



CITY OF BETHEL
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024, 6:30 PM

LOCATION:

JOIN MEETING AT ZOOM.US:

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MEETING ID: 335 015 4000

PASSCODE: 140569

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MEMBERS

Joy Anderson, Chair
Melanie Fredericks
Farah Sears
Musa Sailu
John Hastie
Jesslyn Elliot
Mikayla Miller, Council Rep.

STAFF

James Harris, Ex Officio Member
Kelsi Kime, Ex Officio Member
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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 by 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- A. August 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Neighborhood Watch Program. (Melanie Fredricks)
B. Consideration of BMC Title 5 Amendment to Allow Transportation Network Companies to Operate in Bethel. (Mikayla Miller)
C. National Night Out. (Christopher Wigner)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Drafting A Resolution for Neighborhood Watch Program
B. Cancellation of September 4, 2024 Public Safety & Transportation Commission Meeting (Joy Anderson)

VIII. EX OFFICIO REPORT

Posted <<DATE>> at City Hall, AC Co., Swanson's, and the Post Office.

Ex-Officio Staff

A. Manager's Report

B. Inspector's Report

IX. MEMBER COMMENTS

X. ADJOURNMENT

Posted <<DATE>> at City Hall, AC Co., Swanson's, and the Post Office.

Ex-Officio Staff

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2024

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular Public Safety & Transportation Meeting was held on August 7, 2024.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following members were present for Roll Call:

Chair, Joy Anderson

Melanie Fredericks

Mikayla Miller

Absent:

Farah Sears

Musa Saliu

Jesslyn Elliott

John Hastie

Also Present:

James Harris

Kelsi Kime

A meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum.

Joy Anderson
Commission Chair

Kelsi Kime
Recorder of Minutes



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



Bethel POLICE DEPARTMENT
Chief of public safety

WHAT IS A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP?

Neighborhood Watch Groups are community-based crime prevention programs that encourage residents to work together and collaborate with local law enforcement agencies. These groups are driven by the idea that when neighbors actively look out for each other, crime rates can be effectively reduced.

WORKING TOGETHER AS A TEAM

- Law enforcement and citizens working together as a team is essential for a safer and more secure society.
 - Collaborative efforts between law enforcement agencies and community members can serve as a powerful deterrent to crime and contribute to the overall well-being of the community.
- By fostering positive relationships, encouraging open communication, and promoting mutual trust and respect, both parties can effectively address crime, enhance public safety, and build stronger, more resilient communities.

Benefits of Neighborhood Watch Groups

- Crime deterrence: The presence of active Neighborhood Watch Groups alone can act as a deterrent for criminal activities in our neighborhoods. Criminals are less likely to target a well-connected community that actively watches out for suspicious behavior.

Benefits of Neighborhood Watch Groups

- Promotes community cohesion: Neighborhood Watch Groups foster a sense of camaraderie and unity among residents. By working together, neighbors get to know one another, creating a strong bond and a safer environment.

Benefits of Neighborhood Watch Groups

- Increases preparedness: Members of Neighborhood Watch Groups are provided with important information regarding crime prevention strategies, emergency preparedness, and safety measures. This equips residents with the tools and knowledge they need to respond effectively to potential threats.

Benefits of Neighborhood Watch Groups

- Stronger relationship with law enforcement: These groups establish a collaborative relationship between community members and the police department. Enhanced communication and trust improve response times and ensure a better understanding of community needs.

How to Start a Neighborhood Watch Group:

- Gauge interest: Begin by engaging with your neighbors and assessing their interest in forming a Neighborhood Watch Group.
- Establish a core team: Identify committed individuals who will take the lead in organizing and coordinating the group.
 - Contact the Bethel Police Department: express your interest in starting a Neighborhood Watch Group. We will guide you through the process and provide necessary support.
 - Organize an initial meeting: Set a date, time, and location for an introductory meeting. Spread the word about the meeting to all members of your neighborhood

How to Start a Neighborhood Watch Group:

- Set goals and guidelines: During the meeting, establish the group's goals, responsibilities, and guidelines for communication and reporting.
- Develop a communication network: Utilize various communication channels, such as email lists, social media groups, or messaging apps, to establish effective communication among group members.
- Education and training: Arrange training sessions and educational programs in collaboration with the Bethel Police Department to ensure members are equipped with the essential knowledge and skills for crime prevention.

