



CITY OF  
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018  
6:00 PM  
CITY HALL  
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM  
280 MADISON AVENUE NORTH  
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA 98110

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## AGENDA

CHAIR: JOE DEETS

MEMBERS: SARAH BLOSSOM  
RON PELITER

CITY MANAGER SCHULZE  
POLICE CHIEF HAMNER

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / ACCEPT OR MODIFY AGENDA /  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE  
6:00 PM
2. APPROVAL OF JUNE 14, 2018 MEETING NOTES
3. PUBLIC COMMENT (5 MIN)
4. POLICE CHIEF REPORT
5. INTRODUCTION TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NAVIGATOR  
PROGRAM, BY KELSEY LYNCH (15 MIN)
6. REPORT ON POSSIBLE COMMITTEE EXPANSION (15 MIN)
7. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER
8. ADJOURNMENT

## MINUTES

1. Call to order

Present were Councilmembers Sarah Blossom, Joe Deets and Ron Peltier. Police Chief Hamner.

Members of the public in attendance were Cindy Anderson, Charlotte Rovelstad and Andy Rovelstad.

2. Modification to Agenda

Two items were added; a discussion on school safety, and potential changes to the Public Safety Committee (PSC).

3. Public Comment

Cindy Anderson spoke, to thank Chief Hamner for his work and for staying on as Chief of the Police Force.

Charlotte Rovelstad spoke, asking Chief Hamner to talk about his views regarding policing in the schools.

4. Police Chief Report

Chief Hamner discussed the first quarter 2018 Compliant/Performance review (see the attached). Highlights included there were no Internal Affairs investigations, and two complaints were received regarding conduct; one of which resulted in an oral reprimand of the Officer, and the other is on-going as to its investigation.

For the next meeting, Chief Hamner will provide data from previous years, and compare that with current year's data.

5. School Safety Discussion

Members of the Committee expressed that it is important to acknowledge that many students at Bainbridge schools do not feel safe. That every time there is a perceived threat at school, students are negatively affected because of the accompanying lockdown.

Chief Hamner emphasized that the Police Force is there to support the School. That it is the school's decision whether to ask the Police to come. As a policy matter, following a threat, Officers will stay around the school for few days, and then leave. Chief Hamner believes, from what he has observed, that students welcome the police presence in these situations.

For the next meeting, or when they are available, School Superintendent Peter Bang- Knudsen will be invited to come and speak about school safety. Members expressed the need of having student representatives come as well, to provide their own perspective.

6. Potential Changes to Public Safety Committee

Councilman Peltier expressed the view that consideration should be given as to expanding the role of the Committee; perhaps changing its structure to a civilian Commission. Advocacy for changes in State Law could be part of its role.

Members agreed that he and Councilmember Deets will do research into what an expanded civilian group could look like. Chief Hamner referred Members to the organization NACOLE, the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement.

Chief Hamner provided an example of the difficulties of operating in the present Police Station. He advised that the single biggest support that he could ask for is to have a more functional Station.

7. For the Good of the Order

Future Topics were discussed, as follows:

School Safety. Invite School Superintendent Peter Bang-Knudsen, as well as student representatives (Joe will reach out to Peter, Sarah to the students).

Changes to State Law. Invite State Senator Christine Rolfes (Joe to contact).

Looking at trends. Chief Hamner will provide analysis from comparing past and current crime data.

Changes to the Committee. Councilmembers Deets and Peltier will report on their research.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2018, at 6:00.

8. Adjournment. 7:10 pm.

**Meeting Notes by Joe Deets**

# Behavioral Health Navigator

The **Behavioral Health Navigator Program** gives police throughout the county access to Navigators who help connect individuals with behavioral health symptoms to services. Navigators co-respond with officers to calls involving behavioral health issues and provide outreach to individuals after police contact occurs. This program is funded by the Kitsap County Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Treatment tax.



## Navigators can:

- Work with individuals to identify treatment options
- Help overcome obstacles to services
- Educate parents and caregivers about laws and resources
- Improve communication between police, attorneys, courts, and service providers

## Navigators can't:

- Do assessments or involuntary commitments
- Provide therapy or other treatment services
- Share protected medical information
- Force anyone to accept help that isn't willing to accept it



The best way to contact a Navigator is through one of your police department's  
Crisis Intervention Officers

City of Poulsbo Police Department 360 779 3113

City of Bainbridge Island Police Department: 206 842 5211

City of Bremerton Police Department: 360 473 5220