

Candidates Reynolds and Kwiatek on public safety (Reynolds Town Hall, April 7)

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Candidate Kwiatek:

- lots of conversation about policing
- hot button issue
- look at policing as part of a larger ecosystem
- new vision with new police chief
- bring together police and Health dept
- get social workers, etc. involved with non-violent calls
- models in other cities
- saves money as benefit too
- police not experts in every thing
- more community policing
- integrate public health practices

Candidate Reynolds:

- Chief Kott for more community involvement
- listen to what community wants
- always situations where you want a police officer
- but often in situations that are unfair to the officers
- how do we make our police officers' jobs easier
- must do a lot to help out before a call to a police officer is needed

Candidate Kwiatek:

- lots going on in people's lives that we must take care of
- all connected
- public safety is not isolated
- we can solve more than one problem at a time

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