



Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes - Draft

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

Thursday, July 7, 2022

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

Chairperson Marsh called the meeting to order at 2:59 p.m.

Present 9 - Andy Powell, Don MacBrayne, Richard Morton, Clark Hammelman, Carl Smith, Steve Thayer, Chairperson Nate Marsh, Vice Chair Janet Peterson, and Debra Beck

Attendance 4 - Laura Cavey, Jack Cauley, Norris Croom, and Becky Hernandez

Approval of Meeting Minutes

[PS 2022-020](#) Public Safety Commission meeting minutes – June 2, 2022

Attachments: [PSC06-02-2022 Minutes](#)

Vice-Chair Petersen moved to approve the June 2, 2022 minutes. Mr. Thayer seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion carried.

Yes: 9 - Powell, MacBrayne, Morton, Hammelman, Smith, Thayer, Chairperson Marsh, Vice Chair Peterson, and Beck

Fire Department Report

[PS 2022-021](#) CRFD May report

Attachments: [CRFD May 2022 report](#)

- The commission members previously received the department's May report via email.
- Fire Academy
 - The recruits graduated from the academy on June 8.
 - A new three-week lateral academy starts next week for previously certified Fire/EMS new hires.
 - The Skillbridge program is for service members transitioning out of the military. The department is accessing Skillbridge for a Marine Corps' corporal entering the lateral academy.
 - This program provides an extra firefighter for four months; their salary and benefits are paid by the military.
- Fire Department's Master Plan and future fire station locations discussed.
 - District 6 in Cobblestone (Rocky View and Castle Oaks).
 - Dawson Ridge is to provide land and monetary contribution for a

- fire station.
 - Westside of town near Plum Creek and Wolfensberger.
 - Public Safety Training Facility discussion from a vehicle maintenance perspective. For logistical purposes, the department is looking at potential property locations.
- Budget process discussion.
 - The Town is currently working through the budgeting process.
 - The first presentation to Council is scheduled in August.
- Fireworks (fires)
 - Three fires occurred within our district (Matney Park, Terrain, North Meadows Drive at the railroad overpass).
 - South Metro had a three-alarm wildfire with impressive flame lengths.
 - The department received many questions about the sales of fireworks during stage one. Sometimes, due to moisture levels, the stage levels change, which would allow for personal fireworks.
- New apparatus and vehicles arrived, which included:
 - New brush trucks
 - Battalion Chief vehicle
 - Safety and Training Officer vehicle
 - Fire Prevention Officer vehicle
 - New medic ambulance
- Community Wildfire Protection Plan adopted by Council.
 - Escavera mitigation was completed as well as south Terrain near Founders Village.
 - There are approximately 800 goats located at Metzler Homestead.
 - The goats have cleared two acres within the first day, and can clear up to eight feet in height.
 - They eat poison oak, thistle, and much more.
 - The goats arrived on Sunday, July 3, and they will be in town another two weeks.
- Tabor Revenue (Ballot 2D)
 - Council approved the Tabor requests, which included fire mitigation.
 - Councilmember Cavey commented on the following regarding Tabor:
 - This ballot initiative was voted on by the taxpayers.
 - It is a 10-year timeout on all taxes received in excess.
 - The funds are required to be spent on police, fire, and roads.
 - Some years there may not be a surplus.
 - In 2021, there was a 14.6 million dollar excess, which means without the Tabor timeout, approximately \$171 dollars per taxpayer would have been returned.
 - Council approved the following distribution:
 - \$6 million on the fire station
 - \$2 million on the police station remodel
 - \$1 million for wildfire mitigation initiatives
 - \$5.6 million on road projects

Police Department Report

[PS 2022-022](#) CRPD May report

Attachments: [CRPD May 2022 report](#)

- The commission members previously received the department's May report via email.CRPD100
- CRPD's 2021 Annual Report was distributed.
 - The report is also available online at crgov.com/police under About Police.
- Tabor discussion regarding police station remodeling funds.
 - Due to the Property and Evidence relocation, there is available square footage, which is essential for both the women's and men's locker room buildout (cost of \$2 million).
 - This remodel will be the second and final due to full buildout.
 - Moving forward, the department may need to look at other location alternatives.
- Promotions
 - One sergeant is retiring on August 1, which promoted a new sergeant and corporal.
 - Backfilling in other divisions such as investigations and special operations will be required once the new officers are out of their field-training program.
 - There have been good opportunities for staff to transfer throughout the divisions.
- Hiring process
 - Patrol
 - Approximately 100 candidates are invited to the written exam next week.
 - There are three vacancies due to the three new positions approved by Council.
 - There may be another hiring process this fall due to anticipated 2024 positions.
 - Records Unit
 - One records specialist position undergoing a hiring process due to recent promotions in the department.
- Crime statistics
 - Persons crime - 33 percent decrease.
 - Property crime - 56 percent decrease.
- National Night Out - August 2 (5-8 pm).
 - PSM Park pavilions
- Fireworks (calls for service)
 - The department handled the numerous calls to the best of our ability with current staffing, but it is near impossible to arrive at each of them at the time of the call.
 - CRPD responded to approximately 160 fireworks' calls on July 4 as well as 60 on July 3.

- Discussion on Boulder Police news release due to fireworks, weapon firings, fights, officers being surrounded by crowds.
- Questions for Chief Cauley:
 - What were the majority of fireworks complaints?
 - Majority was for noise and unlawful use.
 - Are there any residence requirement for officers to live in Town?
 - No, CRPD does not have this requirement.
 - Do you think some of the hiring challenges are just in general or due to defunding the police in areas where councils are not approving staffing requests for those communities?
 - Yes, it effects not only the local jurisdictions, but the national narrative as well. While interviewing the applicants, I ask them why they chose Castle Rock. They mention community support and the tools we provide to do the job. We focus on quality and only hire those who fit our high standards.
 - Please bring us up to speed on the license plate readers (LPRs).
 - The newest LPRs have been in place since May 2021. Their technology is advanced and stationery. There are approximately 20 LPRs located around the Outlets and other areas of town. When stolen vehicles enter Castle Rock, the LPR notifies dispatch immediately as well as the officers in the field. The officers attempt to stop the vehicle, which generally leads to an arrest, or the suspected vehicle may flee and leave the area. We are seeing a decrease in shoplifting and motor vehicle thefts since implementing these devices. HOAs are also purchasing this technology, which has the ability to tie into our system. The LPRs are also related to two of the new positions Council approved earlier this year. The camera systems assist in tracking the vehicles and may be utilized to go back and look at prior crimes.
 - Is there any other technology you are looking at?
 - The technology we have continues to improve as well as new technology coming on the market. For example, our in-car cameras will soon begin integrating with the LPR system.
 - Discussion on fire department's use of drones early on to assist with fires, etc.

New Business

N/A

Old Business

N/A

Commissioner Comments and Questions

- Mr. Smith introduced himself to the new commission members.

Adjourn

Mr. Thayer made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Vice-chair Petersen seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.