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Public Safety Committee July 29, 2026 Agenda

Meeting Details

- July 29, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.
- Virtual
- City of Asheville's YouTube Channel
- The Public Safety Committee provides policy recommendations to Council that advise on public safety policy direction in areas of police, fire, and emergency management services, review matters relating to intergovernmental relations, provide guidance on disaster preparedness and recovery, and support the development of and updates to the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP).

Board Members

Council Member Bo Hess (Chair), Vice Mayor Antanette Mosley, Council Member Sheneika Smith

Agenda Items

Welcome and Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

- Draft May 28, 2026 Minutes

Item #1 APD Operational Updates

- Resource: Interim Chief Jackie Stepp, Asheville Police Department
- Description: Update on efforts to address gun violence and how this is supported through recent operational changes.
- Action: Information Sharing
- Materials: Presentation

Item #2 Co-Responder Partnership

- Resource: Deputy Chief Sean Aardema, APD, and Assistant Fire Chief Jeremy Knighton, AFD
- Description: Provide an overview of the work that is being completed with RHA in the co-responder program with AFD/APD
- Action: Information Sharing
- Materials: Presentation

Item #3 Asheville Fire Department Updates

- Resource: Deputy Fire Chief Chris Budzinski, AFD
- Description: Update on AFD Wellness Program and 4th Shift Implementation
- Action: Information Sharing
- Materials: Presentation and Presentation

Item #4 Buncombe/Madison Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

- Resource: Assistant Fire Chief Jeremy Knighton, AFD
- Description: The Buncombe-Madison Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies the region's greatest natural hazards, assesses community vulnerabilities, and establishes long-term strategies to reduce disaster risk before future events occur.
- Action: Vote and move to full council on August 25, 2026
- Materials: Presentation and staff report

Public Comment

- 30-minute time limit, 3 minutes per person

Adjournment

Additional Information

For questions about the Public Safety Committee, please email Talia Stepp at tstepp@ashevillenc.gov.

For more information about the Public Safety Committee (PSC), please visit the PSC webpage.