional training options, little support for retention, existing employment gaps in local job markets, and dismal health indicators.

The short-term, medium and long-term impacts of this effort will improve those factors as well as provide an Native solution to local problems in a proven, systematic, and cost-effective way, while also offering positive, secondary, benefits such as better youth health and wellness, delinquency prevention, and reductions in tobacco use, alcohol consumption and domestic violence.

The Rural Alaska Public Safety Corps model is based on the California POST Public Safety Career Pipeline Initiative (2009) <https://post.ca.gov/addressing-recruitment-challenges> replicated across the United States through the National Partnership for Careers in Law, Public Safety, Law Enforcement, Corrections and Private Security: <https://thenationalpartnership.org/> .

Most activities will be structured around membership in a newly-formed, professional organization that develops Public Safety Cadets as part of this pipeline: <https://publicsafetycadets.org/> .

The Rural Alaska Public Safety Corps will primarily train Public Safety Cadets between the ages of 14 and 21 in after-school and/or on-weekend club meetings at least once weekly, in each AVCP village, and Bethel, belonging to the Lower Kuskokwim School District, and beyond.

The Rural Alaska Public Safety Corps will leverage an existing, proven model. The effort will incorporate the expertise and resources from the YK Fitness Center and the Lower Kuskokwim School District, where clear markets have been identified and need determined. Facilities, classroom space and current educational budgets will be utilized. First milestone begins in January 2020. Estimated, first-year, net profits are \$160,500.

### **Market Analysis**

The target markets for the Rural Alaska Public Safety Corps are middle and high school students (14-21), athletes, ROTC candidates, video-conferencing (VTC) class participants, at-risk youth, young adults, the existing public safety workforce including current VPO/ TPO/ VPSOs, other active public and private security personnel as well as interested organizations, such as LKSD and AVCP, and local, regional, state and federal employers.

The Rural Alaska Public Safety Corps will leverage an existing, proven model. The effort will incorporate the expertise and resources from the YK Fitness Center and the Lower Kuskokwim School District. **Both of these organizations will help provide marketing and sales channels.**

For example, locally-formed clubs in 25 school sites across LKSD with an estimated participation of eight students per site will yield the majority of participants.

Currently, there are very few options (Yuut and LKSD CTE) in the marketplace. In fact, this program execution will align with all existing programs that should feed projected numbers.

Promotion will be carried out through social media, banner ads, word-of-mouth, referral & relationship marketing via the local community, strategic alliances with Calista Corporation, BNC, AVCP, LKSD district office—CTE program, ROTC, sports programs, etc., Alaska state and federal resources.

## Schedule Outline for Twelve Months

- Create for-fee, MMA courses for public safety at YKFC to rally participation: **Launching 1/19/2020.**
- Increase participation to 250 through PR and outreach efforts: **Ongoing from 1/2020.** Leverage LSKD migrant education contacts for participants and club funding.
- Establish first, after-school club at LKSD's Kuskokwim Learning Academy. For replication to 25 school sites: **First quarter, 2020.**
- Secure strategic alliance with AVCP, et. al.: **First quarter, 2020.**
- Coordinate launching of village public safety clubs in conjunction with LKSD's CTE video teleconferencing (VTC) course, ***Intro to Rural Law Enforcement***, launch: **First quarter, 2020.**
- Seek grant funding, awards or sponsorships from Bethel Community Action Grant, YK Delta Diabetes Prevention, AVCP, Department of Juvenile Justice, Arctic Chiropractic and Best in the West Small Business Competition, among others: **Ongoing from 1/2020.**
- Continue building programs numbers in Bethel and villages: **250, year one.**

## Budget Narrative

The Rural Alaska Public Safety Corps is seeking a non-profit, umbrella organization (BCS Foundation) to temporarily manage and administer funds (charging a negotiable fee) payable to the YK Fitness Center (proven model) for services rendered, a for-profit management company. **All costs associated with operation, including the instructor/director, with the exception of fund management fees, will fall under currently YK Fitness Center (YKFC) administration or in conjunction with LKSD.**

The Rural Alaska Public Safety Corps will offer its services as follows:

\$1200 yearly fee (estimated)

\$7.50-- \$11.50 per MMA class

\$100 for gloves, clothing, etc. (est. initial and annual expense)

\$100 PoliceOne Academy license yearly access

### First-Year Revenue

200 yearly memberships @ \$1200 ea.: \$240,000

50 @ \$100 + \$460 (8-wk classes/annually): \$ 28,000 MMA classes & equipment

Total revenue **\$268,000**

### Costs

Salaries, fees: -\$ 60,000 / yearly

Marketing -\$ 10,000

Wholesale equipment purchases -\$ 37,500 (250 users)

