



Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Nate Marsh
Vice Chair Janet Peterson
Debra Beck
Clark Hammelman
Don MacBrayne
Richard Morton
Andy Powell
Carl Smith
Steve Thayer

Thursday, May 4, 2023

3:00 PM

Castle Rock Fire Station 151
300 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.

Call to Order and Attendance

Vice-Chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Guests- Jim Eller

Present 8 - Andy Powell, Don MacBrayne, Richard Morton, Clark Hammelman, Carl Smith, Steve Thayer, Vice Chair Janet Peterson, and Debra Beck

Not Present 1 - Chairperson Nate Marsh

Attendance 4 - Laura Cavey, Norris Croom, Tim Gorman, and Deborah Stanley

Approval of Meeting Minutes

[PS 2023-013](#) Public Safety Commission meeting minutes - April 6, 2023

Attachments: [PSC 04-06-2023 Minutes](#)

Ms. Beck moved to approve the April 6, 2023 minutes. Mr. Hammelman seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Yes: 8 - Powell, MacBrayne, Morton, Hammelman, Smith, Thayer, Vice Chair Peterson, and Beck

Not Present: 1 - Chairperson Marsh

Fire Department Report

[PS 2023-014](#) CRFD March Report

Attachments: [CRFD March Report](#)

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Fire Department's March report prior to today's meeting.
- The Fire Department presented its initial 2024 budget to Town staff last week. The Town will be using the 2023-2028 balanced financial plan as the basis for the 2024 budget.
 - Sales tax for March was up 3% over last year but below projections, which will impact budgets.
 - How does the \$11 million in 2022 Tabor surplus funds factor into the budget? These funds will probably be applied to the Crystal Valley Interchange project. The interchange, once completed will provide safe roads and better access for

- emergency vehicles - Chief Croom.
- Is the department requesting any large equipment purchases? Funding for our vehicles is available. The department's fleet replacement costs are built into a replacement budget that the department contributes to yearly. The Police Department follows the same process - Chief Croom.
- In 2024, the department will spend \$1.5 million to replace its radios. Funding will come from the funds we have contributed towards this project since 2014. Brief discussion on radio frequencies.
- Compliment given to the Town for finishing 2022 under budget. Chief Croom gave a brief explanation on the Town's cost saving efforts.
- Three recruits who completed the Lateral academy last month, are on line.
 - The department has two members who will finish West Metro's Fire academy on June 15. They are expected to be on line in August.
 - What is the status on the Marine who was volunteering with the department? He is one of the candidates currently completing the academy. The Training Division is working with the military to establish better Skillbridge opportunities - Chief Croom.
 - The department is running a process to fill its hiring pool. The goal is to have candidates ready to start an academy in August.
- The department has received notification that it will be awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Colorado State Forest Service to be used for wildland mitigation. This grant is a 50/50 match, and we will use some of our remaining mitigation funds to cover the cost share.
- A big thank you to the Board of County Commissioners, who on April 11, approved \$1.5 million for wildland firefighting aerial resources for 2023. There is no cost to the Town.
 - \$1.1 million for exclusive use of a helicopter for 153 days beginning June 1. The helicopter will be based at Highway 85 and Titan Road.
 - \$400,000 for call when need aircraft.
 - This is the only County in the state that has provided this support and funding.
 - In the past, the County would need to contact Pueblo to request resources.
 - Who owns the helicopter? The County leases it - Chief Croom.
 - Typically, it takes about one minute to refill the helicopter with water, when a water source is available. Larger capacity helicopters may take two minutes.
- Chief Croom was asked about a connectivity issue with PulsePoint. This is most likely a breakdown with the link. Users may see a breakdown every now and then, this does not affect responder

operations.

- Where will Station 156 be located? It will be located near the intersection of Castle Oaks and Rocky View Road.
- Discussion on impact fees, mil levy's, and property taxes.
- Chief Croom invited commission members to apply for the Leadership Douglas County program. Applications are being accepted until June 15, with the program starting in August. This is a yearlong program. Participants meet the first Wednesday of every month.

Police Department Report

[PS 2023-015](#) CRPD March Report

Attachments: [CRPD March Report](#)

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Police Department's March report prior to today's meeting.
- The department has four officers who will finish the academy in June. They are expected to be on line in early October.
 - The department has several backfill positions still to fill including an SRO and a training officer.
- Sergeant Lane has graduated from the DU Leadership program. The department is very proud of her accomplishment.
- Compliment given to Commander Gorman for the positive crime statistics listed on the monthly report. The reduction in crime is a result of the technology the department uses and its staff - Commander Gorman.
- Brief discussion on Flock cameras.
 - The Flock cameras are highly successful in making arrests. It eliminates risk before crimes happen.
 - Some area HOA have purchased Flock cameras, but it is the Police Department that has access to the information.
- Commander Gorman was asked the status of the construction at the Police Department. The project is progressing, but there have been a few minor delays.
- How good is the Police Department's radio communications system? It is in great shape. The department has done a lot of upgrades and is as current as possible - Commander Gorman.
 - The 911 Board funds a lot of the infrastructure for our radio communications - Chief Croom.
 - The system has been built so that all responders have access to other agency frequencies to improve communications and responses - Chief Croom.
- Is there another SRO therapy dog in training? Yes, the newest dog is Copper - Commander Gorman.
 - Brief discussion on the SRO program, officer selection, and school SRO program preferences.
- National Police Week is May 14 -20. Are there any planned

activities? The Police Department will host its awards ceremony on May 17. Commission members will receive an invitation - Commander Gorman.

- Commander Gorman spoke about the great relationship that Police and Fire have built amongst themselves and the community. Chief Croom added that, in addition, the Fire Department has outstanding relationships with the surrounding Douglas County Fire departments.

New Business

- n/a

Old Business

- n/a

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

The next Public Safety Commission meeting is scheduled for June 1 at 3:00 p.m. at the Fire Headquarters.