



Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes - Final

Laurie Van Court, Chairperson
Robert Dziubla, Vice-Chair
Steven Goedecke
Jeffery Hamilton
Clark Hammelman
Greg Thomas
Zachary Van Valkenburg
Jake Veith

Thursday, July 2, 2026

3:00 PM

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

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 Van Court called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present 8 - Chair Laurie Van Court, Vice-Chair Robert Dziubla, Steven Goedecke, Jeffery Hamilton, Clark Hammelman, Greg Thomas, Zachary Van Valkenburg, and Jake Veith

Approval of Meeting Minutes

[PS 2026-018](#) Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes - June 4, 2026

Ms. Van Court moved to approve the June 4, 2026 minutes. Mr. Dziubla seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Yes: 8 - Chair Van Court, Dziubla, Goedecke, Hamilton, Hammelman, Thomas, Van Valkenburg, and Veith

[PS 2026-019](#) CRFD May Report

Fire Department Report

Commission members were emailed a copy of the Fire Department's June report prior to today's meeting.

Chief Croom reported the Town and Douglas County entered Stage 2 Fire Restrictions due to rapidly deteriorating fire conditions throughout the region. Stage 1 restrictions had been implemented earlier in the week before conditions worsened.

Stage 2 restrictions prohibit:

- Personal fireworks
- Professional fireworks displays
- Fireworks sales throughout the county

Chief Croom explained the Department uses several scientific indicators to determine fire restriction levels, including:

- Energy Release Component (ERC)
- Burn Index
- 1,000-hour fuel moisture measurements

Current conditions have reached the 97th percentile for the Energy Release Component.

Stage 1 restrictions are generally considered beginning at the 90th percentile.

Chief Croom noted current fuel conditions are the most severe experienced locally, exceeding those observed during the 2002 Hayman Fire season.

Weather stations throughout Douglas County, including Rampart Range, Franktown, and the Roxborough area, continue to report consistently critical fire conditions across varying elevations.

Long-range weather forecasts indicate little opportunity for meaningful precipitation through July.

Staff anticipates Stage 2 Fire Restrictions may remain in effect for an extended period.

Commission members discussed current wildfire preparedness efforts and regional coordination as agencies continue monitoring conditions throughout Douglas County.

[PS 2026-020](#)

CRPD May Report

Police Department Report

Commission members were emailed a copy of the Police Department's June report prior to today's meeting.

Chief Cauley highlighted the success of the CRPD Therapy Dog Conference, held June 24-26.

The conference was created and organized by Officers Scott Gillespie and Dave Knight.

- Twenty-four K-9 therapy handlers and their therapy dogs from agencies across the country attended, along with representatives interested in developing therapy dog programs within their own organizations.
- The conference received overwhelmingly positive feedback from attendees and reinforced CRPD's role as a national leader in therapy dog program development.

Chief Cauley reported School Resource Officers attended the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) Conference in Reno, Nevada.

- Attendees earned 32 hours of continuing education credits while participating in nationally recognized training focused on school safety and best practices.

Preparations are underway for the Town's annual National Night Out event on August 4.

- As part of this year's event, CRPD launched the Skate & Deploy Skateboard Design Contest, inviting local middle and high school students to submit original skateboard artwork.
- The winning design will be featured during National Night Out as part of the Department's youth engagement efforts.

The Department hosted two Coffee with a Cop events during the month of June. Community members met with officers at Dazbog Coffee and La La's Coffee and Boba to engage in informal conversations and strengthen relationships with law enforcement.

Chief Cauley highlighted the continued success of the Department's investment in License Plate Reader (LPR) technology.

- LPR technology continues to assist officers in making arrests and solving criminal investigations on an almost daily basis.
- The technology has significantly improved investigative efficiency and public safety by identifying offenders who otherwise may not have been apprehended.
- Chief Cauley noted the Department's continued investment in technology has improved operational effectiveness while reducing the need for

additional staffing resources.

Chief Cauley provided an update regarding the Department's response to organized street takeover events. The deployment of portable vehicle barriers has successfully prevented repeat takeover events within Castle Rock.

Since implementation, organizers have not returned to the community.

The barriers continue to be deployed during major community events, including the Castle Rock Car Show, to enhance public safety.

Commissioners complimented the Department's visible security measures during community events, including:

- Rooftop overwatch officers
- Small unmanned aircraft systems (drones)
- Vehicle barriers protecting pedestrian areas

Chief Cauley explained these layered security measures have been utilized for several years and have evolved in response to increasing national threats at public events.

New Business

Old Business

Commissioner Comments and Questions

Commissioners expressed appreciation for the continued partnership between the Police and Fire Departments and their shared commitment to maintaining a safe community.

Adjourn

Mr. Dziubla made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Goedecke seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

The next Public Safety Commission meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.