



May 2026

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

-Apprentice Lineman Levi Scheirbeck attended Second-Year Hot Stick School at Tacoma Power's instruction campus. The training places apprentices in simulated line crews consisting of first, second, and third year apprentices, with each participant filling a role appropriate to their experience level. During a site visit, instructors reported that Levi's performance was where it should be for his current level of experience and that he is progressing appropriately through the apprenticeship program.

-During May, the Electrical Department replaced an aging F-150 pickup with a 2025 Ford F-250 service body truck. The vehicle is equipped with enclosed storage compartments that provide organized space for tools, materials, and equipment. Many of the department's daily tasks do not require a bucket truck, while conventional pickup trucks often lack sufficient storage for the tools and materials needed to perform utility work efficiently. The replaced F-150 will be retained as a spare vehicle until it is declared surplus and offered at auction. The department appreciates this investment and anticipates that the vehicle will provide many years of reliable service.

Maintenance/Projects:

- The Electrical Department energized the first of two apartment buildings under construction on Mashell Avenue South. The 12-unit building reached this milestone after the developer completed the required underground vault installation and building construction had progressed to the point that electrical service could be connected. A new transformer was installed to serve both apartment buildings. Work necessary to serve the second building was also completed, allowing electrical service to be connected when construction reaches that stage.
- The Electrical Department installed a new utility pole in the 400 block of Center Street to improve electrical service to a residence with an unusually long service wire. Service wire is the overhead or underground electrical conductor that connects a transformer to a customer's meter. While every installation is different, service wire lengths are generally kept under 150 to 200 feet before increasing conductor size becomes necessary. The existing service extended more than 400 feet and included a non-standard attachment configuration. By reconfiguring the service, the department reduced the service wire length to approximately 150 feet and improved the overall design of the installation. Shorter service lengths generally improve reliability and reduce voltage drop.
- The Electrical Department replaced 21 electric meters serving the Madison Mobile Home Park. The original meters required manual readings, which involved a meter reader entering individual backyards throughout the park to collect usage information. Due to the layout of the property, this process was often time-consuming and inefficient.

The new meters use radio-read technology, allowing meter readings to be collected from a handheld device when the meter reader is in the vicinity of the property. Many utilities have transitioned to advanced metering systems that transmit readings over cellular networks; however, those systems involve significantly higher costs and are not currently practical for Eatonville's electric system. Radio-read meters provide many of the same operational benefits at a fraction of the cost.

New radio-read meters typically cost approximately \$125 each. The department was able to purchase refurbished, tested radio-read meters, complete with the original manufacturer's warranty, for approximately \$25 each. The department intends to continue expanding the use of radio-read meters throughout the system as opportunities arise.

Outages:

