



City of Longview

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Agenda

City Council

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Council Member Keith Young
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Thursday, May 16, 2024

6:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30, that the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington, will conduct a special meeting/workshop in the Longview City Hall Council Chamber, 1525 Broadway, Longview, on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The topics of discussion follow. No final action will be taken.

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. FLAG SALUTE
3. ROLL CALL

4. WORKSHOP

24-00441 POLICE STAFFING & PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY

5. ADJOURNMENT

The background of the slide is a stylized badge. The top half is dark blue with the word 'POLICE' in large, bold, yellow-outlined letters. The bottom half is a lighter blue and features a landscape with green pine trees, a blue river, and a bridge. The entire badge is framed by a grey border.

POLICE

Longview Police Department PATROL Staffing Needs

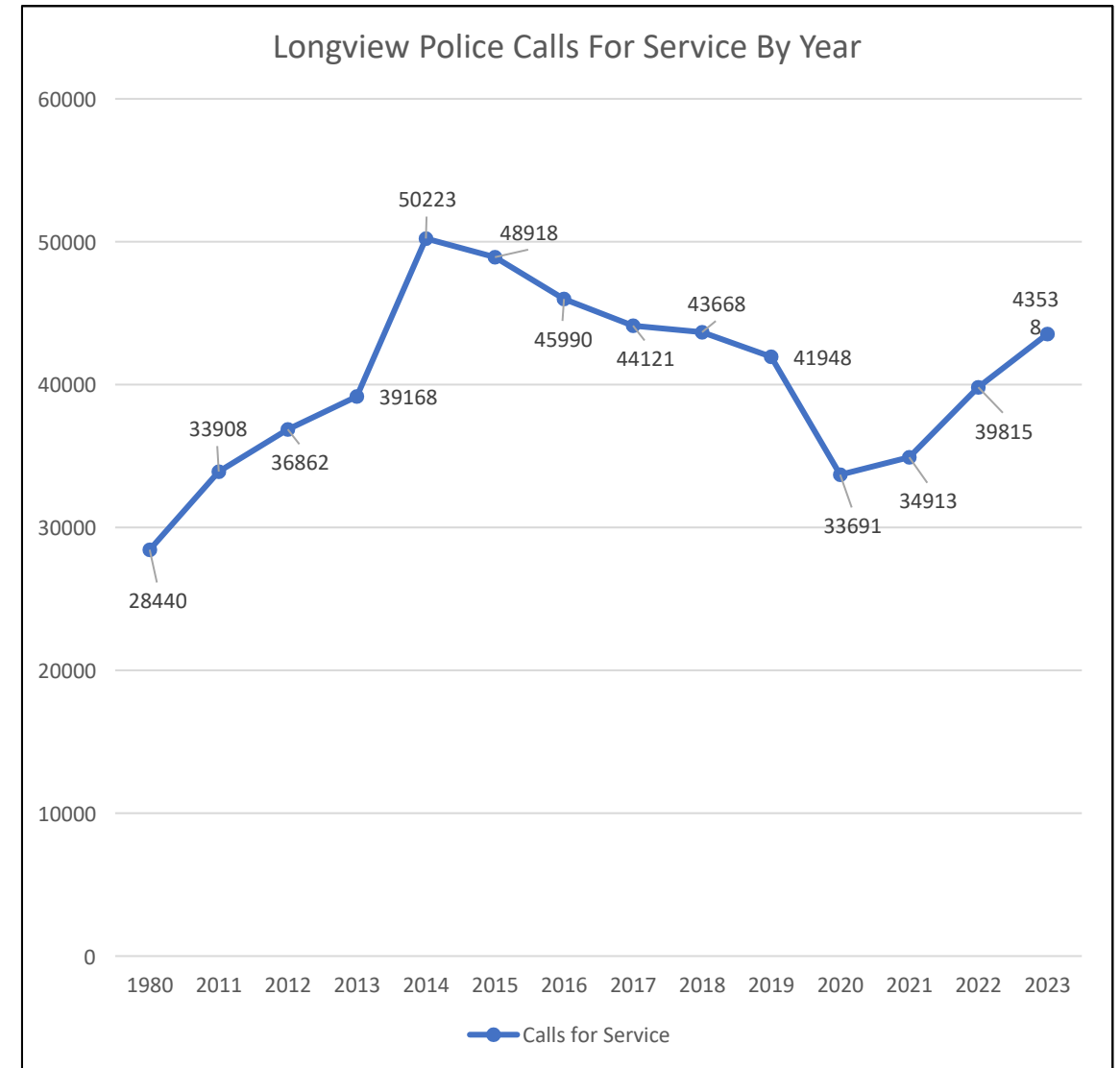


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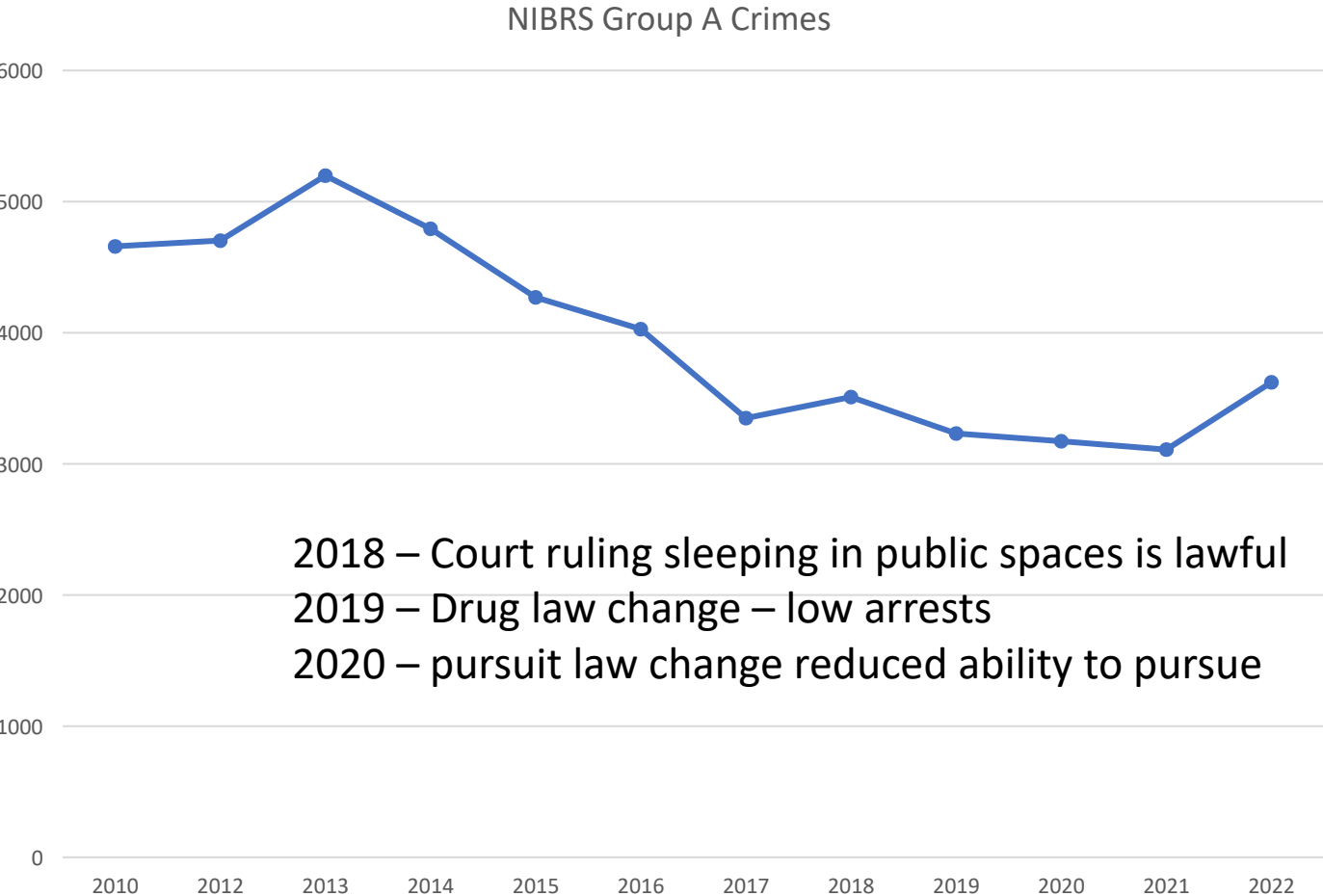
- Call load/Workload
- Annexations
- Population increase with no police staffing increase
- Changes in police workload
- Crisis Calls for service workload
- Officer per 1,000 staffing in Longview v. national average
- Current PATROL staffing
- Need for additional PATROL staffing
- Costs of increasing patrol minimum staffing levels

Police Historical Call load chart

Since 1980, LPD calls for police service have increased by 43% while patrol staffing levels have remained at 1 Sgt & 4 officers per shift.



