



## Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

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

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Thursday, December 2, 2021

3:00 PM

Castle Rock Municipal Courtroom,  
100 Perry St., 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 Castle Rock Municipal Courtroom.

### Call to Order and Attendance

Vice-Chairperson Keough called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Guests: Sergeant Torrens - Police  
Officer Ives - Police

**Present** 8 - Chairperson Dan Smoker, Vice Chair Kerstin Keough, Clark Hammelman, Don MacBrayne, Nate Marsh, Carl Smith, Steve Thayer, and Mike Wells

**Not Present** 1 - Janet Peterson

**Attendance** 3 - Norris Croom, Jason Lyons, and Deborah Stanley

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

[PS 2021-041](#) Public Safety Commission meeting minutes - Nov. 4, 2021

**Attachments:** [PSC11-04-2021 Minutes](#)

**Mr. Thayer moved to approve the November 4, 2021 minutes. Mr. Hammelman seconded the motion; the motion carried.**

**Yes:** 8 - Chairperson Smoker, Vice Chair Keough, Hammelman, MacBrayne, Marsh, Smith, Thayer, and Wells

**Not Present:** 1 - Peterson

### Fire Department Report

[PS 2021-042](#) CRFD October Report

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

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Fire Department's October report prior to today's meeting.
- The department anticipates its busiest year yet, reaching 6000 calls by the end of the year. This will represent an increase of approximately 12 percent over last year.
- Pending Council approval on December 7, the Fire Department will

gain four positions for 2022.

- Three Paramedics
- One shift training officer
- These positions, once approved, will become effective on January 1.
- Douglas County will be hosting a fireworks show off Santa Fe Quarry on December 18 at 7 p.m. Two additional shows will be held simultaneously in Parker and Highlands Ranch.
- The Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE), released its Ketamine report. Their guidelines are very strict. It will be up to the Governor to accept their recommendations.
- The Fire Department's annual banquet is scheduled for January 15. Commission members will receive invitations.

## Police Department Report

[PS 2021-043](#) CRPD October Report

Attachments: [CRPD October Report](#)

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Police Department's October report prior to today's meeting.
- Pending Council approval on December 7, the Police Department will gain four positions for 2022.
  - Three patrol officers
  - One community partnership officer
  - These positions, once approved, will become effective on January 1.
  - In total, the department will fill seven positions in January. Six of these will be filled by candidates from other police agencies. One will need to complete an academy.
- With the license plate reader technology now in use, there has been a 40% decrease in car burglaries.
- Commander Lyons spoke briefly about the new pay plan approved for next year.
  - The pay plan should have a significant effect on recruiting new officers.

## Special Presentation

- Officer Ives and Sergeant Torrens gave a presentation on the Flock Safety system.
  - The department has ten stationary Flock Safety license plate readers installed around town. In addition, there are four department vehicles equipped with this technology.

- Most car theft crimes are committed by people not from Castle Rock and often involve drugs and weapons.
- Public Safety Commission members were shown video from several recent, actual events that occurred here in Castle Rock.
- A question was asked about privacy concerns. There is no expectation of privacy on public roads. The cameras do not take pictures of faces, only licenses plates - Commander Lyons.
- In addition, the department has an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) team.
  - The UAV's are used for traffic crash re-construction, search and rescue, and HazMat response.
  - The UAVs have thermal cameras and autonomous tracking capabilities.
  - A video was shown of a UAV in use.
- The department is very fortunate to have Council's support. This technology has been a big help with crime.
- What is the future of this technology? It's going to become commonplace. Axon Technologies is working on a UAV that can be deployed from atop a vehicle.
- The Fire Department uses UAVs for pre-plans, HazMat and during fireworks shows to look for hotspots - Chief Croom.
- Can the Flock cameras be used for accidents or fires - no, the cameras only take pictures of license plates, but other cameras around town (including Ring devices) can be used for those purposes. The Flock cameras can assist with amber alerts and hit and run accidents - Commander Lyons.
- Does the system alert on expired tags or suspended licenses - no, only on licenses that have been entered into the national database - Commander Lyons.
- Was there an increase in crime at the Outlets on Black Friday - no increase in crimes was reported - Commander Lyons.
- The department is participating in several holiday activities including Heroes and Helpers, Santa's Second Chance and the Santa neighborhood drive-by.

## **New Business**

N/A

## **Old Business**

N/A

## **Commissioner Comments and Questions**

- Mr. Smith spoke about a firefighter funeral he attended and the family

relationships that public safety members build and maintain.

## **Adjourn**

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

**The next Public Safety Commission meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. This meeting will be hosted by the Police Department.**