

Chief's Advisory Committee

January 27, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Participants: Chief Bieber, Captain Braman, Captain Buttice, Brooke Bouchey, Earl Gooding, Noah Leavitt, Dick Morgan, Steve Moss, Roberto Rodriguez

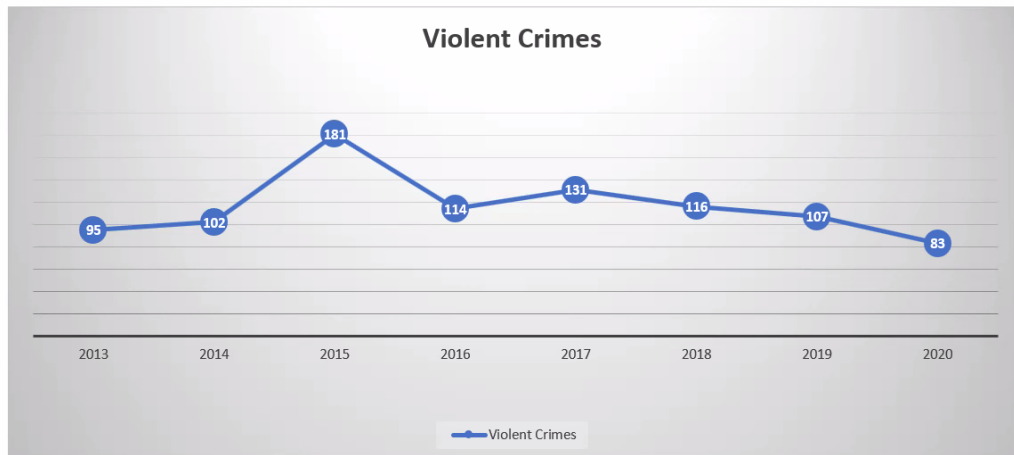
Absent: Roger Esparza, Sandy Garcia, Kanasha Henderson, Lindsey Luna, Curtis Phillips

1) Chief's Welcome and Thank You

2) **Local crime statistics and trends (updated with 2020 data)**—The 2020 crime statistics are not finalized, still the data is almost finalized, and it will likely change little from the draft the Advisory Committee reviewed during the meeting.

- Approximately 22% of violent crimes that took place within the City of Walla Walla in 2019 occurred at the Washington State Penitentiary. Group A Offenses generally include all types of crimes; Group B Offenses are primarily status related (like when a minor runs away from home).
- Our local crime rates *declined* last year in every Group A Offense—including domestic violence. Having an in-house domestic violence advocate has helped keep the domestic violence down. Chalese Rabidue Braman works $\frac{3}{4}$ time.
- A significant portion of crime is done by a minority of our population that we call career criminals. The SCU division focuses on arresting the individuals and stopping this behavior. On average the Animal Control Officer only has an hour and ten minutes per call for service.
- Murder rates were up significantly last year in most major cities. Murder rates did *not* go up in Walla Walla last year.
- There was a discussion on how best to work with local mental health providers like Comprehensive Mental Health to address any gaps in knowledge and the roadblocks that hinder our agencies in serving our customers. How do we overcome the barriers?

2020 Crime Stats – City of Walla Walla



Seven-year trend of violent crimes reported in Walla Walla.

Although I don't have the numbers yet for 2020, of the 107 violent crimes in 2019, 24 (22%) were committed inside the Penitentiary.

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2020 Crime Stats – City of Walla Walla

Item	Crime Code	Dec 2019	Year to Date 2019	Dec 2020	Year to Date 2020
Violent Crimes					
▪ Murder	09A	0	2	0	0
▪ Manslaughter	09B	0	0	0	0
▪ Rape	11A	0	29	2	17
▪ Statutory Rape	36B	0	1	0	0
▪ Robbery	120	5	25	2	10
▪ Aggravated Assault	13A	10	75	3	56
Burglaries					
Burglaries	220	12	162	11	131
Auto Thefts	240	2	78	4	50
Thefts	23A-23H	60	812	38*	605
Domestic Violence Cases		22	358	16	278
Total NIBRS Group A Offenses		202	2,689	157	2,294

