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## ***Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes***

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**April 4, 2019**

**3:00 PM**

**Fire Department**

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### **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Travis Menard (Chairperson)  
Tim Arvidson  
Bonnie Dews  
Kerstin Keough  
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### **STAFF PRESENT**

Fire Chief Norris Croom III  
Police Chief Jack Cauley  
Deborah Stanley – Fire

### **ABSENT**

Janet Peterson (Vice-Chairperson)  
David Dostaler  
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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Menard called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. Ms. Keough moved to approve the March 7, 2019 minutes. Ms. Martinez seconded the motion; the motion carried.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

- The Fire Department's February monthly report was distributed.
- The department is in the process of outfitting the new replacement engines and will host a public ceremony in early June. Will notify PSC members once a date has been set.
- Discussion on last month's blizzard.
  - Deputy Chief Martin assisted with the 50-vehicle accident at mile marker 165 that contributed to the closing of I-25.
  - The department deployed the Tracked Rescue Vehicle (TRV) on Wednesday morning, March 13 at 11:00 am. The TRV did not return to the station until Thursday morning at 3:00 am.
    - The TRV traveled over 400 miles during the storm and rescued 120-stranded motorists off I-25.
    - Additional motorists were rescued from Highway 83 and Lake Gulch Road.
  - The County (Douglas County Fairgrounds) sheltered 700 people during the storm; New Hope Church sheltered 98, and the MAC sheltered 200.
- Commission members should have received an invitation to the Promotional Badge ceremony to be held on April 15 at Town Council Chambers.
- The Life Safety Division is working on filling its vacant positions. Six candidates completed the practical testing phase, and the department is preparing to extend offer letters to the top three candidates.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

- Chief Cauley distributed the Police Department's February monthly report.
- The posted officer position has closed. The department received 270 applications.
  - The department will be conducting interviews and testing soon.



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- Chief Cauley talked about the recent IACP conference he attended in Austin, Texas.
  - Chief Cauley gave a well-received presentation on workplace culture and One by One Policing.
  - Officer wellness was a hot topic at the conference.
    - The Police Department will be asking for additional funding next year to establish a wellness program. The program will be modeled after best practices and will focus on psychological health issues.
    - The department will collaborate with other Douglas County agencies to build the program.
    - Chief Cauley was asked if the department has a Peer Fitness Team. Yes, but the Wellness program will be more comprehensive.
- The Training Center North building is on track and should be completed in the first quarter of 2020.

#### **Questions/Comments:**

- Was there a train accident here in Castle Rock last week? No, because of volume down the rail lines, we had a train stopped on the tracks here in Town for about an hour and a half.
  - The increased volume of trains on the track was due to the flooding back east.
  - Due to where it stopped, the train blocked all three railroad crossing here in Town (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> streets).
  - While waiting for permission to travel, the train crew timed out and had to wait for relief crews to move the trains.
- Were there any major issues with the blizzard? There were very few issues and these were all resolved. The whole incident was well managed.
  - Ms. Dews gave kudos to both Chief Croom and Chief Cauley for how they handled the event.
  - 70% of motorists who were sheltered were not from Castle Rock.
  - This was a short-lived event. We might have encountered more issues if it had been longer in duration.
  - The various agencies will meet to discuss preparation for future incidents.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Suggestion to change the meeting times. This might help members with attendance issues.
  - Quick discussion. Will table this discussion until after the new members arrive in June.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Menard reminded commission members about absences.
  - Commission members are only allowed three absences within a 12-month period. A fourth absence is considered a resignation.
  - Work conflicts do not constitute an excused absence.

Mr. Menard made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Moreland seconded the motion.

**The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.**

**The next Public Safety Commission meeting is scheduled for  
May 2, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the Fire Department.**