Public Safety Committee September 24, 2026 Agenda

Meeting Details

- September 24, 2026, at 1:00 p.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 July 29, 2026 Minutes

G20/PGA - After-Action Report

- Resource: Jeremy Knighton, Assistant Fire Chief; Evan Coward, Patrol Captain.
- Description: Provide feedback on these two major events that are impacting Asheville and the surrounding region.
- Action: Information Sharing
- Materials: Presentation [Slides 1-9]

Update Gun Violence Reduction Strategies/Data Review

- Resource: Jackie Stepp, Interim Police Chief.
- Description: Overview of current practices, new initiatives, and the Violent Crime Summit, to include a data review of violent crime.
- Action: Information Sharing
- Materials: Presentation [Slides 10-19]

West Asheville Homelessness Crisis / Safe Shelter Update

- Resource: Evan Coward, Patrol Captain; Emily Ball, Homeless Strategies Division Manager; Hillary Jones, AFD-REST Manager; Christian Chambers, Executive Director of Safe Shelter.
- Description: Overview of homelessness response activities in West Asheville.
- Action: Information Sharing
- Materials: Presentation

Public Comment

- 30-minute time limit, 3 minutes per person

Adjournment

Additional Information

For questions about the Public Safety Committee, please email Stephanie Gilliam at sgilliam@ashevillenc.gov.

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