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Item	Crime Code	Dec 2019	Year to Date 2019	Dec 2020	Year to Date 2020
Arrests Made (Adult/Juvi) Summons and Physical		189	2,169	75	1,710
Calls for Service		3,524	49,026	3,125	44,072
Traffic Stops		308	4,347	295	2,934
Traffic Tickets (individual traffic tickets written)		92	1,275	62	867
DUI's		3	34	1	25
Sleep Center Calls		12	243	13	167
Code Enf. Cases Opened		57	1,005	112	1,539
Code Enf. Cases Closed		53	949	112	1,531

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2020 Crime Stats – City of Walla Walla

Animal Control Calls for service 2017 - 2020

YEAR	2017	2018	2019	2020
Neglect Abuse	192	208	236	157
At Large	546	510	555	473
Aggressive Dog	203	233	247	257
Animal Noise/Barking	265	278	312	246
Lost/Found	330	309	393	342
Cat	64	87	105	101
Injured	48	64	78	68
Chicken	21	79	46	84
Other/Wildlife	44	40	49	44
TOTAL	1723	1808	2021	1772

3) **2020 Community Survey – General results and those specific to Police**—Every year the City completes a community survey. Chief Bieber reviewed the most recently compiled one.

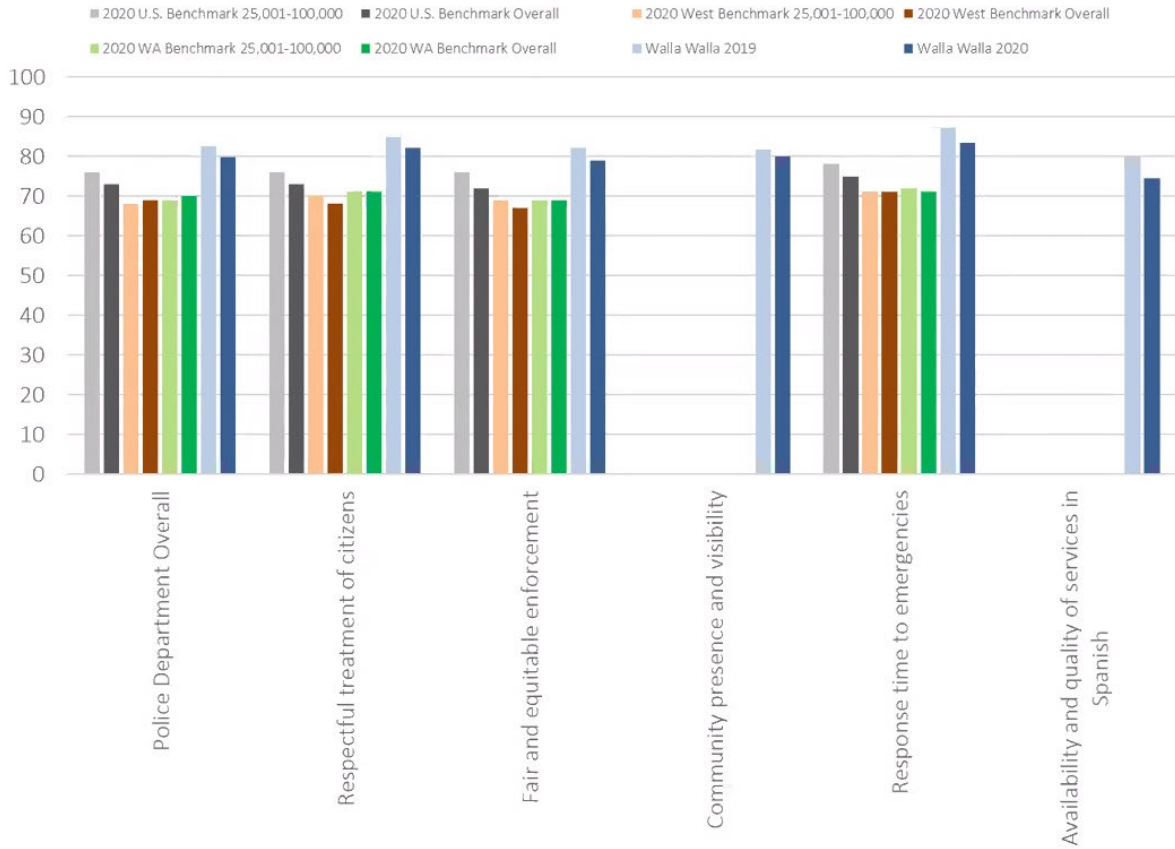
- ACSI stands for American Customer Service Index.
- Walla Walla had a higher satisfaction rate last year than Walla Walla County or the State Government.

