



# City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota

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## Legislation Text

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**WORKSHOP ITEM** *Brian Podany, Safety Services Manager/Chief of Police*

### **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS UPDATE**

Historically the Blaine Police Department has had a Crime Prevention/Community Outreach Unit that goes back decades. In the past, the Crime Prevention model focused on traditional approaches to connect with others in our community to make Blaine a safer place.

The Blaine Police Department recently did a reduction in force of our Crime Prevention/Community Outreach Unit with the goal of re-inventing what police community relations looks like in the City of Blaine in light of our changing society. The new effort is designed to assess the best ways our police department can connect with the community based on resident, business, and other stakeholder feedback.

Staff will provide a progress update of the steps that are being taken as part of the reinvention process. Included will be discussion on community members identified as well as how input will be sought from those community members.

Provide staff with any noted input or initial ideas council would like to see incorporated.