

Upcoming Community Events:

Alyeska Climb-a-thon	September 7	North Face Alyeska
Trails Marathon	October 5	all GW trails
Kids and Cops	October 19	Ice Cream Shop
Halloween	Oct 31	Cabanaland
Coffee with our Cops	November 23	Grind
ASD winter break	Dec 20-Jan 5	
New Year's Eve	TUE Dec 31	
Military Monday	MON Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3 Apr 7	Resort
Town League	THU Jan/Feb	Resort

Community Concerns for follow-up

DOT Items:

DOT Alyeska Highway Pedestrian Safety Corridor (Bike Path) concerns
Refresh of painted stencils indicating ped/bike only: This is DOT ROW and GVSA cannot make changes without approval of DOT. Stencil painting cost previously was \$1500 and was covered by funds remaining from construction work. Those funds are now exhausted. GVSA does not have authority or funding mechanism to work on DOT ROW. New South Central Region Director is Sean Holland, Service Area will discuss with him.

Bridge abutment over Glacier Creek: DOT completed repairs spring 2024.

Unrestricted access to airport property. Public should call police to report illegal activity. No recreational access is permitted on airport land. Service Area offered that 2nd gate after the hangar condo to be added to deter parties. DOT is examining this request.

Enforcement Concerns

Alyeska Highway Speeding. Speed limit enforcement by Whittier Police. Speed limit is unlikely to change as it is a state road meeting state statute requirements. Changing the designation of a state road has consequences having to do with maintenance and funding.

Unsafe parking on roads:

Call Whittier Police for parking enforcement if emergency vehicles are unable to pass.

Loveland: This road is an issue seasonally, Alyeska Resort has new plan for 2023/24 parking that should improve capacity in Daylodge lot.

Donner Rd: GBOS passed resolution 2023-16 requesting no parking signs on one side of Donner Rd (brewery overflow parking issue) This initiates the process with MOA traffic dept for installation in summer 2024.

Timberline: No parking signs added in summer 2023 at end of Timberline/Virgin Creek Falls Trailhead.

Traffic Study results are pending for MOA Roads and State Roads

Homeless Camps:

Abatement of homeless camps completed spring 2024.

August 27, 2024

Girdwood Board of Supervisors

Public Safety Advisory Committee

proposal for new structure of PSAC

Meet four times a year.

Increase members to four.

Create and publicize a website explaining what the PSAC is, what it's history and invite members of the community make input to the PSAC through an e-mail address that is separate from the GBOS

For ¼ of the year;

One member will have the responsibility to check the email weekly and respond if necessary.

Should issues arise that call for the attention of the GBOS, the member will contact the Supervisor in charge of the PSAC.

During the assigned ¼ of the year a member should attend a Whittier City Council meeting.

During a member's ¼ they should liaison with Four Valleys Community School and Girdwood School PTA , the Girdwood Clinic and the Girdwood Chapel about issues concerning public safety.

Should be the point person for public safety issues surrounding public events such as Slush Cup and Forest Fair.

New members of the PSAC should arrange a ride along with our police officers.

All members of the PSAC should try to attend public safety events such as, KIDS and COPS , COFFEE WITH OUR COPS.

Girdwood Police Budget
2025 - Draft
Work Session #2

		2022	2023	2024	2025	2025 Comments
	Non-Labor					
530380	Whittier Police contract	675,000.00	793,044.00	793,044.00	793,044.00	Year 3 of 3 for police contract
530380	CPI increase	33,075.00				Under new contract no CPI increase
540280	Rental of ACS building	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	12,000.00	Substation rental increase for tenant improvements payback
540640	Car Towing and misc police items	10,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	Towing cars, Wildlife disposal, signs, PSA's
	Inter Government Charges (IGC)					
	600320	321				
	600370 IGC Accounts Payable	24.00	279.00	367.00	367.00	
	Direct Cost Grand Total	\$ 724,420	\$ 811,323	\$ 811,411	\$ 817,411	
	Mill Rate Estimate				0.95	
	2024 to 2025 Difference	\$			6,000	

Girdwood Public Safety Advisory Committee

Answers Your Questions about Girdwood Police Service

Q: How do I call for police service?

A: **Call 911 for emergencies.** Your call is then forwarded to Whittier Police Dispatch if you're calling from the Girdwood Valley Service Area or to Anchorage Police Department Dispatch if you are on the Seward Highway or up Crow Creek Road. **The non-emergency number is 907-783-3223.**

Q: Why does the Whittier Police Department provide police service to Girdwood?

A: Girdwood has partnered with the Whittier Police Department since 2016. Girdwood used to be policed by the Alaska State Troopers, however, their service to Girdwood was discontinued due to state budget limitations. Girdwood residents voted to partner with the Whittier Police Department, and this partnership continues today.

