



Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes - Draft

Chairperson Dan Smoker
Vice Chair Kerstin Keough
Clark Hammelman
Don MacBrayne
Nate Marsh
Janet Peterson
Carl Smith
Steve Thayer
Mike Wells

Thursday, July 1, 2021

3:00 PM

PSTC North Building, 301 Malibu St. or
Virtual (for more information, contact
police@crgov.com)

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 on the first Thursday of each month (Municipal Courtroom, 100 Perry St., Castle Rock, CO 80104).

Call to Order and Attendance

Current Chairperson Smoker called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
(Note: Mr. Smith attended virtually at 3:10 p.m. and Ms. Petersen departed at 4:04 p.m.)

Present 11 - Janet Peterson, Vice Chair Kerstin Keough, Chairperson Dan Smoker, Carl Smith, Steve Thayer, Mike Wells, Clark Hammelman, Jack Cauley, Norris Croom, Laura Cavey, and Becky Hernandez

Not Present 2 - Nate Marsh, and Don MacBrayne

Public Safety Nominations: Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

The current chairperson (Mr. Smoker) and vice-chairperson (Ms. Keough) were re-nominated to continue in their roles. All were in favor.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

[PS 2021-022](#) Public Safety Commission meeting minutes - June 3, 2021

Attachments: [PSC06-03-2021 Minutes](#)

Ms. Petersen moved to approve the June 3, 2021 minutes. Mr. Steve Thayer seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Fire Department Report

[PS 2021-023](#) CRFD May Report

Attachments: [CRFD May Report](#)

- Commission members were previously emailed a copy of the Fire Department's May monthly report.
- The department's Standards of Cover will be included on the July 20 Town Council consent calendar.
- ISO review assigned a risk category of 2 (1 best /10 worst). No change from previous rating.

- Fireworks show scheduled on Sunday, July 4 (9:30 pm).
 - No fire restrictions at this time.
- Questions/Comments for Chief Croom:
 - Will Castle Rock establish a fireworks hotline? Chiefs Croom and Cauley explained the reasons Castle Rock elected not to staff a hotline; however, Douglas County does plan to staff a hotline.
Note: the Castle Rock Police communication center will be fully staffed and police officers are working 12-hour shifts.
 - The Standards of Cover was a thorough report - discussion ensued.
 - CAD times in May report discussed. Chief Croom explained the challenges with the current system not capturing the first segment (call pick up to call creation time). This issue is expected to be addressed in the upcoming upgrade.
 - In Fire's May report, what is the ACME Brick crew? Chief Croom stated ACME's 33 acres are used for training by fire employees and is made up of several offline firefighters who are conducting the training for all members.
 - Regarding the recent Miami building collapse - was there any discussion on Castle Rock's building codes? Chief Croom stated there was not. We stay on top of building codes and do not have the same type of environment. Discussion on CRFD's staff training in collapses, Task Force One, and requests for assistance.

Police Department Report

[PS 2021-024](#) CRPD May Report

Attachments: [CRPD May Report](#)

- Commission members were previously emailed a copy of the Police Department's May monthly report.
 - Vehicle thefts and vehicle break-ins continue to increase; these crimes are increasing in all metro areas as well. Chief Cauley reminded everyone to continue to lock their car doors.
- Award Ceremony went well. Thank you to those commissioners able to attend last month.
- National Night Out - August 3 (5 - 8 p.m.)
 - Chief Cauley encouraged the Public Safety Commission members to attend.
- Public Safety Commission's meeting location discussed.
 - Beginning with the August 5 meeting, the location will be held in the Municipal Courtroom, 100 Perry St, Castle Rock.
 - The Town's new parking structure across the street is available for additional parking.
 - All were in favor of this location change.
- Technology update regarding license plate readers (LPRs).
 - Dispatchers and officers are able to locate stolen vehicles and suspects utilizing the Town cameras and CRPD's unmanned aerial

- vehicle (UAV).
- Discussion on recent and successful recoveries.
- Butterfield park complaints and remedies.
 - Officers have been conducting increased patrol and educating those in the area.
 - Several violators were identified; officers contacted their parents.
 - Curfew is midnight to 5 a.m. for those under 18 years of age.
- Use of Force simulator should be here sometime in August.
 - Once it arrives, a tour will be schedule for PSC members.
 - The driver simulator will not be purchased at this time.
- Culture (one-by-one policing) discussion.
 - Staffing discussion
 - CRPD continues to be staffed at one position over for both officer and dispatcher positions; however, many local and national agencies are experiencing a staffing shortage of up to 30 percent.
 - Appreciation expressed for our Councilmembers' and citizens' support.
 - We work on this each and every day; much like earning the trust of our citizens.
- Questions
 - Are there any changes required by the department because of the SB217 mandate? Not really, the department had already implemented most mandates - Chief Cauley.
 - Are there external groups presenting awards to police or fire? Yes, American Legion does have a regular recognition - Chief Croom.
 - Discussion on the recent porta-potty fire and filing of charges.
 - Does the department keep metrics on the number of people shopping or visiting Castle Rock? No, the department does not; however, there are others who do collect various demographics for the Outlets at Castle Rock. For example, 60 percent of King Soopers' shoppers are from out of town, and there are approximately 5.5 million visitors to the Outlets - Chief Cauley.
 - Does the police department track arrest rates (those offenders living in Castle Rock and out of town)? Not at this time - Chief Cauley.

New Business

[PS 2021-020](#) 2021 Town Survey - Public Safety

Attachments: [2021 Town Survey - Public Safety](#)

- 2021 Town Survey - Public Safety overview and discussion.
 - Chief Cauley reviewed the police survey ratings.
 - Chief Croom reviewed the fire survey ratings.
 - Note: this year's questions were modified to align with the Fire Department's Strategic Plan where the ratings are comparative.
- Financial poll was conducted regarding the favorability of a tax or mill levy

increase for public safety.

- 88 percent favorable toward Police; 96 percent favorable toward Fire.
- Study session summary by Councilmember Cavey.
 - A mill levy was not favorable so the direction is to ask the voters for:
 - \$7 per square foot on all new Town construction for public safety and transportation/roads.
 - Lodging tax for open space.
 - Sales tax (0.1 percent) for parks, recreation and trails.
 - Tabor clause - Debrucing request for 10 years benefiting all items.
 - First reading is scheduled for Tuesday, July 20.
 - Second Reading (if approved on July 20) is scheduled for August 17.
- Comments
 - Tabor clause discussed.
 - Castle Rock is TABOR limited. In past years, water credits or checks were distributed; however, the majority of the money came from developers.
 - Discussion on Douglas County providing funds for the Crystal Valley interchange. The funds would be included toward Tabor.
 - The ballot questions will be as clear as possible; however, education will also be extremely important.
 - This issue will be addressed again at the next PSC meeting (August 5).

Old Business

- N/A

Commissioner Comments and Questions

- N/A

Adjourn

Vice-chairperson Keough made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Thayer seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

The next Public Safety Commission meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the Municipal Courtroom.