Total operating costs **-\$ 107, 500**

**Net profit before tax: \$ 160,500**

### Start-up Costs Worksheet

| Equipment or Expense | Asset  | Expense  | Requested |
|----------------------|--------|----------|-----------|
| Own or Lease         |        |          |           |
| Utility deposit      |        |          |           |
| Build out costs      |        |          |           |
| Signage              |        |          |           |
| Furniture            |        |          |           |
| Displays             |        |          |           |
| Insurance            |        | \$1200   |           |
| Attorney             |        |          |           |
| Accounting           |        |          |           |
| Association dues     |        | \$500    |           |
| Business insurance   |        |          |           |
| Start-up inventory   |        | \$1000   | \$1000    |
| Office supplies      |        |          |           |
| Cleaning supplies    |        |          |           |
| Advertising          |        |          |           |
| Website              |        | \$500    |           |
| Internet             | \$1200 | \$2200   | \$2200    |
| Stationery           |        | \$500    |           |
| Brochures            |        | \$1000   |           |
| Flyers               |        | \$1000   |           |
| Equipment            | \$2000 |          |           |
| Material             |        | \$500    |           |
| Shipping             |        |          |           |
| Labor                |        | \$3800   | \$3800    |
| Vehicle              | \$3000 |          |           |
| Bank account         |        |          |           |
| BCFS Fees            |        | \$2000   |           |
| Totals               | \$6200 | \$14,200 | \$7000    |

The founder/director, Jon Felperin, is a credentialed and experienced educator, law enforcement specialist, and related-business owner who holds advanced degrees and a 5<sup>th</sup> degree black belt: <https://www.policeone.com/columnists/jonfelperin/>

Currently employed through LKSD at the Bethel Youth Facility, he also has recent experience teaching criminal justice subjects at the college level, and possesses over 30 years of international experience, many creating similar programs, one still operational after 20 years.

**JON J. FELPERIN**

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Bethel, Alaska

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Objective: Criminal Justice Program Administrator

- Instructed CJ classes for National University and Northwest Career College
  - Lead instructor at Alaska Bethel Youth (Correctional) Facility.
  - Developed Homeland Security career training courses for community colleges.
  - Launched LE career classes for high school youth in Playa del Carmen, Mexico.
  - Created Spanish language courses for the San Francisco PD Academy.
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MA English: TESOL, 1993; BA Economics/International Relations, SFSU. 1993/1983

Japanese Law: Hokkaido National University, Japan. 1985/1986

Criminology coursework: CSU, Northridge, CA. 1979/1981

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Accomplishments: Fifth Degree Blackbelt--Hapkido (40 years experience)

Columnist: <https://www.policeone.com/columnists/jonfelperin/>

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| Bethel Youth Facility Lead Instructor,                          | 7/19—present |
| Northwest Career College CJ Instructor, Las Vegas, NV.          | 2/18—7/19    |
| Center for Law Enforcement and Security Training Northridge, CA | 9/03—9/13    |
| U.C. Berkeley Extension (Haas Business School) SF, CA           | 3/93—9/97    |

Introduced by:  
Introduction Date:  
Public Hearing:  
Action:  
Vote:

## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **Ordinance #23-XX**

#### **AN ORDINANCE BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL PROHIBITING ABUSE OF THE 911 SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS,** the 911 telephone system is a critical component in the emergency response system;

**WHEREAS,** abuses of this system waste 911 dispatchers' valuable time and potentially delay the response of emergency personnel to true emergencies; and

**WHEREAS,** this past session, the Alaska Legislature enacted SB 38, making interference with emergency communications systems a class B misdemeanor;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED** by the City Council of Bethel, Alaska:

**Section 1. Classification.** This ordinance is permanent in nature and shall become part of the Bethel Municipal Code.

**Section 2. Abuse of 911 System.**

(A) Any person who, after being warned that their use of the 911 system is improper, uses the 911 telephone system for any reason other than because of an emergency is guilty of an infraction.

(B) For purposes of this section, "emergency" means any condition in which a reasonable person would believe emergency services will result in the saving of a life, a reduction in the destruction of property, quicker apprehension of a criminal, assistance with a potentially life-threatening medical problem, a fire, a need for rescue, an imminent potential crime, or a similar situation in which immediate action is required. "Emergency" also includes calls to 911 the purpose of which is to prevent an emergency response from being initiated when no such response is needed.

(C) A person convicted under subsection (A) of this section is subject to a fine of \$250.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption by the Bethel City Council.

Introduced by:  
Introduction Date:  
Public Hearing:  
Action:  
Vote:

**ENACTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2023, BY A VOTE OF \_ IN FAVOR  
AND \_ OPPOSED.**

ATTEST:

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Rose Henderson, Mayor

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Lori Strickler, City Clerk

CITY OF BETHEL  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**



TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT: **June 2023**

| 2023                    | June |
|-------------------------|------|
| New Chauffeurs          | 1    |
| Chauffeur Renewals      | 4    |
| Chauffeur Transfers     | 3    |
| Vehicle Permit Renewals | 0    |
| Vehicle Transfers       | 3    |
| Inspections             | 6    |
| Revocations             | 0    |
| Temporary Permits       | 1    |

- For the month of June 2023 there were 3 Chauffeur Permitted/Vehicle Complaints.