



Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes - Final

Janet Peterson, Chairperson
Dan Smoker, Vice-chairperson
Tim Arvidson
Bonnie Dews
David Dostaler
Jose Guerrero
Kerstin Keough
Ruby Martinez
Chrissy Williams

Thursday, September 5, 2019

3:00 PM

Castle Rock Police Department
100 Perry Street
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.

The Public Safety Commission meets monthly at the Town of Castle Rock Fire & Rescue Headquarters or Police Department.

Call to Order and Attendance

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

Present 6 - Bonnie Dews, Chairperson Janet Peterson, Kerstin Keough, Vice Chair Dan Smoker, Chrissy Williams, and Jose Guerrero

Not Present 3 - Ruby Martinez, Tim Arvidson, and David Dostaler

Attendance 3 - Rich Martin, Jason Lyons, and Becky Hernandez

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Public Safety Commission meeting minutes - Aug. 1, 2019

[PS 2019-027](#) Public Safety Commission meeting minutes - Aug. 1, 2019

Attachments: [PSC08-01-2019 Minutes](#)

Ms. Keough moved to approve the August 5, 2019 minutes. Mr. Smoker seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Yes: 6 - Dews, Chairperson Peterson, Keough, Vice Chair Smoker, Williams, and Guerrero

Not Present: 3 - Martinez, Arvidson, and Dostaler

Fire Department Report

[PS 2019-028](#) CRFD July Report

Attachments: [CRFD July Report](#)

- Chief Martin distributed the Fire Department's July monthly report.
 - General fire calls were up approximately one percent.
 - Measurable outcomes
 - Chairperson Petersen asked what "transported to appropriate facility" means. Chief Martin explained the different emergency care facility levels and the department's

- commitment to transport to the correct levels.
- Academy firefighters are doing well; one CRFD candidate was selected as squadron leader.
- Sr. EVT Jim Giles was recently promoted to Logistics Division Chief
 - Interviews for Division Chief Giles' former position (Sr. EVT) are this week.
- Construction on North Building of the Public Safety Training Facility has started and completion is expected by the end of January 2020.
- Recent cardiac arrest success - a dozen donuts were brought to thank the crew for reviving a citizen. Sky Ridge also did a presentation for a job well done.
- CRFD Crew deployed to North Carolina for the hurricane disaster.
- Comments
 - American Red Cross preparedness training for the public - discussion on an upcoming training.

Police Department Report

[PS 2019-029](#) CRPD July Report

Attachments: [CRPD July Report](#)

- Commander Lyons distributed the Police Department's July monthly report and the 2018 Annual Report.
 - Monthly report is an analysis of statistics year over year:
 - 32 percent reduction in persons' crime (assaults/robbery).
 - 32 percent increase in property crimes (fraud/forgery cases).
 - Slight increase in the rate of crime commiserate with population increase.
 - 12 percent overall reduction in traffic crashes.
 - Officer hiring overview/process for 2020 - three new positions
 - New School Resource Officer (SRO) at Castle Rock Middle School.
 - This position was recently approved by Town Council to fill early in the 2019-2020 school year.
 - Detective (financial crimes).
 - Training Officer - Professional Standards, Training and Development (PSTD) Unit.
 - The department has grown from 54 sworn positions (2012) to an expected 81 by January 2020.
 - Hiring process closes next Friday, Sep. 13.
 - Typically we receive between 300-350 applications; 230 received to date.
 - The vast majority are qualified applicants; however, a premium is provided for "fit."
 - Approximately 75 applicants will be interviewed and then seven will be selected to move forward in the process.
 - This is an arduous four-month process (from

- posting date to swearing in).
- Community policing and partnerships - National Night Out
 - Annual event on the first Tuesday in August.
 - An estimated 4,000 people attended this year's event.
- Lip Sync Challenge update
 - Castle Rock Police Department's lip sync video is in the top 30 (out of over 600 videos) nationwide.
 - CBS special to be held on Monday, Sep. 9, to announce the winner; winning department receives \$100,000.
 - Join us for the department's Watch Party at Festival Park from 5-8 pm.
- 2018 Annual Report distributed.
- Comments/questions
 - Ms. Keough mentioned the Public Information Office, Officers Cybert and Morrissey, are doing a tremendous job with social media.
 - Ms. Williams inquired on the availability of special tools to assist with active shooter behavior and mentioned the CIAC Fusion Center.
 - Commander Lyons confirmed Kayak's state-level agency does share information to assist with active shooter behavior and internet threat assessment. He also described a new software platform that will analyze concerning images and comment threads. Preemptive tools and algorithms will be able to show increases in these type of posts and push the information forward.
 - The department studies trends with constant analysis. Discussion on the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) program, which assists businesses and others in providing safety and security as well as finding vulnerabilities against graffiti, etc. An officer provides this free service and a report is provided at the end of the review.
 - What other reporting avenues are available? Safe to Tell (state program) and Text a tip (Douglas County). All tips are forwarded to the school officers and investigated thoroughly.
 - What types of initial crimes are seen? Commander Lyons informed the commissioners on the variety of crimes from fraud, forgery, counterfeiting, identity theft, and tax scams.
 - Some break-ins to vehicles. Most suspects reside outside Castle Rock.
 - The department utilizes two license plate readers (LPR), which assist in locating stolen vehicles. The data is not collected unless there is a hit on a stolen vehicle or a vehicle used in criminal activity.
 - The LPRs are an additional tool to monitor vehicles moving through our town. If the license reader receives a hit, every police vehicle receives the

information.

- The StarChase system was also briefly detailed.

New Business

- Absences and terms limits discussed. Until Town Council adopts the new ordinance, the commission follows the no more than six absences in 12 months.

Old Business

- Ms. Keough asked if the commission still intended on forwarding public safety information to the public. Is there a need to move forward with something like this? Consensus - not at this time. Perhaps, in the future.

Commissioner Comments and Questions

- Chairperson Petersen asked if there was an interest in touring stations, new buildings, or attending a drone or hazmat presentation. Your Town Academy is a good way to experience the different Town departments or the Police Citizens Academy, which is an A ten-week program held on Thursday evenings.
- Are there feedback opportunities on the Town's website? Yes, as well the community survey, which is completed every two years. The community survey is posted online and addresses some of these concerns.
- Isn't there a feedback card provided for every EMS call? Yes.

Adjourn

Ms. Keough motioned to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Williams seconded the motion.