



EATONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Public Safety and Law Enforcement Report

SEPTEMBER 2026

Department Operations & Field Statistics

During the month of September 2026, the police department responded to a total of 183 calls for service across the Town of Eatonville. Traffic safety and targeted enforcement represented a primary area of proactive officer activity, resulting in 39 traffic-related stops focused heavily along the Center Street East and Washington Avenue North corridors. Out of these 39 stops, officers issued 26 standard traffic infractions and 5 criminal traffic infractions, reflecting a firm commitment to maintaining roadway safety and driver accountability.

Beyond traffic enforcement, medical emergencies stood out as a high-priority response category, with officers assisting medical teams on 16 dispatches to local residences, neighborhoods, and school campuses. The remainder of the 183 calls involved a diverse mix of routine and emergency community needs, including 5 welfare checks to ensure vulnerable residents were safe, 4 proactive community-policing contacts, and a steady volume of localized responses to traffic accidents, minor property disputes, noise complaints, and animal control issues.

Administrative Services

In addition to emergency response and proactive field operations, the department managed a steady volume of administrative actions and specialized investigative referrals during the month of September. Staff processed 6 Concealed Pistol License (CPL) applications, which included a mix of new background checks and permit renewals for town residents. The department also fulfilled 9 Public Disclosure Requests (PDR), ensuring compliance with state transparency guidelines; these requests included 8 statutory record disclosures compiled alongside South Sound 911 reports and 1 data extraction request utilizing the Flock safety system. Finally, detectives and administrative staff coordinated closely with state welfare agencies on community safety investigations, processing 3 referrals to Adult Protective Services (APS) to safeguard vulnerable adults, while managing 0 referrals to the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF/CPS) for child protective investigations during this reporting period.

On September 9, 2026, Town staff participated in a demonstration of the Cloudpermit Code Enforcement module to evaluate replacing Eatonville's current manual, paper-based tracking system for animal control, parking, junk vehicles, and property nuisances. The proposed digital platform provides a centralized solution for complaint intake, case management, and field inspections, effectively creating a single source of truth to resolve current challenges regarding historical tracking and inconsistent follow-ups. Key features include live integration with Pierce County's GIS system to eliminate manual data entry, an offline mobile app for field officers, and a "Content Packages" tool that instantly bundles case history into a single PDF for public records requests or court proceedings. Citizens would be able to submit complaints through a public portal configured to require contact information, with built-in options to redact identity details for public safety and compliance.

Department Leadership & Personnel Updates

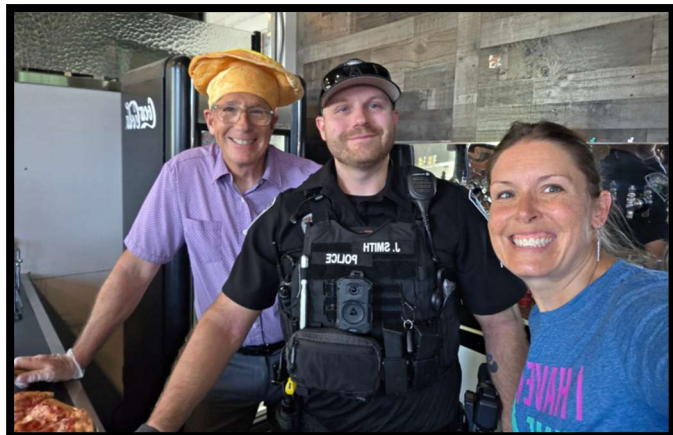
In a significant update regarding agency leadership, Interim Chief Jeffrey "JJ" Justman has accepted a position with the Pierce County Sheriff's Office. While his departure represents a huge loss for our department, we wish him the absolute best and know he will excel in this next chapter. Chief Justman is looking forward to returning to the field and fully utilizing his specialized law enforcement training, which includes his certifications as a Hostage Crisis Negotiator and an ALICE active shooter response instructor.

The Town is currently working through the active recruitment process to hire a permanent Chief of Police. Chief Justman's departure also creates an immediate police officer vacancy within the department. A candidate previously under consideration had advanced to the background and polygraph phase of the hiring process; however, following a joint decision by the Mayor and Chief Justman after the candidate failed to successfully clear these vetting sections, a letter of non-acceptance was issued. Staff is now actively screening the current list of potential lateral transfers to identify eligible candidates, with the intent to invite qualified applicants to an oral board interview in the near future.

Community Events & Youth Engagement

Department members proudly participated in the inaugural **Pizza Wednesday Club** event held on September 16, 2026. Our officers (Shauna Anderson and Josh Smith) and assistant to the chief (Kendra Morrison) partnered with the event organizers to provide vital operational support, including managing traffic flow and assisting with crowd control to ensure a safe environment for all attendees. In addition to ensuring safety, officers jumped in to help serve pizza and engage directly with the kids, utilizing the informal setting to build

positive relationships with Eatonville's youth. The event was highly successful, and a recap of the day's fun and community turnout was shared on the Eatonville Police Department Facebook Page. Building on the success of this partnership, the department hopes to host its own youth outreach event early next year.



September Incident Spotlight: Mobile Home Fire Rescue

On September 22, 2026, at 7:59 AM, emergency services received an initial dispatch for a single-level structure fire at the Mill Village Mobile Home Park. The reporting party indicated heavy smoke coming from the rear bathroom of a mobile home, with bystanders attempting to douse the flames using garden hoses. It was unknown if the structure was occupied. Eatonville's Interim police Chief Jeffrey Justman (Unit ET5) was the first to arrive on the scene at 8:01 AM, reporting visible smoke and an active blazing fire upon arrival. Accompanied by an off-duty firefighter who was also on the scene, Chief Justman immediately took action to suppress the fire. Demonstrating exceptional bravery and disregard for personal safety, Chief Justman and the off-duty firefighter entered the burning, heavily smoke-logged mobile home to conduct a primary search and ensure no occupants were trapped inside. After successfully verifying that the trailer was clear of

occupants, they focused their efforts on suppression and fully extinguished the fire, preventing further spread to adjacent structures within the mobile home park before completing the incident.

Town of Eatonville Water, Wastewater and Public Works

Monthly Job Report – September 2026

Water Department

In September, the Water Department treated and produced approximately **9.4 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.

- Four water leaks were repaired.
- We've been selected and are working with DOH to complete the 2026 EPA DWINSA (Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment)

Key Statistics:

- 140 water samples collected
- 201 lab tests performed

Wastewater Department

The Wastewater Treatment Plant processed **4.5 million gallons** of wastewater. All test results met or exceeded federal and state limits, and no permit violations occurred.

- **Our new NPDES permit has been issued and will go into effect November 1st.**

Key Statistics:

- 143 wastewater samples collected
- 530 lab tests performed

Public Works

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

- Dolar LaPlant decorative street signs installed on Mashell
- Pothole season is here and we are filling them as fast as we can to try and keep up
- Several stormwater catch basins were cleaned this month. **We've cleaned approximately 100 catch basins so far this year.**

Work Highlights for September 2026



**Water Service Line Replacement
Fir Ave N**



**Phase Monitoring Installed on
Sewer Lift Stations**



Stormwater ditch in yard



Decorative Street Sign Mashell Ave

Planning Commission report to council

Meeting: September 22, 2026

Commission held a public hearing regarding a setback variance request for 402 Carter St W. No one spoke at the hearing. However, Nick did get a call from a neighbor regarding windows overlooking their property. After some discussion, the variance was unanimously granted.

We had a discussion with Nick about potential Site Distance Regulations. Nick will do some more research and get back to the Commission.

Bev Wilson, Chair