



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, February 2, 2023

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.

Call to Order and Attendance

Vice-chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

GUESTS -

Caryn Johnson
Fire Lt. Troy Robberson
Fire Lt. Clay Kallweit
Fire BC Jason Butts

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

Not Present 1 - Don MacBrayne

Attendance 3 - Norris Croom, Jack Cauley, and Deborah Stanley

Approval of Meeting Minutes

[PS 2023-004](#) Public Safety Commission meeting minutes - January 5, 2023

Attachments: [PSC January 5, 2023 minutes](#)

Ms. Beck moved to approve the January 5, 2023 minutes. Mr. Thayer seconded the motion; the motion carried

Not Present: 1 - MacBrayne

Fire Department Report

[PS 2023-005](#) CRFD December Report

Attachments: [CRFD December Report](#)

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Fire Department's December report prior to today's meeting.
- The department was approved to add four new positions for 2023 (one Safety & Training Officer and three Firefighters). Depending on future funding, these positions may be used to staff future Station 156.
 - There were two resignations and one retirement in January.

The staff member who retired had been with our department for over 29 years and will be greatly missed.

- Three recruits will start West Metro's Fire Academy in early February. Three additional members have been hired and will start a lateral academy towards the end of February. The one remaining position will be filled later in the year.
- The department added four positions in 2022 and will ask for four more in 2024.
- The department interviewed candidates today for the Fire Marshal position. 26 applications were received.
 - Candidates will interview with Chief Croom tomorrow, February 3.
- The 4th of July fireworks that were rescheduled for February have been cancelled. An After Action Review of the New Year's Eve fireworks show identified fallout issues and wildland fire issues causing significant safety concerns.
 - This type of firework display requires a 500-foot minimum safety zone and the Town no longer has any viable locations that can accommodate a show of this size.
 - In addition, the Town does not have a location that can accommodate traffic and provide for good viewing.
 - The fireworks show for Starlighting will continue, as long as conditions allow for a safe display.
 - Continued discussion on alternate locations and displays ensued.
- Chief Croom told commission members about the Colorado Springs Fire Department's new mentorship award.
 - This award, named the Carey Sloan award, is in recognition of Carey Sloan who passed away from ALS in 2013.
 - Carey Sloan, who was the spouse of Vice-Chairperson Peterson, was very impactful in both the Colorado Springs Fire Department and our community.
- Questions/Comments for Chief Croom:
 - What is SimUShare that is mentioned in the monthly report? SimUShare is a software-based program that allows staff to run training simulations while at the stations. This program has allowed our dispatchers to participate in the trainings alongside crews.
 - Do you have an update on the tractor-trailer accident over Plum Creek? It was reported that the driver of the truck swerved to avoid something on the road and then lost control.
 - Of the 26 applicants who applied for the Fire Marshal position, why were there only six interviewed? Did some drop out of the process? Many of the applicants were eliminated through the screening process.
 - Why did the two members resign? One member took a job with a different department and the other member made the decision to leave the fire service completely.
 - Chief Croom was asked to bring the 2024 budget request for

additional staffing to Commission members before it goes to Council later this year.

Police Department Report

[PS 2023-006](#) CRPD December Report

Attachments: [CRPD December Report](#)

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Police Department's December report prior to today's meeting.
- The department is holding a promotional process this month for a Sergeant position.
 - The department is now fully staffed.
 - Four conditional offer letters have been given to officer candidates, allowing the department to be overstaffed by four.
 - The department has four candidates who will be graduating from the academy in mid-year.
- Chief Cauley spoke about the crime statistics from the monthly report.
 - Total crimes here in Castle Rock declined 39% in 2022.
 - The decline in crime is a result of staffing, innovations and our community involvement.
- Questions/Comments for Chief Cauley:
 - How is vehicle theft measured, does it include vehicles recovered but not originating, here in Castle Rock? The statistics only cover incidents originating here in Castle Rock.
 - There is a national group that has been targeting trails and fitness centers. This is not specific to our community. Unlocked cars count for 80% of these incidents.
 - Regarding the 16% decrease in traffic crashes, are crashes on I-25 counted in this statistic? No, these are under the jurisdiction of the State Patrol; however, Founders Parkway is included
 - Have there been any traffic fatalities this year? Yes.
 - Is the department planning on adding additional Flock cameras around town? Yes, the department will be adding ten cameras in the community. In addition, some of the HOAs are planning to add more cameras. The Police Department has two officers assigned in Dispatch to monitor the cameras around town.
 - Chief Cauley was asked about the Memphis TN policing incident. Castle Rock PD is well focused on its culture and has made it a vital component of the departments' philosophy.

- Regarding Chief Cauley's recent One-By-One presentation at a recent conference. Does this help with recruiting? Not normally at the conferences, but it helps through word of mouth and through publications.
- Chief Cauley was asked to give his One-By-One presentation to the Commission in the future.
- Chief Cauley was asked who receives customer service surveys? People who have had an interaction with the department.
- Does the department follow up with negative comments? It depends on the comment.

New Business

N/A

Old Business

N/A

Adjourn

Ms. Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Marsh seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

The next Public Safety Commission meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2023 at the Municipal Courtroom.