

Marysville police force could double -- from 1 to 2

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Marysville Borough Council could vote on hiring an additional full-time police officer as early as its April 14 meeting. The police department has had just one officer for more than a year: Carl Lehman, recently promoted to chief.

In March 2007, former officer Robert J. Pavlovich Jr. was suspended, and later fired, while state police investigated charges he molested girls while on duty. He is awaiting trial.

Also in March 2007, Chief Jake Stoss resigned when investigators served a search warrant at the borough office and police station as part of the Pavlovich investigation.

Mayor Deb Troutman said the borough has spent the past several months interviewing, testing and checking candidates for the job. She said she didn't expect a third officer to be hired until Pavlovich's criminal case is resolved.

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