

La Center Police Advisory Commission

Volunteers Needed

The La Center Police Department is now accepting applications for the La Center “Police Advisory Commission.”

The La Center Police Advisory Commission is a volunteer group whose mission is to contribute their time and talents to promote public safety, serving as a liaison between the community and the Police Department, and assist in educating our community for a better understanding of the respective responsibilities of police and citizens.

The La Center Police Department will utilize the Commission for the purpose of reviewing and making recommendations to the Police Chief on matters pertinent to the Police Department.

Application submittal deadline is April 17, 2018. If you are interested in being part of this Commission or have questions, contact the La Center Police Department at lcpolice@lcenterpd.org or call 360-263-2745 Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM.

Police Advisory Commission ~ PAC

La Center Police Department Police Advisory Commission

PAC Mission Statement:

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MEMBERSHIP

Five (5) members will be selected to represent the La Center Police Advisory Commission. One (1) appointed Commission Chair is required. Members are selected, approved, and appointed per the PAC application qualifications.

The duties of a Co-Chair/Secretary responsible for recording meeting minutes shall be rotated sequentially amongst the commission's membership for each meeting. The Commission Chair shall be excluded from this responsibility. A register for Co-Chair/Secretarial duties shall be established by the commission.

ADVISORY AUTHORITY

The Police Advisory Commission is a volunteer group that reports to the Chief of Police. Members are advisory only with no oversight authority. Staffing and clerical support for the Police Advisory Commission will be assigned by the Chief of Police.

MEETINGS

Semiannual meetings are mandatory, meeting location TBA.

TERM

Member terms are not limited as long as they remain eligible to represent their appointed constituency. Chair position has a term of three (3) years and is selected jointly by the La Center Chief and PAC members. There is no restriction on the number of consecutive terms a member can serve as Chair.

Applications will be reviewed by the Chief of Police, interviews may be conducted, and PAC member appointments will be made by the Chief of Police.

The Police Advisory Commission (PAC) assists the La Center Police Department in a multitude of different areas.

PAC Duties:

- Provide feedback to the LCPD regarding community interests and opinions.
- Be a positive representative for the LCPD in community relations.
- Make recommendations on public safety issues, delivery of service, and provide feedback on whether the LCPD is exceeding the community's expectations.
- Serve as a community advocate for the department outreach to all citizens.
- PAC members and volunteers participate in special events.
- To advise and make recommendations to the Chief of Police concerning the provision of police protection and services within the City of La Center
- To enhance police-community relations by serving as a liaison between the police department and the community.
- To promote and support public awareness of the City of La Center's police services and programs.
- Hold public meetings, from time to time, to solicit input from the community regarding police services, programs, and issues of public safety.
- The commission shall in no way receive or stand in review of complaints initiated against personnel of the police department, nor have any role in civil or criminal litigation.
- Notwithstanding the duties of the commission as described within this section, the Commission shall have no power or authority to investigate, review, or otherwise participate in matters involving specific police personnel or specific police-related incidents.

Qualifications for perspective PAC members:

- Be a law abiding citizen with good intent.
- Complete a PAC application.
- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Pass required background and reference checks.
- Must live inside the city limits of La Center.
- Must be a registered voter of Clark County.
- Must be a resident for at least a year.
- Requires a minimum 3 year commitment.
- Must complete a ride-a-long with a sworn member of the LCPD.

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- The La Center Police Advisory Commission (PAC) is a group of volunteers who contribute their time and talents to promote public safety, form a liaison between the community and the police department, and assist in educating our community for a better understanding of the respective responsibilities of police and citizens. Sometimes it is difficult for individuals to understand how they can contribute to improving the overall safety of La Center. The PAC allows members of the community to establish relationships with police to be more effective participants.

- As part of the Commission you will quickly learn the realities of law enforcement, and what opportunities exist to participate in improving the safety of our communities each and every day. Being a member of the Commission also exposes you to resources that are available, enhancing your knowledge and understanding of what our officers do and how law enforcement operates in La Center. Some of these resources are the Neighborhood Watch program and National Night Out Against Crime.
- Members of the Commission will have the opportunity to get to know and respect those who are sworn to protect our communities, providing the basis for a more collaborative environment, resulting in a better community.
- The La Center Police Advisory Commission is not an adjudicatory body and is not intended to conduct hearings, advise on discipline, issue citations, or make determinations in individual complaints.
- Where appropriate, make recommendations to the police department on substantive policy issues, with the goal of improved police services. For the purpose of this regulation, "substantive" issues will be defined as matters of major or practical importance to all concerned. It shall not include personnel issues involving individual officers or daily police operational enforcement and implementation.
- Receive information and comments from citizens at the Commission's open and public meeting forum regarding public safety issues and concerns.
- To generate community interest and involvement in crime prevention, to include community oriented policing and other areas of community relations.
- Attend various meetings as a representative of the Police Advisory Commission of the La Center Police Dept as directed by the Chief of Police.



La Center Police Dept.

Police Department
Marc Denney, Chief of Police

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La Center, WA 98629
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APPLICATION FOR LA CENTER POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Please provide information as requested below. Inaccurate or incomplete applications may be denied.

Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

Physical Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Mailing Address: _____
Mailing Address City State Zip Code

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Employer: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Driver's License: _____
State & Number

- I live inside the city limits of La Center
- I have been a resident for at least one year
- I am at least 18 years of age
- I am a registered voter of Clark County
- I am a local business owner or manager
- I am a parent of a La Center student
- I am a member of _____ HOA
- I am interested in volunteering at local La Center Police Dept events
- I am able to attend required PAC meetings
- I am able to serve on the PAC commission for the required term
- I am able to attend additional community meetings as needed
- I am interested in representing the La Center Police Dept. in a positive manner
- I agree to participate in a "Ride-Along" with the La Center Police Dept.

Please answer the following questions:

1. Why are you interested in serving on this committee? _____

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2. What are your qualifications (i.e. do you have experience in this field or interests in this area)? _____

3. What do you view the responsibilities of this commission to be? _____

4. How much time could you allow for the work and duties of this position? _____

5. Please submit information about your community service (you may attach a brief résumé) _____

6. Please provide the names and phone numbers of three references

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

I am interested in serving as a citizen member of the La Center Police Advisory Commission. I understand that a background check will be performed as part of this application process, and hereby give my consent to the La Center Police Department to perform that check.

Applicant Signature

Date

Please return completed form to:
La Center Police Advisory Commission
c/o La Center Police Department
105 W 5th St.
La Center, WA 98629

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY		Application Received (Date/Initials): _____	
Records Check:	<input type="checkbox"/> WACIC <input type="checkbox"/> DOL <input type="checkbox"/> RMS <input type="checkbox"/> NCIC	Date:	_____
Interview Conducted By:	_____	Date:	_____
Chief of Police Review: Any Concerns?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (see attached)	Date:	_____
		Final Disposition:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied