



## Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes - Final

Chairperson Dan Smoker  
Vice Chair Kerstin Keough  
Jose Guerrero  
Nate Marsh  
Janet Peterson  
Carl Smith  
Steve Thayer  
Mike Wells  
Chrissy Williams

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Thursday, November 5, 2020

3:00 PM

Castle Rock Police Department  
100 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

Ms. Petersen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Present** 7 - Janet Peterson, Chrissy Williams, Jose Guerrero, Nate Marsh, Carl Smith, Steve Thayer, and Mike Wells

**Not Present** 2 - Vice Chair Kerstin Keough, and Chairperson Dan Smoker

**Attendance** 4 - Jack Cauley, Norris Croom, Becky Hernandez, and Debbie Lewis

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

[PS 2020-030](#) Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes - October 1, 2020

**Attachments:** [PSC10-01-2020 Minutes](#)

**Mr. Thayer moved to approve the October 1, 2020 minutes. Mr. Marsh seconded the motion; the motion carried.**

**Yes:** 7 - Peterson, Williams, Guerrero, Marsh, Smith, Thayer, and Wells

**Not Present:** 2 - Vice Chair Keough, and Chairperson Smoker

### Police Department Report

Victims Assistance Unit - presentation

- Victim Assistance (VA) Unit overview by VA Coordinator Lewis.
  - The VA Unit is called out to assist in traumatic events (e.g. crimes against persons, domestic violence, robberies, death notifications)
  - Provides support to victims and their families.
  - Liaison on scene to calm people enough to be able to work with law enforcement.
  - Provides information on victims' rights and compensation (e.g. counseling, door lock changes, hotel stays when necessary).
  - Assists with safety planning and next steps.

- Provides case status updates for victims.
- Dedicated team of volunteers (currently at 11) - selection process discussed.
- 2019 statistics include: assisted with 375 cases; served approximately 1,000 citizens; provided 5,500 hours of service.
- Question: What is your ideal number of volunteers? - VAC Lewis stated 15.

#### [PS 2020-032](#) CRPD September Report

Attachments: [Police](#)

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Police Department's September monthly report. Please send any questions to Chief Cauley.
- Officer updates
  - Seven new officers were sworn in on Oct. 12; they come with years of experience.
  - Chief's one-on-one employee meetings are in progress.
    - Many officers have mentioned their appreciation for the support we have here in Castle Rock.
- 2020 IACP conference was held virtually this year.
  - The keynote speaker was Simon Sinek. He spoke about Castle Rock Police Department and our culture during his presentation.
- CIRSA insurance (workers comp, liability, etc.)
  - Chief Cauley was asked to speak with Dr. Kimberly Miller on the importance of a favorable culture.
- R-U-OK program
  - New community program for those in our elderly population living alone.
  - For more information on the R-U-OK program or to view the video, visit the Police Department's webpage: [CRgov.com/RUOK](https://www.cr.gov/RUOK).

#### Fire Department Report

#### [PS 2020-031](#) CRFD September Report

Attachments: [Fire](#)

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Fire Department's September monthly report. Please send any questions to Chief Croom.
- Chief Croom reiterated how important culture is and the importance of community support as well as from our PSC members. We appreciate the support very much.
- Coronavirus updates
  - COVID numbers are higher than March and April in positivity rate and hospitalization.
  - There are now more cases in Castle Rock than in Highlands Ranch.

- An EMS ambulance (recently allocated for COVID-19 cases) has transported 10 known or suspected cases since November 1.
  - Contingency plans are in place for the Fire Department.
  - Sky Ridge Hospital cases have increased.
  - The virus has mutated into approximately 80 strains.
  - Average hospitalization decreased from 11 days on average, down to two.
  - Current studies indicate antibodies can remain in your body for 90 days.
  - Strong recommendations: avoid social gatherings, wash your hands, stay home if showing any signs of sickness.
- Wildland crews returned.
  - The Cameron Peak Fire is now 92 percent contained.
  - East Troublesome Fire is approximately 37 percent contained.
- Council Members - Four new council members to be sworn in on Dec. 1.
  - The Public Safety Commission liaison should be assigned shortly thereafter.
- Starlighting - Saturday, November 21
  - Lighting of star is scheduled at 5:30 pm with fireworks following (no downtown events).
  - Three viewing locations are available (reservations required).
- Fire plans examiner posted for a 2021 hire.
- Department's master plan scheduled for an early 2021 Town Council presentation.

## **New Business**

- N/A

## **Old Business**

- PSM Grants were all approved by Town Council.

## **Commissioner Comments and Questions**

- How is the Town's revenue? Chief Croom stated September's sales tax is up approximately seven percent over last September. About 5% overall year to date.
- Are hospitals expecting therapeutic/drug shortages? Chief Croom described some items in short supply and increases on costs for certain drugs as well as personal protection equipment (PPE). Cases have risen in the last two weeks from 100 to 335 per 100,000 along with the positivity rate from 4.75 percent to 7.65 percent. Increased testing also discussed.
- Ms. Petersen passed along a friend's comments on the friendliness of the Castle Rock Police officers whenever she sees them in the community.
- Mr. Smith mentioned how impressive it was to see several of the new officers joining from neighboring towns.

## Adjourn

**Ms. Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Thayer seconded the motion.**

**The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.**

**Yes:** 7 - Peterson, Williams, Guerrero, Marsh, Smith, Thayer, and Wells

**Not Present:** 2 - Vice Chair Keough, and Chairperson Smoker