

BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Bloomington Board of Public Safety held a Regular Session on **Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 10:30am**, in the McCloskey Room, Room 135, City of Bloomington located at 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana.

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Russell Kitchner called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m. Board Members Tim Brinson, Barbara McKinney and Patrick Galm were also present.

Also in attendance were:

- Police: Police Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham, Police Captain Ryan Pedigo; and
- Fire: Assistant Fire Chief Tania Daffron; and
- Staff: Assistant City Attorney Chris Wheeler and Police Department Office Assistant and Outreach Specialist Sarah Shahnnavaz.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Board President Russell Kitchner asked if any members of the board wanted to discuss or object to any items on the consent agenda. These items included the minutes from the April 16, 2026 Regular Session, claims registers dated 4/24/26 and 5/8/26 and payroll registers dated 4/17/26 and 5/1/26. None of the board members had questions or objections. All items were approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Report on Monthly Statistics and Training:

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham reported on monthly statistics for April. Call volume, crime totals, and traffic stops were down slightly compared to this time last year. Crimes involving weapons were also down compared to previous years, and Deputy Chief Oldham credited this to interdiction efforts of patrol officers. Adult arrests were up compared to last year, and juvenile arrests were down slightly.

Deputy Chief Oldham reported on training hours for the month of April, which were as follows. 72 officers completed one hour of mandated spring handgun qualifications, 11 officers completed 30 minutes of 'Operating While Intoxicated' investigation training, 22 officers completed 21 hours of annual in-service training, two officers completed 40 hours each of Instructor Development training, one officer completed four hours of drone training K9s trained for 16 hours and the Crisis Negotiations Team (12 officers) each logged 7.5 hours of training, for a monthly total of 619.5 training hours.

Deputy Chief Oldham reported on prior and upcoming community engagement events. Prior events included the DEA Prescription Drug Takeback Day, the Parks and Recreation Children's Expo event, Coffee with a Cop with Target, DRO outreach, child safety seat education and installment by CSSs, and forever friends with the animal shelter. Upcoming events include the 10th annual Pack the Cruiser Food Drive with Hoosier Hills Food Bank on May 30th at the Clear Creek Kroger.

Deputy Chief Oldham reported on Police Social Worker activity for the month of April. The team received a total number of 247 referrals and made 375 contacts. A summary of their work is as follows. A member of the team collaborated with a Heading Home caseworker to help a family with housing instability. A member of the team assisted a client with getting connected to a power of attorney. The team conducted intern interviews and selected a candidate for the 2026-27 school year. A member of the team assisted a family with getting a juvenile connected

with a psychiatrist and family law legal assistance. A member of the team assisted a client with lease signing and moving into their new apartment. A member of the team provided support to a client during an emergency room visit. A member of the team assisted a client with transportation to STRIDE center and assisted the client in getting into a substance use treatment program.

Letters of Appreciation

Police Captain Ryan Pedigo reported that the department received one letter of appreciation from the students at the Highland Park Day program for a donation of items for their summer reading program goodie bags.

General Business

No general business was presented.

Personnel Issues:

Police Captain Ryan Pedigo reported that the department currently has 91 sworn officers. Four new sworn officers are starting at the department on Tuesday, May 26th.

Board President Russell Kitchner asked for a motion to approve the official offer of employment for applicant Olivia Crose. Board Member Barbara McKinney motioned, and Board Member Patrick Galm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Captain Pedigo stated that the department plans to have an open hiring process soon, for both sworn and non-sworn applicants, and that the hope is to fill the 9 remaining positions with that hiring process.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that recent purchases involve routine vehicle replacements.

CIRT/ARV REPORT

Deputy Chief Oldham reported that there was one CIRT/ARV deployment in April, to a home on S. Rogers for an armed barricaded subject experiencing a mental health crisis.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Fire Report on Monthly Statistics and Training:

Assistant Fire Chief Tania Daffron reported on monthly statistics for April. Year-to-date calls for service in the city are at 2141, and 285 of those calls were to IU's campus. 305 individuals were educated during commercial fire inspections, bringing the year-to-date total to 1303 individuals reached for fire inspector's educational outreach. The department has completed 42 smoke detector/battery installations out of their annual goal of 100. School visits are expected to rise in the next statistical report, with more school visits happening during May for end-of-year festivities, and with BFD having been stepping in to assist Ellettsville and Monroe Fire Departments. The department has completed 310, 14% of their annual goal of 2250, fire inspections at highest risk occupancies within the City of Bloomington.

Assistant Chief Daffron reported that BFD's training for April included 3815 total hours, and included the following. FDIC conference in Indianapolis, 19 BFD attendees reaching a total of approximately 160 training hours. Recruit academy began on 4/27 with three new hires. Lt. Hudson and Chauffeur Johnson led Gold Shift Technical Rescue Training. Shift led 'Officer Development' training.

Assistant Chief Daffron reported that the Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) team installed 19 car seats, completed an average of 10 visits per client, engaged 17 different services, engaged 17 different agencies and had a total of 18 referrals in April. Notable accomplishments of the MIH team in April include the following. The team hosted a Child Passenger Safety Technician course and held a car seat fitting event. The team assisted a client at risk for being discharged from dialysis services by adjusting their appointments to a more convenient time. The team provided First Aid at four after-hour events within the community. The team presented at a national conference in Chicago. A new patient that was referred to the team now has a wheelchair and is established with primary care.

Assistant Chief Daffron reported that the department received a letter of appreciation from Fairview's Brownie Troop #3000 for their visit and safety merit badge opportunity at Station 1.

General Business:

Assistant Chief Daffron reported that the department recently signed an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) through the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, who is looking to collect and maintain information on characteristics and service needs of clients to better determine the use and effectiveness of services being provided to the homeless population. There was no cost for this partnership.

Personnel Issues

Assistant Chief Daffron reported that two firefighters are on light duty, one is on FMLA, and eight have intermittent baby bonding time available for use.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Assistant Chief Daffron reported that the training and logistics building on South Walnut is on track to be open in September.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Board President inquired about how the board can be invited to Coffee with a Cop. Office Assistant and Outreach Specialist Sarah Shahnavaz replied that Target hosts these events in an informal manner and they are unsure how they advertise these events, but that the department can make an effort to inquire about making invitations more public in the future. Board Member Tim Brinson inquired about the status of the new police department building, and Deputy Chief Oldham replied that the Chief of Police will need to answer that question, further stating that processes like these take a long time to plan and finalize, and that the department is focused on building a structure that will serve the police department and the city far into the future.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Russell Kitchner adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Shahnava, Office Assistant and Outreach Specialist
City of Bloomington Police Department
Board of Public Safety

The minutes of the May 21, 2026 Board of Public Safety Meeting were approved this 18 day of June, 2026.