Q: What geographic area does the Whittier Police Department cover?

A: The Whittier Police Department is responsible for policing the City of Whittier, the Girdwood Valley Service Area, and the Anton Anderson Tunnel in a contracted arrangement with the State of Alaska. According to Alaska Statute (AS.35.225) all sworn officers are duty-bound to respond to traffic violations committed in their presence, regardless of location.

Q: Is there a Whittier Police Substation in Girdwood?

A: Yes. The Whittier Police have an office across from Chair 5. The entrance is around the back of the building. The office is staffed by appointment only. Call 907-783-3223 to make an appointment.

Q: Can Whittier Police write parking and speeding tickets?

A: Yes. Money generated from parking and speeding tickets goes into the State of Alaska General Fund.

Q: How do Whittier Police know where my house is?

A: Having a clearly marked street address is important for fire, ambulance, and police response. Whittier Police have been provided Girdwood Maps and Mapbooks from the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA).

Q: If someone is arrested, will they be transported to Whittier?

A: All arrested individuals will be transported to Anchorage for processing by the Alaska Court System.

Q: How do I get a copy of my police report or file a police report?

A: Complete a request for records at: www.whittieralaska.gov. WPD has an office in the building across from Chair 5. The entrance is around the back. Call 907-783-3223 to make an appointment.

Q: How do I file a restraining order?

A: Contact Whittier Police Department at 907-783-3223 and they will assist you with the court process.

Q: I need a background check and fingerprints for work, where should I go?

A: You can obtain a background check from the Alaska State Trooper Office in Anchorage on Tudor Road. There are various private fingerprinting businesses in Anchorage.

Q: What is the Girdwood Public Safety Advisory Committee?

The Girdwood Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) is a subcommittee of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS). The PSAC was formed in 2016, with the initial purpose of helping to find "right-sized" policing for our community after the Alaska State Troopers left their Girdwood post. The PSAC's ongoing purpose is to serve as a conduit between the community and law enforcement. The committee consists of four volunteer members who meet monthly. We hear reports from the Girdwood Fire Department Chief, Whittier Police Chief, and Girdwood's Service Area Manager, and review and discuss safety-related issues impacting our community.

Q: When are the Girdwood Public Safety Advisory Committee Meetings?

A: PSAC meets the first Monday of every month at 7 pm in the Girdwood Community Room. Meetings are open to the public, can be attended in person or virtually, and there is always an opportunity for public comment on the agenda.

PSAC meetings are publicly noticed online: www.muni.org/gpsac and are physically posted at the Girdwood Post Office, Gerrish Branch Library, and Girdwood Community Room bulletin boards.

Updated 6.6.23

Emergency? Dial:

911

Local Police Non-Emergency Dial:

907-783-3223

August 2024

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Whittier Police Department

Whittier Police 2024 Statistics - **Girdwood ONLY**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Traffic / DUI / Parking	29	22	35	61	53	64	71					
Area and Business Security Check	143	113	164	129	144	108	188					
Suspicious Activity	5	1	1	10	7	4	4					
Property Crimes (Theft / Vandalism)	1	3	7	5	7	10	8					
Assault / Disorderly Conduct	12	3	9	18	9	8	11					
Drug Problem (Sale / Possession)												
Civil Problem / Citizen Assist	7	7	4	8	6	10	20					
Welfare Check / Alarm Drop	8	11	7	8	10	12	16					
Animal Control / Wildlife		1	2	1		3	3					
Agency Assist	3	2	1	5	6	9	8					
Other	5	2	6	16	12	10	11					
Monthly Sub Total	213	165	236	261	254	238	340					
Annual Running Total	213	378	614	875	1129	1367	1707					

Whittier Public Safety Statistics - **Whittier ONLY**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
Traffic / DUI / Parking	1	3	7	3	27	42	63				
Area and Business Security Check	12	18	19	16	41	50	77				
Suspicious Activity		2		2	4	1					
Property Crimes (Theft / Vandalism)	1		1		5	1	5				
Assault / Disorderly Conduct	3	11	3		2	5	6				
Drug Problem (Sale / Possession)			1								
Civil Problem / Citizen Assist	1	8	8	4	5	14	11				
Welfare Check / Alarm Drop	1	3	2	3	6	20	4				
Animal Control / Wildlife				1	1	4	13				
Fire / EMS	5	5	4	4	10	25	22				
Other	5	3			8	14	15				
Monthly Sub Total	29	53	45	33	109	176	216				
Running Annual Total	29	82	127	160	269	445	661				
										Annual	

General:

Whittier police continued to step-up enforcement on code violations in Whittier, including parking and camping violations. We urge all residents and visitors to please park and/or camp in designated areas in Whittier.

Whittier Police have also increased traffic and speed enforcement in both Whittier and Girdwood.