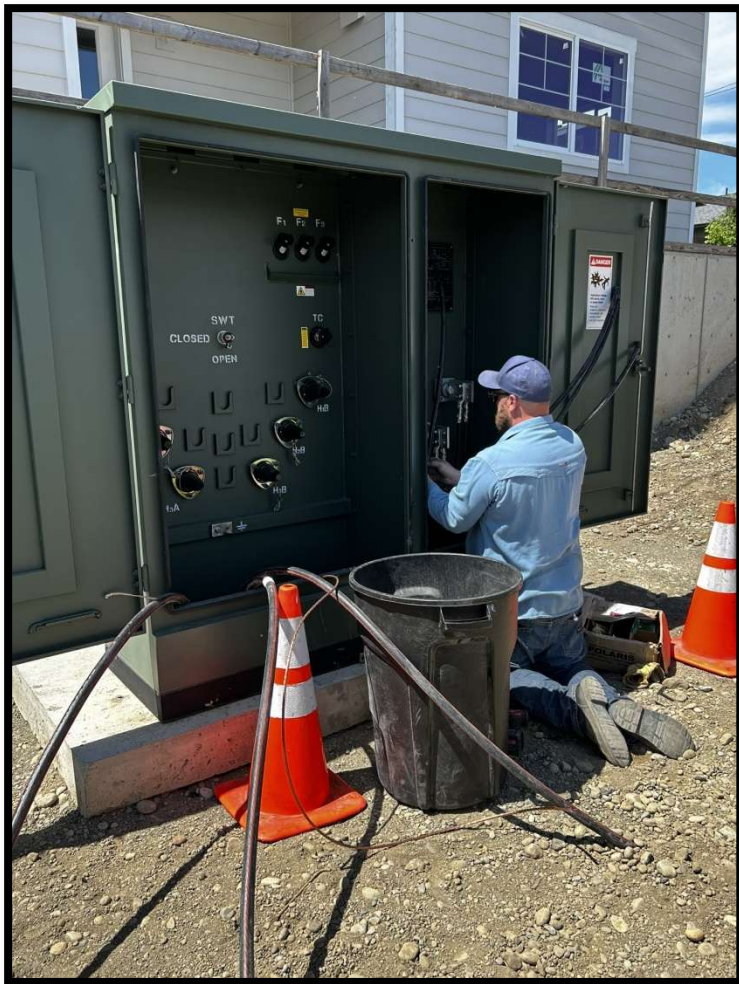
- The Electrical Department responded to an outage caused by a squirrel contacting energized equipment on an overhead transformer. Following the outage, the department installed a ZapShield wildlife protection device on the transformer. The device is mounted on the transformer bushing and becomes energized when the transformer is energized. Similar to an electric fence, it provides a mild deterrent that discourages squirrels and other animals from entering areas where electrical contact could occur without causing injury. The department has begun installing these devices following wildlife-related outages and in areas where squirrel activity is known to be common.
- The Electrical Department responded to an outage on Madison after a box van was driven across a residential lawn and into overhead service conductors. The incident caused significant damage to the service mast, weather head, meter base, and service wire attached to the home. While the Town owns and maintains the electric meter, the rest of the service equipment attached to a residence is generally customer owned. When this equipment is damaged, the property owner is responsible for repairs. An electrical permit is required, and an inspection by Labor & Industries must be completed before the Town can restore service, often leaving customers without power until repairs have been completed.



Levi (left of picture) performing simulated live-line work at TPU's instructional campus

2025
Ford F250
Service body





Apprentice Lineman terminating secondary wire in the large pad mount transformer set to feed the apartments on Mashell

Overhead transformer pictured with “Zapshield” wildlife protection to save squirrels and nuisance outages





Eatonville Police Department

- CHIEF JASON LALIBERTE



Memorandum

DATE: 06/08/2026
TO: Mayor McFadden and Town Council
FROM: Chief Jason LaLiberte
RE: EATONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S
MAY 2026 REPORT

General
Public Safety Committee – no public safety meeting in May.

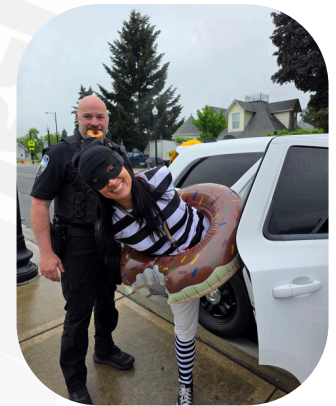
Management Activities -

In May, I attended 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.

We have 2 qualified applicants for our lateral police officer position who are going through the background process. One candidate is going through the background phase and other just successfully completed the polygraph examination, and is moving forward to the psychological and medical examinations.

On May 13th I attended Pizza Wednesday at Myles Pizza.

On May 20th, I attended and helped fundraise for the Eatonville Family Agency through the Donuts with Cops program hosted by the Gypsy Wagon. We raised over \$400.



June 8 marks my final appearance before the council as I prepare to retire on June 30, concluding a 30-year career in law enforcement.

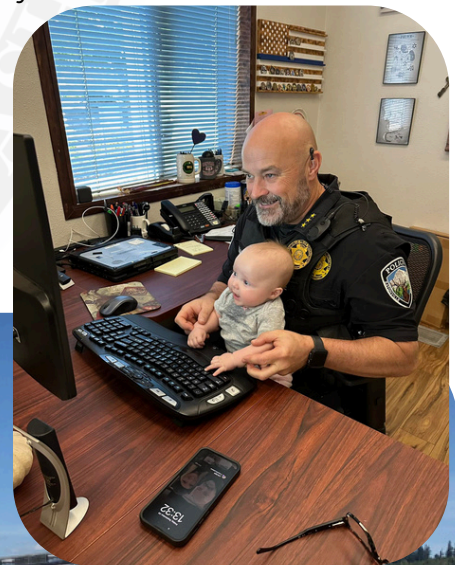
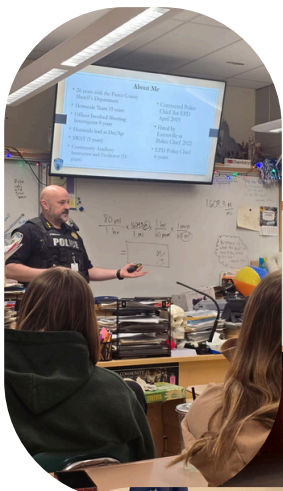
I have been truly fortunate to experience a career that has been both rewarding and fulfilling, serving with the Pierce County Sheriff's Office and later as the Chief of the Eatonville Police Department. Throughout these years, I will always cherish the relationships I have built. It is with humility that I acknowledge my successes have never been mine alone—they are the result of collaboration, trust, and the support of so many people along the way. I would like to extend a special thank you to Council Member Mike Schaub, in his role as former Mayor, for giving me the opportunity to lead the Eatonville Police Department beginning in April 2019 under contract. That opportunity has meant a great deal to me, both professionally and personally. I would also like to acknowledge former Mayor David Baublits for providing me the opportunity to continue leading EPD as a full-time town employee starting in April of 2022.

I also want to thank all current and former council members for your consistent support of both me and the department. Your decisions have always reflected what is best for the Town of Eatonville, and that commitment to the greater good has made a lasting difference. It has been an honor to serve this community.

While I may be stepping away from this role, my respect for this town and the people who serve it will never retire. My goal was to leave the Eatonville Police Department in a better place than where I found it. I feel confident I have accomplished this. Eatonville will always hold a special place in my heart.

Thank you.

