



# EATONVILLE

POLICE DEPARTMENT- CHIEF JASON LALIBERTE

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**DATE:** 5/13/2019  
**TO:** MAYOR SCHAUB AND TOWN COUNCIL  
**FROM:** CHIEF JASON LALIBERTE  
**RE:** EATONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S  
APRIL 2019 REPORT

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### **General**

My official start date as chief of police was April 8, 2019. Due to a pre-planned vacation, my first active day as chief was April 10. I want to thank Interim Police Chief Frank Clark for effectively running the department until I was able to fill the position.

### **Public Safety Committee**

I attended the Public Safety meeting on April 7, where we discussed the code and roadway revisions for Rainier Avenue, Erin Lane and Weyerhaeuser Road.

I proposed acquiring ballistic helmets from the Pierce County Sheriff's Department's surplus inventory. The helmets would provide better protection for our officers in the event of an active shooter or other high-risk event. This surplus acquisition would suffice until new helmets with a higher protection level could be purchased. Councilman Bill Dunn favored the suggestion of eventually purchasing new helmets with a higher protection rating.

I also proposed purchasing heavy tactical vests that would be used during incidents involving high powered rifles because standard body armor would not provide adequate protection.

### **Management Activities**

The selection process to fill the police officer position vacancy is underway. Candidates are in the background investigation process, which is facilitated by the National Testing Center. Initially there was a delay due to a staffing issue and the background investigator's availability. I contacted one of the investigators and requested the process be expedited. I was advised they would do their best to accommodate my request. One of the top candidates withdrew his name after a couple of ride-alongs because he determined that a career in law enforcement was "not for him."

I met with the team (officers and Gaille Finley) as a group and laid out my expectations. We also had an open discussion, where I listened to their concerns, requests and comments. I am excited to have a great team and I look forward to working with, mentoring, and leading each of them.

I will be meeting with each officer individually over the next few weeks to further discuss topics from our team meeting and listen to what they feel is working, what we can improve on, and their wishes for training and equipment. I will be assessing their knowledge, skills and abilities in an effort to support their strengths and assist them in overcoming any weaknesses.

I will have a team meeting every other Thursday, which will begin with a personal positive anecdote/accolade for each officer, followed by team business, and ending with a training topic.

The Town hosted a "Meet the Chief" community gathering on April 22, where I was able to meet and greet approximately five citizens (in addition to a gentleman from Miami who was passing through town) and more than a dozen town employees and administrators. I would like to thank Abbi Gribi and Kathy Linnemeyer for organizing the event.

My first town council meeting was later that evening. I was told that the attendance rate was much higher than normal (approximately 25) and I was able to meet and talk with everyone.

I submitted my social media plan to Mayor Schaub, which he approved. Heather Songer, the public information officer for the Washington State Gambling Commission, will be volunteering to assist with getting our social media up and running. I am optimistic this will be an efficient and effective way to strengthen the relationship between EPD officers and the residents of Eatonville.

Preparations for National Night Out are underway with assistance from Abby Gribi and Kathy Linnemeyer. The Pierce County Sheriff's Department's SWAT Team and K9 Unit have committed to providing officers, vehicles and equipment for this event.

**APRIL  
2019**

DISPATCHED CALLS	114 (22 FIRE/EMS CALLS)
TRAFFIC STOPS	39
TOTAL CALLS (all sources)	153
REPORTS GENERATED	11
COMMUNITY SERVICE	23
ANIMAL CONTROL	2
CODE ENFORCEMENT	1
TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	5
CRIMINAL CITATIONS	5
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT REPORTS	2
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	5
FELONY ARRESTS	0
PCSD 911 AFTER HOURS CONTRACT DISPATCHED CALLS -BILLED	JAN 2019: 2 FEBRUARY 2019: 1 MARCH 2019: 4 APRIL 2019: 15
CONCEALED PISTOL LICENSE	JAN 2019: 11 FEBRUARY 2019: 11 MARCH 2019: 5 APRIL 2019: 8
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE REQUESTS	JAN 2019: 3 FEBRUARY 2019: 7 MARCH 2019: 5 APRIL 2019: 3

## **Eatonville Power & Light**

Superintendent Dan Sharpe Linemen Nestor Sundita Jesse Carroll

**April 2019**

Reconnect & Disconnect

Reconnect 9

Disconnect 8

Shut off 5

Power locates

Locates for Comcast

Locates home owners

Locates rainier connect

Locates for contractors

Parks

Picked up garbage

Clean parks

Locked & unlocked bathrooms

Power & light

Power repairs and outages

Maintenance on power lines around town

Replace meters

Trim trees

Worked on Carter St

Misc.

Safety meeting

Help public works

Banner up & down

## April 2019 Water Sewer Work List Synopsis

- Daily water and wastewater water quality laboratory testing and system checks.
- Daily Water and wastewater treatment quality assurance / quality control laboratory testing
- Daily pick up garbage in parks
- Daily water and wastewater treatment plant maintenance
- Daily meter reads move in/outs.
- Locates as requested around town
- Fill pot holes around town.
- Repair several water leaks around town
- Train employees at both water and wastewater plants
- Clean sewer lift stations
- Various afterhours WTP and WWTP alarms
- Install several street signs around town
- Inspect new Water / Sewer connections.
- Several meetings with contactors about new projects that are starting.
- Clean treatment plants top to bottom.
- Clean, unplug and TV sewer main around town.
- Install several new water meters at new connections
- Help power crew.
- Water leak detection around town.
- Continue annual DOH and Ecology water/wastewater reports.
- Update water cross connection program.
- Start new updated maintenance programs both water and wastewater
- Pull pumps remove rags sewer lift stations several times
- Continue manhole inspections and labeling
- Remove snow plow and spreader and put away
- Continue weekly operator schedule
- Send bid request and scope of work for Penn Ave Water main
- Begin mowing parks