



Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Clark Hammelman
Robert Dziubla
Trevor Knotts
Don MacBrayne
Chairperson Nate Marsh
Richard Morton
Andy Powell
Steve Thayer
Laurie Van Court

Thursday, September 5, 2024

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 Headquarters or Police Department.

Commission member Thayer called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Present 8 - Vice Chair Clark Hammelman, Andy Powell, Richard Morton, Steve Thayer, Laurie Van Court, Chairperson Nate Marsh, Trevor Knotts, and Robert Dziubla

Attendance 3 - Jack Cauley, Norris Croom, and Kim Stremel

Call to Order and Attendance

Approval of Meeting Minutes

[PS 2024-024](#) Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes August 1, 2024

Attachments: [PSC 08.01.2024 Minutes](#)

Mr. Morton moved to approve the August 1, 2024 minutes. Mr. Dziubla seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Yes: 8 - Vice Chair Hammelman, Powell, Morton, Thayer, Van Court, Chairperson Marsh, Knotts, and Dziubla

Fire Department Report

[PS 2024-025](#) CRFD July Report

Attachments: [CRFD Report - July](#)

Brief update from Chief Croom on a semi-fire that was in progress at the start of the meeting at Schmidt Construction in Castle Rock.

The goats have been grazing in the Woodlands and are expected to be done by mid-September.

A Type 3 brush truck has been deployed to Stanley, ID for a 104,000-acre wildfire caused by a lightning strike.

Staffing Update:

- Three (3) recruits are presently in the academy
- Employment offers have been extended to the Fire Prevention Officer and Fire Plans Examiner candidates; anticipated start date

in October

- Active recruitment for Assistant Chief of Accreditation and Emergency Management
- Upcoming promotional process for Division Chief of Training will take place for the vacancy created by the promotion of Operations Chief Bersagel-Briese

ColoradoScaping: Currently underway at Station 154; Station 153 has been completed.

Town Council approvals:

- Architect for Station 156 (RS&H)
- New radio purchase to replace all portable radios
- Lifepack AEDs; all equipment will be outfitted with new units

The Fire Department will be replacing electric prams and “stair chairs”. These devices allow an alternative position during evacuations rather than always placing patients in a supine position.

Commission member Van Court asked about the percentage of transports that go to AdventHealth CR - Chief Croom advised that approximately 75% go to AdventHealth CR and 20-22% to Sky Ridge Medical Center in Lone Tree. CRFD does have the flexibility to transport patients to their desired healthcare facility within reason. Efforts are made to transport patients to the most suitable facility initially to prevent additional transports and impacts to patients and their families.

Brief discussion concerning helicopter protocols - most often, a helicopter is used during mass casualty incidents or lengthy extrications which create a need to move the patient quickly based on their condition. Many times, an ambulance can reach a treatment facility faster than dispatching a helicopter.

Police Department Report

[PS 2024-026](#)

CRPD July Report

Attachments: [CRPD Report - July](#)

Chief Cauley briefed commission members on the capabilities of the Flock Safety platform and how CRPD is using it to solve and eliminate crime.

CRPD provided support during BMW Championship; also assisted with camera technology. Chief Cauley reported the event went very well.

Touch a Truck on August 24th was a success; Commission Member Morton (who assisted during the event) reported it was well attended by the community.

Commission Member Dziubla initiated a brief discussion on the use of Flock cameras by HOAs. Chief Cauley advised the Town does not subsidize camera purchases for HOAs. He went on to explain that HOAs can only redact license plates on their systems, but not locally or nationwide. Councilmember Cavey

reminded the Commission that she is available to attend HOA meetings and answer questions on behalf of the Town.

Commission members were interested to know if officers are seeing any signs of gang activity like what is being reported by the media in Aurora. Chief Cauley stated we are not seeing any significant activity in CR. CRPD continues to partner with members of the intelligence community to track trends and criminal activity; reacting to actual behaviors and not rumors.

Commission member Knotts inquired about the department's pursuit policy and the use of helicopters in police pursuits. Chief Cauley advised we have a restrictive pursuit policy and pursuit actions are based on a number of factors, as most pursuits end in crashes which hurt somebody, and that is never the intent. Nationally, pursuit policies are subjective and vary by department. CRPD continues Information sharing with other agencies and relies upon various technologies to track vehicles, such as Flock Safety, Starchase, and drones. CRPD does not have a helicopter in its fleet.

New Business

Chairperson Marsh addressed the open seat on the Commission. The seat can stay open until May or the Chiefs could make a selection from the alternate list from interviews that took place in May 2024. It was agreed upon by the Commission members to leave the seat open until May 2025. This matter was passed, by a vote, without objection (7-0).

Commission member Hammelman made a suggestion to recognize Commission member MacBrayne, who passed away in July. Chief Croom advised the members that in 2007 a tree was planted and a dedication plaque was laid at Station 153 in remembrance of another Public Safety Commission member who had passed away. The commission liked this recommendation; Chief Croom will inquire if one of the new plantings at Station 154 can be dedicated to Don, and a plaque placed in his honor.

Old Business

N/A

Adjourn

Ms Van Court made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Chairperson Marsh seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

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