



Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Nate Marsh
Vice Chair Janet Peterson
Debra Beck
Clark Hammelman
Don MacBrayne
Richard Morton
Andy Powell
Carl Smith
Steve Thayer

Thursday, August 4, 2022

3:00 PM

Castle Rock Municipal Courtroom
100 Perry St., 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.

Call to Order and Attendance

Chairperson Marsh called the meeting to order at 2:59 p.m.

Present 9 - Andy Powell, Don MacBrayne, Richard Morton, Clark Hammelman, Carl Smith, Steve Thayer, Chairperson Nate Marsh, Vice Chair Janet Peterson, and Debra Beck

Attendance 4 - Laura Cavey, Norris Croom, Jack Cauley, and Deborah Stanley

Approval of Meeting Minutes

[PS 2022-025](#) Public Safety Commission meeting minutes - Jul. 7, 2022

Attachments: [PSC Jul. 07, 2022 minutes](#)

Mr. Hammelman moved to approve the July 7, 2022 minutes, Mr. Morton seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Yes: 9 - Powell, MacBrayne, Morton, Hammelman, Smith, Thayer, Chairperson Marsh, Vice Chair Peterson, and Beck

Fire Department Report

[PS 2022-023](#) CRFD June Report

Attachments: [CRFD June Report](#)

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Fire Department's June report prior to today's meeting.
- The two lateral hires will complete their academy this afternoon.
 - The department will host a badge ceremony to recognize them and our recent promotions, tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. Public Safety Commission members were sent an invitation.
- Stage 1 fire restrictions were lifted at the end of last month. The Town had been under Stage 1 for approximately three months. The Town may need to implement Stage 1 again in the near future.
 - Who makes the decision to implement fire restrictions? The Town Manager and Chief Croom. The Douglas County Sheriff makes the decision for the County.
 - There are seven criteria to monitor.

- The Town tries to stay close to the County's decision.
- The department has sent a three-person crew to Texas to help with the Wildfires.
 - The deployment is for two weeks.
 - Chief Croom briefly explained the state wildland agreement and our reimbursement process.
 - The State of Texas has already requested a crew swap. We will be sending a second crew to Wichita Falls to relieve the first crew after two-weeks.
- The department responded to a homeless encampment "bunker" on fire last week off Plum Creek Trail.
 - The bunker was constructed of railroad ties and plywood.
 - Access to the interior was locked. Public Works assisted with using a backhoe to tear the uninhabited bunker apart.
 - The Parks and Rec Department will be removing the bunker.
 - Are there other bunkers out there? The department has looked but hasn't found any. Hikers walking the trail provide great intel - Chief Croom.
- What is the status on the goats? The Parks Department had moved the goats to the Woodlands and on Tuesday, re-located them to the Bowl.
 - The goats are able to clear between an acre and an acre and a half a day.
 - The goats will eat almost anything and using goats is significantly cheaper than mastication or human work and safer than mowing.
- Is there an update on the budget? The budget isn't complete. With the mid-year compensation given to all employees last month, it has changed the budget forecast.
 - All employees either received a 3% or a dollar an hour raise, whichever was more.
 - Douglas County employees received similar raises.
 - The raise has helped with employee retention.

Police Department Report

[PS 2022-024](#) CRPD June Report

Attachments: [CRPD June Report](#)

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Police Department's June report prior to today's meeting.
- National Night Out was last Tuesday. Great event. Well attended.

- The department has openings in its Records, Dispatch and Patrol divisions.
 - Attracting talent has become a nationwide issue.
 - Staffing for many departments is down 20%.
 - Through its culture, pay and benefits, CRPD has stayed competitive.
 - The department has received approval for three additional positions.
- Chief Cauley spoke briefly about unhoused issues.
 - The department is reaching out and engaging with the unhoused in our community and conducting check-ins on a weekly basis.
 - Chief Cauley was asked if the officers who conduct the check-ins are in uniform. Yes.
 - CRPD also removes any abandoned camps. Are the homeless upset at the removal of these camps? Officers first make sure that the camp is abandoned. They then store anything that is removed with Parks and Rec.
 - What are the rules concerning homeless camps? Currently we have unable to enforce a camping ban if it occurs on public property. The rules are different for private property.
- Chief Cauley is going to attend an IACP meeting on August 5.
 - Chief Cauley will also attend the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference (IACP) in October.
- Is there an update on the stabbing incident? The suspect was quickly apprehended and arrested. The case is now with the DA's office.
 - There is an article covering the incident in this week's News Press.
 - Security has been increased in that area.
- Chief Cauley was asked why the squad cars are left running when not occupied. It is needed for quick responses. The cars are kept running to cool or warm the mobile computers equipped inside.
- Compliments given to the Explorers who worked National Night Out. The Explorers did an outstanding job and were great ambassadors.
 - Two previous Explorers are now working for the department.
- Chief Cauley was asked about the officers' presence during the Douglas County parade. Officers were assigned to strategic locations throughout the parade route.
- Chief Cauley briefed Commission members on the recent swatting call.

New Business

N/A

Old Business

N/A

Adjourn

Mr. Marsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Thayer seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

The next Public Safety Commission meeting is scheduled for
September 1, 2022, 3:00 p.m. at the Municipal Courtroom.