- The Police Department’s overall ratings went down 3%; however, the satisfaction rate declined last year for police departments throughout the country.
- We need to enhance our bilingual communication with the citizens, especially with Spanish speaking citizens.
- Per the survey “*Law enforcement needs to continue to show it backs the community. Community is looking to have more traffic law enforcement, more police rounds to discourage gangs, and residential police presence.*” We will try to do much better in this year (2021).
- Steve Moss noted the City just implemented four wards and the last satisfaction survey looks at the geographic location too.
- The survey was compiled by a random sample of 2,000 residents drawn from utility billing records and consumer records—valid responses were provided from 528 residents.

2020 areas with strong impact on overall engagement

	2020 U.S. Benchmark	2020 U.S. Benchmark	2020 West Benchmark	2020 West Benchmark	2020 WA Benchmark	2020 WA Benchmark	Walla Walla	Walla Walla	Change
	25,001-100,000	Overall	25,001-100,000	Overall	25,001-100,000	Overall	2019	2020	
Fire and Emergency Medical Services	81	79	73	77	78	79	87	83	↓ -4
Transportation Overall	66	64	64	65	63	62	60	65	↑ 5
Utility Services Overall	75	73	70	71	72	75	80	77	↓ -2
Police Department Overall	76	73	68	69	69	70	83	80	↓ -3
Shopping Opportunities Overall	78	74	75	74	71	73	67	60	↓ -7
Local Government Overall	64	62	59	61	58	59	70	69	→ -1
Community Events Overall	63	62	59	62	62	62	75	66	↓ -9
Economic Health Overall	62	61	57	59	56	56	55	53	↓ -2
Parks and Recreation Overall	73	70	66	68	67	70	80	77	↓ -3
Library Overall	76	75	72	73	72	73	82	81	→ -1
Community Satisfaction Overall - ACSI	65	63	62	62	58	60	65	65	→ 0
Community Image Overall	70	68	63	66	62	65	74	71	↓ -2

Drivers of Satisfaction and Behavior: Police Services



	Utility Services						Law Enforcement						
	Utility Services Overall	Drinking water quality	Residential garbage collection service	Landfill services	Recycling service	Green waste collection	Availability and quality of services in Spanish	City Law Enforcement Overall	Respectful treatment of citizens	Fair and equitable enforcement	Community presence and visibility	Response time to emergencies	Availability and quality of services in Spanish
2013 Overall Satisfaction	81	83	84	69	81	67	-	77	78	74	-	79	-
2015 Overall Satisfaction	82	84	86	72	82	69	-	81	82	79	-	83	-
2016 Overall Satisfaction	82	83	85	83	75	74	-	81	83	80	79	82	-
2017 Overall Satisfaction	84	85	87	84	72	74	-	82	84	81	81	83	-
2018 Overall Satisfaction	81	82	86	82	64	64	74	83	84	82	81	84	80
2019 Overall Satisfaction	80	83	86	84	66	76	83	83	85	82	82	87	79
2020 Overall Satisfaction	77	82	87	84	61	73	76	80	82	79	80	83	74

- 4) **Discussion—Goals and Outcomes for this Committee**—The defined purpose of the Chief’s Advisory Committee is to “Discuss the issues surrounding the delivery of local law enforcement services and provide input to the Chief for his consideration in making changes to help improve both the department and the services it provides.” To accomplish that purpose, the Advisory Committee plans to do the following:
- Provide education and information about the Police Department.
 - Get input on local law enforcement services and ideas for change.
 - Recommendations regarding Differential Call Response.
 - Conduit of information from and to the community.
 - Liaison with different people, groups, organizations in the community.
 - Invites or information about community events in which WWPDP should participate.

Many law enforcement related reform bills have been presented to the legislature. If any of the proposed bills are legal, enforceable, and makes sense to support, then the Advisory Committee could add our voice in support of the bill to the local legislatures. Chief Bieber will include the Washington association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) feedback on proposed law enforcement reforms. They recently went a summary of 13 recommendations to the most current bill draft. Possibly the legislature can find funding to help us implement dash and body cameras.

- 5) **Next Meeting**—February 24 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 on Zoom platform. Kanisha Henderson has a schedule conflict with the Wednesday meeting dates. Chief Bieber will inquire on what dates would work better for her, and then see if the proposed date options may work for the rest of the Advisory Committee members.

The January 27, 2021, meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.
Submitted by Deborah Minter