Chief Jason LaLiberte

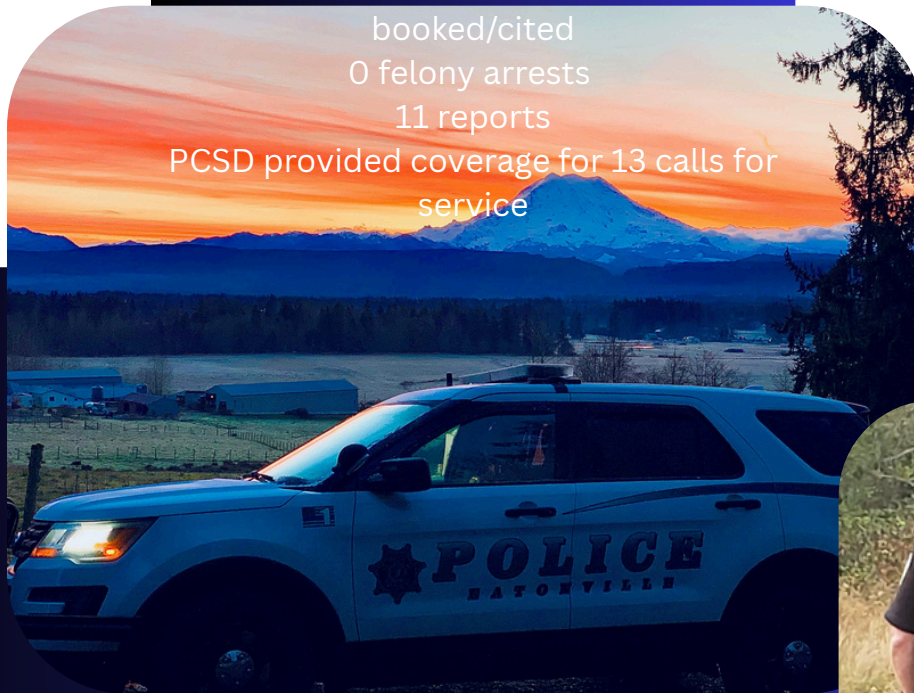


Activites Continued:



In May 2026-

EPD had 109 total calls for service.
47 traffic stops -6 Notices of infraction (13% of all stops), 2 citation w/ release misdemeanor, 39 verbal warnings (82 % of all stops),
0 Traffic accident (with misdemeanor citation)
35 Fire service calls
0 other agency activity
0 misdemeanor arrests (non-traffic) - booked/cited
2 misdemeanor arrest (traffic) -



booked/cited
0 felony arrests
11 reports
PCSD provided coverage for 13 calls for service



- PDR: 25
- CPL: 5
- MAY 2026 PDR: 25 Total
- Via GOVQA: 21
- In Person Request: 0
- Other Video: 0
- BWC - 0
- Prosecutor VIA NICE/AXON: Incident No.2612502187
- DCYF (in person) - 0

TOWN -
 (FLOCK "WEST", ongoing, 3rd installment due 4/30/2026
 MEGAN ERNEST - ANDERSON Records - DUE June 6th
 JOHN DOH - ANDERSON RECORDS AND BWC (Skate Park Incident) DUE May 31st - Extended Due date to June 30th

- TOTAL REQUEST:
- MAY 2026 CPL: 5
- Original: 2
- Replacement: 1
- Renewal: 1

Town of Eatonville Water, Wastewater and Public Works

Monthly Job Report – May 2026

Water Department

In May, the Water Department treated and produced approximately **9.8 million gallons** of water. 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.

- Three water service lines repaired.
- The annual Water Use Efficiency and Consumer Confidence reports have been submitted.

Key Statistics:

- 106 water samples collected
- 149 lab tests performed

Wastewater Department

The Wastewater Treatment Plant processed **5.3 million gallons** of wastewater. All test results met or exceeded federal and state limits, and no permit violations occurred.

- We have received our draft of the new NPDES permit and are reviewing it. We aren't anticipating any major changes.

Key Statistics:

- 112 wastewater samples collected
- 492 lab tests performed

Public Works

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

- The parks and the cemetery were prepped for Memorial Day activities.
- The flower baskets have been hung and are being watered daily.
- We've picked up the trash cans and tables given by Tacoma Parks and are getting them ready for deployment in the parks.

Work Highlights for May 2026



Surface water turbidity meter install completed



Flower baskets are up.



Rebuilt air separator filter 3 water plant



Water Repair Antonie Ave N

Planning Commission
Report to Council

April 20, 2026

Public hearing was held concerning land nuisance violations at 304 Ridge Road. Only public comment was from the homeowner. Commission decided that more information was needed. Planning department will provide that before the next meeting.

May 4, 2026

Continued discussion on land nuisance violations at 304 Ridge Road. Commission decided to give the homeowner two weeks to submit a signed contract for road repairs to the planning department and two weeks after that to complete the work. If that doesn't happen, then the town will complete the work and lien the property.

May 18, 2026

Public hearing was held concerning variance request to Swanson Airfield Aviation Townhomes. Variance request was to adjust the set back. Public comment largely focused on the entire project being incompatible with the airport. Commission decided not to grant the variance.