REMEMBER

- Neighborhood Watch Groups play a crucial role in enhancing community safety. By actively engaging with our neighbors and working hand-in-hand with law enforcement, we can create a secure environment for everyone. Remember, it takes a united community to tackle crime effectively. Get involved, join your local Neighborhood Watch Group, and make a difference in our beloved Bethel.

**"ALL OF US, AT SOME TIME OR OTHER, NEED HELP.
WHETHER WE'RE GIVING OR RECEIVING HELP, EACH
ONE OF US HAS SOMETHING VALUABLE TO BRING TO
THIS WORLD. THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
CONNECTS US AS NEIGHBORS—IN OUR OWN WAY,
EACH ONE OF US IS A GIVER AND A RECEIVER."**

—FRED ROGERS



CountryLiving

Draft – City of Bethel Neighborhood Watch Program

Whereas The safety and well-being of our community is of utmost importance to the City of Bethel and its residents; and

Whereas Every resident has a responsibility to promote the safety and wellbeing of the community; and

Whereas The City of Bethel and the Bethel Police Department desire a close working relationship with Bethel residents in order to promote public safety; and

Whereas Neighborhood Watch Programs are a well known and widely used method to promote community-oriented safety in other Alaska communities, as well as nationally.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Bethel hereby establishes a comprehensive program to actively encourage and support the formation of neighborhood watch programs in various residential areas across the City of Bethel.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City of Bethel residents are encouraged to collaborate with the Bethel Police Department and City of Bethel to facilitate neighborhood watch programs appropriate to their residential areas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Bethel will provide support and resources to assist in the organization and maintenance of neighborhood watch programs, including access to informational materials, training sessions, and appropriate channels for communication with the City of Bethel and the Bethel Police Department.

COB Animal Shelter Stats 2024												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Total Animals in Shelter	20	15	26	17	18	26	13					
Claimed by Owner	8	12	15	10	11	15	4					
Transferred to BFK9	11	3	11	7	7	7	9					
Euthanized due to behavior or medical	0	0	0	0	0	1	0					
BPD brought in	6	11	8	11	14	13	5					
BFK9 picked up or received	14	4	18	6	4	13	8					
Missing	1	0	0	0	0	2	0					

*As of
7/29

CITY OF BETHEL POLICE DEPARTMENT



June 2024 Monthly Report

Personnel:

Current Staffing			
Position	Allocated	Staffed	Vacant
Safety Patrol (three grant funded)	3	2	1
Community Service Officer	2	2	0
Evidence and Record Custodian	1	0	1
Administrative Assistant/Taxi Inspector	1	1	0
Public Safety Dispatcher (one E911 funded)	5	3	2
Public Safety Dispatch Supervisor	1	1	0
Peace Officers (one grant funded/reimbursed SRO)	20	16	4

Operations:

Operations Tempo				
	July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	2024 Total
Calls Total	1197*	1176*	1087	7518
Reports Total	168	124	119	647
Intoxicated Pedestrian Calls	146	152	125	892
Driving Under Influence Calls	20	21	23	83
Domestic Violence Reports	25	19	18	195
Disturbance Calls	110	102	59	509
Subject Removal Calls	61	59	73	412
Animal Calls	27	46	26	221
Animal Bite Reports	0	3	0	8
Sexual Assault Reports	4	4	4	42
Death Investigation Reports	1	1	1	11

PERSONAL:

Kelsi Kime Began work as the Administrative Assistant

We are currently working on three background investigation for potential new hires .

Officer Watson and Officer Roberson has been promoted to Sergeants.

We continue to recruit officers, dispatchers, CSP, evidence tech, and admin assistant.

TRAINING:

No specific Trainings have been done this month

Other:

(*) calls for service security checks removed from this number. Officers conducted 244 security checks.

The police department participated in a High Visibility Traffic Enforcement campaign for the month of July. This campaign was sponsored by the Alaska Department of Highway Safety.

Bethel Police Department hosted a Crafts with a Cop community function on July 8th at the community center. We are partnered with the library to host this event. The event was a huge success.

BFD Report	7/1/2024-7/31/2024
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Positions	
Total	10
Filled	8
Volunteers	21

Emergency Responses:	
EMS	147
Fire	17
Vehicle	2
Alarms	3
Lockouts	8
Misc.	4