

**Police Committee Meeting**  
**On January 9, 2024**  
**At 4:30 pm**  
**At City Hall**

**Present: Monte Talkington, Bob Somervold, Clark Sowers, Larry Schmaltz, Randy Schmidt, Ryan Cherveney, Clint Haffner, Mardi Reeves**

**For the record and for those of you in the audience, we have just convened a meeting of the Police Committee for the City of Belle Fourche. Today's date is January 9, 2024. Anyone who wishes to address the Committee should request acknowledgement through the Chairman.**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Motion Schmaltz, Second C. Sowers to adopt the agenda at 4:30 pm. Motion carried.
3. Public Discussion items: none
4. Chief's Report
  - 2023 Year End Blotter and Crime Stats:
    - The BFPD responded to 11,628 Calls for Service and had 795 Case Reports for 2023. This is an average of 32 calls per day for officers.
    - Mental health calls are rising steadily.
  - In December the Police Department held the annual Kids and Cops Event. A total of 18 children participated in a shopping spree for Christmas gifts. Additional grocery gift cards were given to many families, elderly individuals and children. This year the PD was also able to host a "toy shop" and donate coats and quilts to numerous families thanks to the generous donations of many individuals and businesses from Belle Fourche, Spearfish, and even Wyoming communities and businesses. In total over \$17,000 was donated to individuals in our community during the holiday season.
5. Code Enforcement Report:
  - Code Enforcement had 1010 Calls for Service for 2023
  - Recap on charity events
6. Recommendation to purchase a 2022 Dodge Charger Pursuit from Kansas City Highway Patrol in the amount of \$32,150.00. This is a 2024 Budgeted item.  
Motion Somervold, Second Schmaltz. Motion Carried
7. Recommendation to promote Wallace Eddy to Patrol Officer III for the Belle Fourche Police Department. It is further recommended that his wage of \$29.70 per hour be adjusted to \$32.37 per hour. This promotion will be effective January 21, 2024.  
Motion Schmaltz, Second Somervold. Motion carried.

8. Recommendation to Promote Brandon Wolfe to Non-Certified Patrol Officer for the Belle Fourche Police Department. It is further recommended that he be hired at \$25.24 per hour. His starting date will be February 1, 2024.  
Motion Somervold, Second Schmaltz. Motion carried.
9. Presentation by Jared Pummel of UDA Architecture and Design.
10. Informational- SRO Stephen Schmeltzer was commended for his heroic actions during a crisis call that ended in Carter County.
11. Motion Somervold, Second Schmaltz to adjourn the meeting at 5:05pm. Motion carried.