

Item 24-0056: Police Department Forensic Evidence Specialist Memo

Safety and Licensing Committee

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Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 06:26

That brings us to information items 24-0056 police department forensic evidence specialist memo. Chief Olson. Director two. You're on.

Police Chief Polly Olson 06:43

Thank you. So, as it's noted in the memo and the additional information you were provided, we are in the process of creating a lead FES position. So, it's a forensics position in our evidence unit. Right now, it's staffed by three civilians that all have equal positions down there for the sake of looking at the table of organization, and they are supervised by the lieutenant in charge of investigations who also supervises the detectives.

Police Chief Polly Olson 07:19

We've just found that in terms of day-to-day work that's being done down there that having a lead person down there that can resolve small issues as they arise, or make decisions on things, makes sense. We've utilized that process at the front desk as well as in our clerical department in having a lead. So, when that the supervisor's not present or, again, those issues are minor, that those can be taken care of at more at the peer level. That FES, lead FES, position really just means that person would receive an extra dollar per hour worked through the year, which is consistent with other lead positions throughout the city.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 08:03

And I was present for the HR summary as well and got to hear about how this thing was being financed. Do you want to share with committee the financial impact of introducing this position?

Police Chief Polly Olson 08:13

I can, and I believe it's about \$2,000 for the year, so it's pretty minimal impact.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 08:24

Okay.

Police Chief Polly Olson 08:25

Yes, correct. It's about \$2,000.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 08:27

Anything from committee on this? Alder Siebers.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 08:32

I made a promise some time ago that I'll never let an opportunity slide by without saying this. I look forward to the day when the chief says "I'd like to add four sworn officers to the staff." So, I'm looking forward to that day.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 08:51

Thank you, Alder Siebers. Anything else on this one?