There has been an increase in bear activities throughout Whittier, especially in the harbor area. We urge all residents and visitors to exercise caution while traveling about Whittier. Boat owners and campers should ensure all food and trash items as safely secured or properly disposed of.

Failure to properly secure your trash or food items may result in a bear breaking into your area and causing damage to your property. Additionally, individuals may be cited.

A recent question has been brought up regarding the Whittier Law Enforcement presence while the cruise ship is in the City of Whittier, and the on-duty officer is not in Whittier.

If a law enforcement response is needed at the cruise ship, and the on-duty officer is not available, the Whittier Police Department has an on-call police officer that is available for emergency response.

We have rarely needed any law enforcement actions on any cruise ships in the last couple of years.

Any other specific questions on law enforcement response, will be handled on a case by case basis.

Of Interest:

The City of Whittier had put up a second tsunami site in Whittier. The site is located at the head of the bay by the new cruise ship terminal. After the site was erected, temporary power was placed at the site to test the equipment. We can report that the site test was successful. This site will be in full operation once permanent power is placed at the second site.

Our first tsunami warning site, at the P12 building) also received its annual maintenance and checkup. We were able to change the daily chimes to sound at noon daily and have weekly Friday afternoon "Tsunami Warning Audible Test".

Additionally, the daily noon chimes decibel has been reduced.



AUGUST 2024 FIRE REPORT

August Incidents: 13
(to 8/16)
Commercial Alarm: 1
Gas leak outside: 1
Extinguished Fire: 1
Vehicle Fire: 1
Hazmat Spill: 1
Citizen/Agency Assist: 1
Motor Vehicle Accident: 1
EMS: 6

July Incidents: 47
Outside Fires: 3
Smoke Structure 1
Fire follow-up 1
Commercial Alarm: 4
Citizen/Agency Assist: 4
Electrical: 1
Motor Vehicle Accident: 4
EMS: 23
Mud/Water Rescue: 2
Man Down: 1
Whittier Medical: 1
Lift Assist: 1
Cat in tree: 1



Both refurbished Medic Units now in service



Hosted AT&T FirstNet trial August 8



Participating in Anchorage International Airport Mass Casualty Exercise



Busy July! But not due to Forest Fair!



Tsunami brochure which includes Girdwood and Portage evacuation zones being finalized by State



New Member Open House Wednesday 630-8pm

Girdwood Public Safety Advisory Committee

Operating Procedures

The Girdwood Public Safety Advisory Committee (GPSAC) is an advisory body with specific responsibility for public safety, including liaising with any contracted police and public safety services within the Girdwood Valley Service Area. The GPSAC reports to the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS).

I. Meetings

- Regular meetings are held the first Monday of each month, unless a national holiday or other important event conflicts. Meetings that are re-scheduled will be properly noticed at least one week in advance of the meeting date.
- Special Meetings may be called with a minimum of 24 hours advance notice. Special Meetings are open to the public and must be properly noticed 24 hours in advance of the meeting.
- Meetings are public and open to all interested members of the community or other observers.
- A previously published agenda is followed at each meeting. Draft Minutes of the prior meeting will be posted along with the draft agenda at least one week in advance of the meeting date.
- The chair or designee leads the meeting; staff or designee takes and publishes minutes of the meeting.
- Robert's Rules of Order will be followed when necessary.
- Public Comment will be an agenda item at all Regular and Special meetings.

II. Selection of Voting Membership and Term of Service

- Voting members of the GPSAC are selected to serve for two year terms by a system of application to the Girdwood Board of Supervisors. Selection of members will occur in GBOS Executive Session.
- Voting members of the GPSAC must be registered to vote in the Girdwood Valley Service Area.

- Terms are to be staggered so that all members do not change over on the same year.
Seats A & B renew in March every year ending in odd numbers
Seats C & D renew in March every year ending in even numbers

- Voting members are required to attend 75% of meetings. Members who are not able to meet this commitment will be replaced through a system of application to and selection by the GBOS.

III. Voting Membership

- The GPSAC consists of 4 full voting members plus the GBOS Public Safety supervisor as an ex-officio member.

- A quorum of at least 3 of the 4 voting members is required in order for the meeting to be held.

IV. Decision Making

- Any member may entertain, propose or second a motion.
- Once seconded, a motion will be discussed by members then the public will be invited to comment on the motion.
- All motions are passed by a majority of the full voting members. The ex-officio GBOS member may vote only to break ties between full voting members.
- In the event that the GBOS ex-officio member does not break the tie, the full voting members may immediately re-vote once. If the re-vote is tied then the motion will fail.

V. Modifications to this document

- Members may modify this document with a majority vote following the decision-making process described above.

Girdwood Public Safety Advisory Committee
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