



## Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

Travis Menard, Chairperson  
Janet Sloan, Vice-Chairperson  
Tim Arvidson  
Bonnie Dews  
David Dostaler  
Kerstin Keough  
Ruby Martinez  
Keith Moreland  
Dan Smoker

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Thursday, May 2, 2019

3:00 PM

Castle Rock Fire & Rescue  
Headquarters  
300 Perry Street  
Castle Rock, CO 80104

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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.

### Call to Order and Attendance

Vice-Chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m

GUESTS - Easton Schwecke, Lieutenant Michael Moore - Fire

**Present** 7 - Bonnie Dews, Ruby Martinez, Janet Peterson, Tim Arvidson, David Dostaler, Kerstin Keough, and Dan Smoker

**Attendance** 3 - Rich Martin, Todd Brown, and Deborah Stanley

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

[PS 2019-013](#) Public Safety Commission meeting minutes - Apr. 4, 2019

**Attachments:** [PSC04-04-2019 Minutes](#)

Mr. Smoker moved to approve the April 4, 2019 minutes. Ms. Keough seconded the motion; the motion carried.

**Yes:** 7 - Dews, Martinez, Peterson, Arvidson, Dostaler, Keough, and Smoker

**Not Present:** 1 - Menard

### Fire Department Report

[PS 2019-014](#) CRFD March Report

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

- Deputy Chief Martin introduced himself and then distributed the Fire Department's March monthly report.
- Deputy Chief Martin introduced Lieutenant Michael Moore who is completing his Acting Battalion Chief requirements. As part of the Acting Battalion Chief process, all candidates must attend a Council and Public Safety Commission meeting. Lieutenant Moore has been

with the department for more than 15 years.

- The department has scheduled the In Service ceremonies for Engine 154 and 152.
  - Station 154 will host its Engine in Service celebration on June 22 at 10:00 am.
  - Station 152 will host its Engine in Service celebration on June 23 at 2:00 pm.
- Deputy Chief Martin briefed commission members on the impact the I-25 Gap project will have on special events this spring and summer.
  - Frontage road access for foot and bike events has been denied until the Gap project is completed.
  - This will impact the Elephant Rock event.
  - Commission members, Deputy Chief Martin and Commander Brown had a brief discussion on the traffic impacts and safety concerns that these events create.
- Deputy Chief Martin was asked about the MAC shelter during the recent blizzard. Yes, the Fire Department did manage the makeshift shelter at the MAC.
  - This was a last minute decision driven by the large volume of stranded motorists. This was a group effort. CRPD had two officers at the MAC assisting with operations. In total, the MAC assisted approximately 201 stranded motorists.
  - Between Douglas and Elbert Counties, there were approximately 1,300 people seeking shelter from the storm.
  - The majority of those seeking shelter were not from Douglas County.
- Deputy Chief Martin was asked about the front page of the monthly report which shows the rescue of a person who fell from the Rock.
  - This incident occurred about a week before the blizzard.
  - Nighttime rescues are a little more challenging but the department is very efficient (in part because of the multiple rescues the crews have performed in the past).
  - The patient is recovering and doing well.
  - Brief discussion on public access to the top of the Rock.
- The Fire Department received 500 applications for the three vacancies. The selected candidates will attend an academy in August.

## Police Department Report

[PS 2019-015](#) CRPD March Report

Attachments: [CRPD March Report](#)

- Commander Brown distributed the Police Department's March monthly report.
  - Is this format going to remain? Yes, this format is permanent. This monthly report is the one provided to Council and is available to the community online.

- Brief discussion of crime tables.
  - Definition given of “sex offenses”.
  - Discussion of methods the Police Department is using to combat 1st degree criminal trespass.
- From the 270 officer applications submitted, the department invited 120 to take the written exam.
  - 80 candidates completed the exam.
  - 64 candidates passed the exam and were invited to interview.
  - Wide selection of candidates ranging from Hawaii to Connecticut.
  - Selected candidates will need to complete polygraphs and psychological testing before going through a background investigation.
- Linda Omar, the Records Supervisor, has been promoted to Communications Supervisor and starts her new position on Saturday, May 4.
- The department has two candidates in the academy and two additional vacancies.
  - Would the Police Department like a recommendation from the Public Safety Commission to over hire? Commander Brown would refer this to Chief Cauley.
- There is one opening for a K-9 officer. It is a slow process to get this position filled due to the large amount of training needed for this position.
- The Police Department received positive ratings from the community survey. Chief Cauley will provide details of the survey at next month's meeting.
- Congratulations to volunteer victim advocate Michelle Karol who received the 19th Judicial District's Victim Advocate Volunteer of the Year award.
- Commission members are invited to attend the award ceremony at the County Building on May 17.

## **New Business**

- Reminder to discuss meeting times - next meeting.
- Discuss moving the July 4 meeting to July 11 - next meeting.
- Discuss roles and expectations of commission members - next meeting.

## **Old Business**

N/A

## **Commissioner Comments and Questions**

- Ms. Dews informed commission members about a volunteer opportunity at the Senior Center.
- Commander Brown was congratulated on the success of the Police

Department's lip sync challenge. Great job.

- Mr. Arvidson has volunteered to assist with commission interviews on May 14 and has asked all members to email him their interview suggestions.
- Brief discussion on the role of the Council Liaison.
- Brief discussion on whether the commission needs to draft a letter of support for the Police and Fire budgets.

## **Adjourn**

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

**The next Public Safety Commission meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the Police Department.**