



# Eatonville Police Department

## - CHIEF JASON LALIBERTE



### Memorandum

DATE: 12/08/2025  
TO: Mayor Baublits and Town Council  
FROM: Chief Jason LaLiberte  
RE: EATONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S  
November 2025 REPORT

#### General

Public Safety Committee – no public safety meeting in November.

#### Management Activities

In November, I attended reoccurring monthly meetings such as the Pierce County Chief's Association, Eatonville Business Association, Coffee with the Chiefs, South Sound Regional Training Group, WASPC legislative briefings, the South Sound law enforcement breakfast, and the Eatonville School District Safety Committee.

Officer Anderson and I attended Pizza Wednesday on November 5<sup>th</sup> at Myles Pizza.

Officer Justman was on annual leave November 7<sup>th</sup> through November 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Activites Continued:

Assistant to the chief, Kendra Morrison:

PDR: 11

CPL: 7

FINGERPRINT: 2

Animal Impounds: 0

NOVEMBER 2025 PDR:

Via GOVQA: 8

In Person Request:

Other Video:

BWC - 1

Prosecutor VIA NICE: 1

DCYF (in person) -

TOWN - 1 (FLOCK information)

TOTAL REQUEST: 11

NOVEMBER 2025 CPL:

Original: 3

Renewal: 4

TOTAL REQUEST: 7

NOVEMBER 2025 FINGERPRINT:

Fingerprint cards: 2

## In November 2025-

EPD had 163 total calls for service.

93 traffic stops -18 Notices of infraction (19% of all stops), 2 citation w/ release misdemeanor, 73 verbal warnings (78 % of all stops), 0 other

1 Traffic accident (with misdemeanor citation)

31 Fire service calls

2 other agency activity

0 misdemeanor arrests (non-traffic) - booked/cited

2 misdemeanor arrest (traffic) - booked/cited

1 felony arrests

11 reports

PCSD provided coverage for 7 calls for service



November 2025

Staff: Jason Coots/Electrical Superintendent, Matt Rivera/Journeyman Lineman, Levi Scheirbeck/2nd year Apprentice Lineman

-On November 4 at approximately 11:30pm, the Electrical Department was contacted by Eatonville Police regarding a widespread power outage affecting the Town. After patrolling from the substation, a large cluster of maple trees was discovered down across the overhead feeder supplying the Town. Because of prior work performed to strengthen the feeder system, we were able to transition the Town onto the underground feed between the substation and Town. This process requires energizing the system in small segments to prevent excessive inrush current, which can overload protective devices and cause a fuse to operate. Despite a cautious approach, several fuses still opened when more load was picked up than the devices could handle. Power was restored to all but one customer within a few hours. The remaining service was restored during daylight after crews safely removed the fallen trees.

-On November 17, a business on Center Street East contacted the Electrical Department regarding unusual voltage conditions. Some portions of the service were operating normally, others were not functioning, and some circuits were receiving reduced voltage. After an investigation, the crew located a failed bug leg, which is the copper conductor that exits the transformer and feeds the customer's service. The transformer was de-energized, the failed conductor was replaced, the transformer was re-energized, and final voltage checks confirmed the service had been restored to normal.

-On November 19, the Town experienced another outage that affected a significant number of customers. A fuse near the bus garage had opened on one of the three phases of the main feeder. After locating the open fuse and confirming that the conductor was clear, the phase was re-fused and re-energized. The exact cause of the fuse operation could not be determined, though possibilities include a falling tree branch that cleared itself, wildlife contact, or a momentary disturbance. A load-related cause is unlikely.

The reason some areas of Town lost power while others did not is due to how the distribution system is configured. Power leaves the substation as three phases on the main feeder. Commercial areas typically receive all three phases to accommodate larger services and equipment. As the feeder transitions into residential areas, only a single phase is needed, and taps are taken from different phases to help balance load across the system. When one of the three feeder phases is lost, only the areas fed by taps from that specific phase are affected, while the rest of Town remains energized.

## Maintenance/Projects:

- In November, the Electrical Department installed Christmas decorations on poles throughout the main sections of Town. Additional decorations were purchased and delivered to expand on the displays acquired last year. Several poles required new outlets or power sources, and the crew completed the necessary electrical work to safely feed the decorations. Installation is nearly finished, with full completion expected during the first week of December.
- On November 25, the entire Public Works staff completed a flagging certification course. The goal was to ensure that when flagging is required, the Town can safely perform the work in-house rather than outsourcing. Training and certification in Washington State have become more expensive and difficult to schedule in recent years, but we were able to work with the same company that provides our safety meetings. As a result, the full staff received a two-year flagging certification at a cost of twenty dollars per employee.





***Group of trees on overhead feeder on 161***



***Apprentice Lineman hanging decorations***



***Public Works flagging certification course***

***Squirrel on top of overhead transformer after contacting a live conductor and a grounded transformer in the 100 block of Orchard Ave N***



## Town of Eatonville Water, Wastewater and Public Works

### Monthly Job Report – November 2025

#### Water Department

In November, the Water Department treated and produced approximately **6.8 million gallons** of water. We are now fully transitioned off the surface water source and using our GWI wells only. Thanks to the dedication of our staff, the town's water supply met or exceeded all federal and state standards, with no service interruptions or exceedances.

##### Key Statistics:

- 98 water samples collected
- 150 lab tests performed

#### Wastewater Department

The Wastewater Treatment Plant processed **6.8 million gallons** of wastewater. All test results met or exceeded federal and state limits, and no permit violations occurred. Influent flows have increased as the wetter weather moves in.

##### Key Statistics:

- 130 wastewater samples collected
- 460 lab tests performed
- 1 sewer main plugs jetted and cleared

#### Public Works

Public Works continued its efforts to maintain and improve town infrastructure:

- It's pothole season and efforts are continuous to keep the roads in good shape
- Two full burials with full-service funerals performed.
- Stormwater perc tests were performed to test the soil to verify drainage.
- High School volunteers are doing cleanup in the parks.



## Work Highlights for November:



New roof on water intake outbuilding.



New blower installed at the Wastewater Treatment plant.



Perc/soil drainage test on Penn Ave N



Cleanup around the Kid's Pond

Planning Commission  
Report to Council  
November 17, 2025

Commissioners discussed possible Aerospace District and Airport overlay code changes. Requested that Nick add reference to the variance process. Motion made and passed to forward the potential code changes to the airport committee. Hopefully, lawyer feedback will be available by then.

Bev Wilson  
Chair