



LINDON POLICE DEPARTMENT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

As you may already be aware, the Lindon City Council voted unanimously during a Special Meeting held on August 28, 2007 to create an independent police department and terminate contract police services from Pleasant Grove City. Below, you will find answers to a few of the questions you may have as a resident about creation of the new police department.

- **When is the Lindon City Police Department expected to be operational?** Preparations are well under way for the police department, including completion of the police station facilities, hiring personnel, and purchasing necessary equipment. Your Lindon City Police Department will begin serving the community on July 1, 2008.
- **What about fire and ambulance service?** Following extensive investigation into various options, the City Council voted to begin partnering with Orem City to provide these essential services to Lindon residents. The Orem Department of Public Safety will staff the Lindon fire station, located just east of the City Center, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This full time response from within Lindon is expected to improve response times significantly, providing a higher level of service to residents experiencing an emergency. Lindon will also have access to all programs, services, and equipment offered by Orem Department of Public Safety. This partnership allows Lindon to provide full time services to Lindon residents much sooner than was originally anticipated.
- **Who do I call if I need police, fire or ambulance service?** Contact numbers for emergency services will change on July 1, 2008 due to the new partnership with Orem City, and the Lindon City Police Department becoming operational. As always, if you have an emergency, dial 911. Your call will automatically be forwarded to the Orem City dispatch center. For police non-emergency calls which require an officer to be dispatched, dial 229-7070. For non-emergency fire services, call 229-7021. To contact the Lindon City Police Department offices directly, call 796-8600. You will receive a refrigerator magnet with contact information in the mail prior to the July 1st start date.
- **Who will run the police department?** Following extensive advertising and subsequent interviews, Chief Cody Cullimore was appointed to oversee the creation and administration of the police department. Chief Cullimore has served the residents of Lindon for 27 years as an officer for the Pleasant Grove/Lindon Police Department. Many of you are familiar with Chief Cullimore (formerly Captain Cullimore), or have read his monthly message in the Lindon City newsletter. Chief Cullimore comes to Lindon with extensive experience, both as

a police officer, and in the administration of a police department. Chief Cullimore is currently in the process of hiring additional officers and civilian personnel who will begin work at Lindon over the coming weeks.

- **Will the creation and operation of a police department cost tax payers more?**
No. The City Council, as well as City staff, studied the cost of creation of a police department extensively prior to making a decision regarding continued contract services as opposed to an independent police department. In addition to comprehensive studies regarding anticipated costs of an independent police department, the city also investigated the cost of contracting with other outside agencies for public safety services. The study results indicated that the cost for services through a contract with other outside agencies, or the cost of creating a new police department would be roughly equivalent to the cost of the contract services through an outside agency. While there will be some one-time costs associated with establishing the police department, the City is in sound financial condition, and capable of comfortably funding the start-up costs, and the ongoing operational costs associated with the new police department.
- **If the cost is the same, and the service Lindon received from Pleasant Grove was acceptable, why create a new police department?** The advantages to Lindon residents in creating an independent police department are many. The City will have complete financial control and accountability regarding this large budget expenditure of your tax dollars. In addition, the efforts of the Lindon City Police Department will focus on the needs and desires of Lindon residents and businesses, and will allow officers to be more responsive to the community. Chief Cullimore anticipates hiring a number of experienced officers, which will allow a seamless transition from contract services to independent services.
- **What about community functions of the police department, such as Neighborhood Watch programs, and NOVA in the schools?** Lindon residents will enjoy all the benefits of a community minded police department. Each area of the City will be assigned a “contact” officer as a liaison between the neighborhood and the Police Department. Officers will be available to serve at community events, and a school resource officer will be assigned to oversee education and enforcement programs in the schools.

This historic decision was not made lightly by your elected officials. You may rest assured that after much investigation, thought and deliberation, the City Council determined that creation of a Lindon City Police Department was the proper course of action to best serve the needs of our growing community. Watch for more information as Lindon City Police Department is established! If you have questions or concerns regarding any aspect of the Lindon City Police Department prior to July 1st, contact Chief Cullimore at chief@lindoncity.org or City Administrator Ott Dameron at odameron@lindoncity.org, or call the City Center at 785-5043.