Historical Longview Crime Data (Crime in Washington report)



Group A Offenses
Murder
Manslaughter
Rape
Sodomy
Sexual Assault w/Object
Fondling
Aggravated Assault
Simple Assault
Intimidation
Kidnapping
Incest
Statutory Rape
Human Trafficking Offenses
Violation of No Contact/Protect.
Robbery
Burglary
Larceny-Theft Offenses
Motor Vehicle Theft
Arson
Destruction of Property
Counterfeiting/Forgery
Fraud Offenses
Embezzlement
Extortion/Blackmail
Bribery
Stolen Property Offenses
Animal Cruelty
Drug/Narcotic Violations
Drug Equipment Violations
Gambling Offenses
Pornography
Prostitution Offenses
Weapon Law Violations

Crimes Against Persons comparison (LV v WA)

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CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS are the most violent crimes reports and include the crimes listed on this slide.

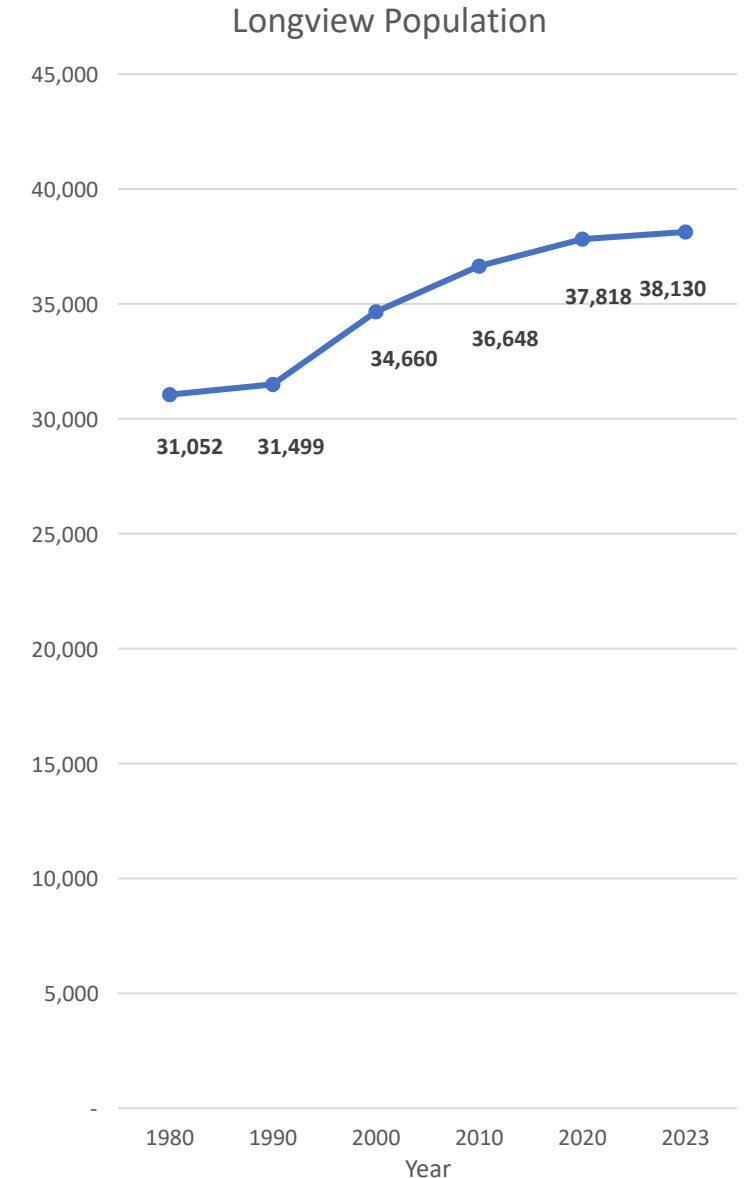
In 2022, Longview's Crimes Against Persons rate per 1,000 = 23.6 per 1,000 population

In that same year, the Washington state average for Crimes Against Persons rate per 1,000 = 14.08 per 1,000 population

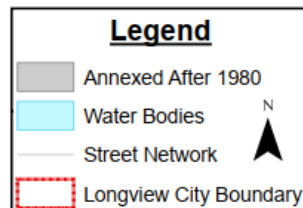
*In 2022, LV's Crimes Against Persons rate per, 1000 was 68% higher than the state average.

