



LINDON POLICE DEPARTMENT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

As you may already be aware, the Lindon City Police Department began serving the community on July 1, 2008. Below, you will find answers to a few of the questions you may have as a resident about the new police department.

- **Who is responsible for running the police department?** Following extensive advertising and subsequent interviews, Chief Cody Cullimore was appointed to oversee the creation and administration of the police department. Prior to his appointment, Chief Cullimore 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. Lindon is actually Chief Cullimore's home town, and he is very committed to serving and improving the community of Lindon.
- **Who do I call if I need police, fire or ambulance service?** Contact numbers for emergency services changed 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.
- **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 now staffs 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 has reduced average response times from 12 minutes to 2 minutes, critical time when you are experiencing an emergency. Lindon also has access to all programs, services, and equipment offered by Orem Department of Public Safety. This partnership allows Lindon to provide full time fire and EMS services to Lindon residents much sooner and at a lower cost than was originally anticipated.

- **Will the creation and operation of a police department cost tax payers more?**
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. Study results indicated that the cost for services through a contract with other outside agencies would be roughly equivalent to the cost of creating and running a new police department. While there were some one-time costs associated with establishing the police department, operational costs are not expected to significantly exceed the cost for contract services from another agency. Based on economic conditions at the time the decision was made, no tax increase is anticipated. However, the City Council will respond appropriately to maintain the current level of these essential services if the economic climate changes in the future.
- **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 now has 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. Lindon City Police Department is staffed by highly qualified experienced officers who are committed to serving the residents of Lindon.
- **What about community functions of the police department, such as Neighborhood Watch programs, and NOVA in the schools?** Lindon residents enjoy all the benefits of a local, community minded police department. Each area of the City is 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. The Police Department has hosted two “Night Out Against Crime” events, as well as many neighborhood meeting such as “Neighborhood Watch.” R.A.D. classes are now offered to women in the community, along with a variety of other community oriented functions of the Police Department. .

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. If you have questions or concerns regarding any aspect of the Lindon City Police Department, contact Chief Cullimore at chief@lindoncity.org or City Administrator Ott Dameron at odameron@lindoncity.org , or call the City Center at 785-5043.