



## Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes - Draft

Chairperson Dan Smoker  
Vice Chair Kerstin Keough  
Jose Guerrero  
Nate Marsh  
Janet Peterson  
Carl Smith  
Steve Thayer  
Mike Wells  
Chrissy Williams

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Thursday, January 7, 2021

3:00 PM

Virtual Board Meeting Online. For more  
information, contact [police@crgov.com](mailto:police@crgov.com)

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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 Police Department. Until further notice, the commission is conducting virtual meetings.

### Call to Order and Attendance

Chairperson Smoker called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

**Present** 7 - Janet Peterson, Vice Chair Kerstin Keough, Chairperson Dan Smoker, Nate Marsh, Carl Smith, Steve Thayer, and Mike Wells

**Not Present** 2 - Chrissy Williams, and Jose Guerrero

**Attendance** 3 - Jack Cauley, Norris Croom, and Becky Hernandez

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

[PS 2021-001](#) Public Safety Commission meeting minutes – December 3, 2020

**Attachments:** [PSC December Minutes](#)

**Ms. Keough moved to approve the December 3, 2020 minutes. Mr. Wells seconded the motion; the motion carried.**

**Yes:** 7 - Peterson, Vice Chair Keough, Chairperson Smoker, Marsh, Smith, Thayer, and Wells

**Not Present:** 2 - Williams, and Guerrero

### Fire Department Report

[PS 2021-002](#) CRFD November report

**Attachments:** [CRFD Report](#)

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Fire Department's November monthly report.
  - Call volume is down approximately eight percent.
    - During the COVID-19 months, most of the decrease in calls for service were EMS related.
  - New Year's Eve fireworks'
    - The fireworks (off the quarry) caused a small brush fire; extinguished quickly.

- Santa drive by events
  - This event seemed to be very popular with the community.
  - It was a great team effort with Castle Rock Police officers and the PIO as well as Community Relations and GIS (Santa Tracker).
- COVID-19 updates
  - Currently seeing an increase in cases.
  - Vaccination process is underway.
  - The department's designated ambulance is still in service.
- 2021 Projects
  - Several of the 2020 projects were moved into 2021; one of which was the replacement of the department's self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). This project was reapproved and is currently in the evaluation process.
- Station 154 and 155 door modifications are underway.
  - No impact to service
- Questions/Comments from commission members for Chief Croom
  - Was there a reason for the November decrease in plan reviews (40 percent reduction)? Chief Croom: Not really, the December plan reviews are back in normal ranges.
  - Is there a status on the ISO? Chief Croom: Estimating results in the first quarter.
  - Is the vaccine mandatory for staff? Chief Croom: No, it is not as the vaccine was approved by the FDA on an emergency basis.
    - Discussion on symptoms and immune responses to the vaccine.

## Police Department Report

[PS 2021-003](#) CRPD November report

Attachments: [CRPD Report](#)

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Police Department's November monthly report. Notes of interest included:
  - Increase in motor vehicle thefts
    - Discussion included the pandemic and national trends.
    - Many thefts are due to key fobs being left in vehicles.
    - The department encourages people to keep the fobs in their possession.
  - Recent stolen vehicle in Castle Rock
    - Suspect was identified and interviewed.
    - Town's enhanced-camera system is utilized.
  - Car break-ins
    - It truly makes a difference when the community assists police.
  - Rock Watch program
    - This program allows residents to sharing footage from door bell and security camera systems. For more information:

CRgov.com/RockWatch.

- Heroes and Helpers event
  - Although, the event was different this year, the department collected over \$20,000 from residents and surrounding businesses. Families in need of assistance were identified and gifts were purchased and delivered. A Toys for Tots store was also held at the Public Safety Training Center during December.
- Multi-jurisdiction apprehension conducted in Castle Rock
  - A New Mexico homicide suspect was found hiding in Castle Rock.
  - Castle Rock Police, in conjunction with Douglas County SWAT and New Mexico State Police, apprehended the suspect.
- Staffing
  - Officers - fully staffed; currently staffed at two positions over the authorized level.
  - Dispatchers - one vacancy; one candidate undergoing final background process.
- Questions/Comments from commission members for Chief Cauley
  - Are there any updates to the HB17 Bill? Chief Cauley: Nothing new at this time; there may be small adjustments in 2021.
  - Article regarding Arapahoe Police experiencing budgetary issues due to HB17 (e.g. body-worn camera program), which also affects their staffing levels. Is CRPD experiencing any of these issues? Chief Cauley: No, we have not felt an impact.
  - Due to a stray dog in the neighborhood, commissioner wished to thank the Animal Care and Control officers for their positive effort in this matter. Chief Cauley expressed his thanks for these two officers who are very responsive, compassionate, and provide excellent services. Chief Cauley will pass along the commissioner's thanks.
  - Another commissioner wished to thank the Traffic Unit for the recent patrolling in the Crystal Valley Ranch area. Chief Cauley explained each of the four traffic officers are assigned to the four areas in Town, and each officer takes ownership of their district.

## **New Business**

N/A

## **Old Business**

N/A

## **Commissioner Comments and Questions**

The Public Safety Commission's Town Council liaison is Laura Cavey from District 2.

## **Adjourn**

**The meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.**

Mr. Wells made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Marsh seconded the motion.