Longview Population historical change

- Longview's population has increased by 22.8% since 1980.
- LPD's patrol staffing levels have remained the same since 1980.
- *population data obtained from Washington State Officer of Financial Management
- Historical estimates of population by cities.



City of Longview Annexations



15.33 square miles

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Police Officer Staffing Historical Chart

- **2015** – 3 officers added by city council (SCU)
- **2019** – DV Detective (grant funded) + DV Detective (city)
- **2023** – grant funded DV detective ended



How Police Work has changed

- Officers complete data entry into police records management system
- Types/volume of information collected for a police report has increased overtime including additional reporting requirements for domestic violence cases, any incident that results in force or a pursuit or other high liability police actions.
- Body worn camera video tagging, uploading, routing, supervisor review, sending to prosecutor.
- In 2023, there were 51,044 body worn camera videos uploaded by officers to our Evidence Library. If multiple officers respond to an incident, there will be a video from each officer.
- Number of high priority calls & percentage of call load has increased. High priority calls require multiple officer response.

How Police Work has changed (continued)



Significantly increased training requirements over the last 10 years (de-escalation, use of force, patrol tactics). How officers respond to a call – slow it down to increase safety to everyone. Time spent per call has increased.



Nature of calls – significantly more mental health/crisis calls

Crisis Calls For Service

Call Type	2010	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
ITA	65	175	166	100	146	171
MENTAL	147	454	488	657	696	634
OD	73	87	94	108	126	131
SUICI	220	164	156	166	165	122
WELF	1449	1590	1525	1711	1606	1742
TOTAL	1954	2470	2429	2742	2739	2800

43% increase in crisis calls from 2010 – 2023 (13 year time period)

Workload

	1980	2023
Minimum Patrol Staffing	1 Sergeant 4 patrol officers	1 Sergeant 4 patrol officers
Call volume	28,440	43,668
Population	31,055	38,000
Required to complete one police report	Write name, property information and short narrative on piece of paper, package and log property for evidence	• Log into dispatch (CAD). • Log into records system (Spillman). • Complete data entry on names, location, property, • Enter narrative into spillman. • Complete paper form for evidence. • Download photos/video evidence. Store on digital media. • Package/submit evidence • Provide crime victim information to victims. • More call types require reports now. Some reports require additional forms (DUIs, Domestic Violence, any calls that result in force, traffic collisions) • Download body worn camera, tag video. • Significantly more training is now required to use/operate all of the police equipment/technology solutions of modern police work.
Sworn Officers	51	60

Officer per 1,000 population

- Washington state officer per 1,000 is lowest in the entire nation.
- Longview officer per 1,000 ratio – 1.57 per 1,000 (60 officers/38,110 population X 1,000 population)
- National average for officers per 1,000 - 2.31 per 1,000
- To bring Longview up to the national average for officers per 1,000 population, LPD would need to add **new 28 officers** ($88/38,100 \times 1,000 = 2.31$ officers per 1,000 population).
- When staffing levels are this low, the safety of our officers are at risk and of the public if officers are waiting for a back up officer to clear an in-progress call to go to the next in progress call.

Why is additional police officer staffing needed?

- Annexations of west Longview since 1980.
- Call volume increase
- Complexity/length of time per call/report increase/ technology (BWC)
- Safety of officers & the public
- Increased time in field training of new officers (Average is 12 months from hire to release to solo patrol).



LPD Request for Increased Police Staffing

Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Police Officer salary & benefits	6	\$131,250	\$787,500
Pre-employment exam	6	\$300	\$1,800
Training (includes ammunition)	6	\$2,000	\$12,000
Uniforms & Equipment (jumpsuits, bulletproof vest, taser, duty gear, academy gear, uniforms, nametag, firearm, body camera, radio)	6	\$6,500	\$39,000
Uniform Cleaning	6	\$100	\$600
Cell Phone monthly service	6	\$600	\$3,600
Vehicle purchase (includes vehicle upfitting, MDT, sector equipment) *	2	\$93,000	\$186,000
Vehicle Rent & Depreciation	2	\$16,000	\$32,000
		2025 TOTAL	\$1,062,500

* One time purchase

Revenue Sources



1/10TH OF 1% SALES TAX
LEVY



GENERAL FUND BUDGET



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