



## Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes - Final

Chairperson Nate Marsh  
Vice-Chair Clark Hammelman  
Debra Beck  
Don MacBrayne  
Richard Morton  
Andy Powell  
Carl Smith  
Steve Thayer  
Laurie Van Court

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**Thursday, March 7, 2024**

**3:00 PM**

**Castle Rock Municipal Courtroom  
100 Perry St., Castle Rock, CO 80104**

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This meeting is open to the public. Please note that all times indicated on the agenda are approximate and interested parties are encouraged to be present earlier than the posted time.

The Public Safety Commission meets monthly at the Town of Castle Rock Fire & Rescue Headquarters or the Police Department.

### Call to Order and Attendance

Chairperson Marsh called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Guests - Officer Scott Gillespie  
Officer Dave Knight  
Sergeant Kal Collins  
Castle Rock Rotarian Wes Shuneman

**Present** 9 - Vice Chair Clark Hammelman, Andy Powell, Don MacBrayne, Richard Morton, Carl Smith, Steve Thayer, Debra Beck, Laurie Van Court, and Chairperson Nate Marsh

**Attendance** 3 - Rich Martin, Jack Cauley, and Kim Stremel

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

[PS 2024-178](#) Public Safety Commission meeting minutes - February 1, 2024

**Ms. Beck moved to approve the February 1, 2024 minutes. Mr. Thayer seconded the motion; the motion carried.**

**Yes:** 12 - Vice Chair Hammelman, Powell, MacBrayne, Morton, Smith, Thayer, Beck, Van Court, Chairperson Marsh, Cauley, Martin, and Stremel

### Fire Department Report

[PS 2024-179](#) CRFD January Report

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Fire Department's January report prior to today's meeting.
- Deputy Chief Martin was in attendance for Chief Croom and provided a brief update on the fatal residential fire.
  - The fire appears to be accidental in cause
  - All agencies are awaiting toxicology on the victim
  - The Shift Training Officer was present during this call and was instrumental to scene safety.
- Deputy Chief Martin is retiring in July
  - Training Chief Oren Bersagel-Briese will promote to Deputy

## Chief

- A recruitment for Training Chief will occur prior to July
- Fire Command Staff attended training in Golden, where they utilized a 3D exercise-based tabletop model that represented the terrain of Castle Rock. This exercise provided visualization as to how and where fire could spread and allowed staff the opportunity to apply that knowledge to firefighting tactics/strategies.
- Deputy Chief Martin was asked where citizens can find a copy of the Emergency Operations Plan for the Town of Castle Rock. It can be found on the Town's website; [<https://crgov.com>](https://crgov.com)
- Commission members asked where information can be found on CPR classes. Classes are offered quarterly and can be found on [<https://crgov.com>](https://crgov.com)

**Police Department Report**[PS 2024-180](#)

## CRPD January Report

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Police Department's January report prior to today's meeting.
- Chief Cauley introduced Officer Scott Gillespie, who is the primary program director of the Castle Rock Police Department's Youth Police Academy
- Officer Gillespie spoke of the programs highlights, accompanied by a video presentation
  - The program is 2-weeks long in the summer and is offered to participants between the ages of 13 to 17
  - Each 1-week long co-hort hosts up to 25 participants
  - The Youth Police Academy trains participants to be leaders among their peers
  - The Academy exposes participants to over 50 policing topics such as interviewing, crime scene investigation, de-escalation techniques, driving, etc.
  - The Youth Police Academy is an excellent feeder program for the PD's Explorer Post
  - Castle Rock Rotary has been a major source of funding for the program, providing students with an optimal experience

**New Business**

- Four members terms are up this spring.
- The Town Manager's Office will provide direction for eligible candidates to Debbie and Kim which will be shared with the group in the near future.

## Old Business

- Commission Member Beck provided all Commission members with a spreadsheet she created that breaks down the Commission's bylaws and associated responsibilities.
- She asked Commission members to review and provide feedback at the next meeting to determine if the Commission is on task and performing their responsibilities as described in the bylaws.
- The Commission sees this as an on-going task in order to work through the document thoroughly.
- Chairperson Marsh suggested the Commission bring a list of actionable items to the next meeting to discuss with Chief Croom and Chief Cauley regarding the Commission's role when being asked to vote on community issues that pertain to public safety, such as Strategic Plans, etc.

## Commissioner Comments and Questions

N/A

## Adjourn

Mr. Hammelman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Beck seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

The next Public Safety Commission Meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Police Department.