



## Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes - Final

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

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Thursday, September 1, 2022

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.

### Call to Order and Attendance

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

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

**Attendance** 4 - Laura Cavey, Jack Cauley, Rich Martin, and Becky Hernandez

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

[PS 2022-027](#) Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes - August 4, 2022

**Attachments:** [PSC 08-04-2022 Minutes](#)

**Vice Chair Peterson moved to approve the August 4, 2022 minutes. Mr. Thayer seconded the motion; the motion carried.**

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

### Fire Department Report

[PS 2022-028](#) CRFD August Report

**Attachments:** [CRFD-Fire-July 2022](#)

- The commission members previously received the department's July report via email.
- The hearing for the department's re-accreditation was approved, and it is valid for five years.
- Staffing
  - There are two open positions due to recent retirements.
- Questions or Comments for Chief Martin:
  - What is HAAS? It is a system installed in our vehicles to alert drivers using Waze or other navigational aids of an emergency vehicle in the area or approaching, accidents ahead, etc. Most newer cars with navigation apps will receive this alert. It is only activated during emergency responses. HAAS is the company name and is not an acronym.
  - The department's recent promotional ceremony was enjoyable.

- Does the accreditation eventually affect homeowners' insurance rates? No, this is more an affirmation on how the department is doing and does not pertain to ISO ratings.
- What are the pre-citation inspections listed in the monthly report? Life Safety conducts periodic business inspections looking for violations such as blocked exits. Depending upon the severity, owners are asked to either repair them immediately or within a few days.
- When requested, will the department replace fire alarm batteries for citizens? Yes, many times the locations of the alarms require high ladders.
- During the certifications hearing, there was a mention of the department receiving four new positions. What are the position types? We are asking for three firefighter/EMT positions and one safety-training officer.
- When will the 2023 Budget be approved by Council? The informational budget meeting is on September 6, and the following two meetings will include the first reading followed by the final reading.

## Police Department Report

[PS 2022-029](#)      CRPD Monthly Report

Attachments: [Police-July 2022](#)

- The commission members previously received the department's July report via email.
  - Overall crime decreased 45 percent during this time frame.
    - The decrease is attributed to the good work of our officers as well as our technology.
  - Discussion on property crimes and stolen vehicles. When CRPD recovers stolen vehicles, our felony filings increase due to CRPD's filing of the cases even if the vehicle is stolen out of another jurisdiction.
  - Councilmember Cavey stated Douglas County crimes have increased approximately 21 percent, which is outpacing population growth.
- The Police Department's 2023 budget requests include positions for three sworn, one civilian and two part-time civilians:
  - One sergeant
  - Two police officers
  - Civilian felony filing technician
  - Two part-time civilian community service officers
- Police officer hiring update
  - Current conditionals include two lateral officers and sending four candidates to the police academy.
- Basement remodel update
  - Expected to be completed by May 2023.

- 2022 IACP Conference (October 2022)
  - Chief Cauley will be presenting on the importance of police culture in collaboration with a California police chief.
- Questions/Comments:
  - Requested update on the Ulta Beauty felony suspects and the \$90,000 worth of stolen merchandise. Discussion on organized retail crime, the targeting of retail stores, and the Douglas County partnership of detectives specializing in organized retail crime.
  - What constitutes a felony theft? The amount fluctuates periodically. Chairperson Marsh found it is currently set at \$2,000 and above.
  - How does the department decide when to place photos on social media in an attempt to identify the suspects? It depends upon the crime, amount of damage, etc. As a group, we discuss the circumstances prior to placing photos on social media.
  - Can you talk about the officer hired specifically for the unhoused community? The officer specializes in our unhoused community and works together with other officers. They patrol both day and night and contact people in the camps. When an abandoned camp is found, a company is contacted to clean it up. To date, they have cleaned approximately 15 camps. These officers know everyone in our unhoused community as well as their stories.
  - How many unhoused are there in Castle Rock? Currently, there are approximately 20.
  - Does the Douglas County Sheriff have an officer dedicated to the unhoused? Yes, they do. Discussion on the different approaches to this issue.
  - In the future, is the department considered expanding into substations? Not at this time. We wish to use all the space we have here first. Discussion on future possibilities due to Town population increases.
  - Have you looked at grant funding? If there is a grant available, which includes items we may be lacking, we will review it.
  - Cobblestone (west end) issue discussed. More than likely, if Douglas County Sheriffs showed up, the area may be unincorporated Castle Rock.
  - Chairperson Marsh stated the felony filing position will be a good resource for the police department.
  - Is there a driver education program in our schools? Discussion on *Alive at 25* and other possible consequences for young drivers receiving citations, etc.

## New Business

- N/A

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- N/A

### **Commissioner Comments and Questions**

- Councilmember Cavey reminded the commissioners about the upcoming Boards and Commissions event on September 27 at 6:00 p.m.
- Shout out to Officer Gillespie and Buttercup. They were at both recent funerals for the Castle View High School students and did an exceptional job at all the funerals.

### **Adjourn**

**The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.**

**The next Public Safety Commission meeting is scheduled for  
October 6, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at the Municipal Courtroom.**

**Mr. Thayer made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion.**