



Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

Robert Dziubla (Vice-Chair)
Steven Goedecke
Jeffery Hamilton
Clark Hammelman
Greg Thomas
Laurie Van Court (Chairperson)
Zachary Van Valkenburg
Jake Veith

Thursday, June 4, 2026

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

Mr. Hammelman called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m

GUESTS

Commander Galvan - Police

Commander Fruh - Police

Present 6 - Laurie Van Court, Robert Dziubla, Clark Hammelman, Jeffery Hamilton, Greg Thomas, and Zachary Van Valkenburg

Not Present 1 - Jake Veith

Attendance 3 - Norris Croom, Jack Cauley, and Deborah Stanley

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Ms. Van Court moved to approve the May 7, 2026 minutes. Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Yes: 7 - Van Court, Dziubla, Hamilton, Hammelman, Hamilton, Thomas, and Van Valkenburg

New member introductions were made and Oath of Office signatures collected.

Commission members present moved to select Ms. Van Court as Chairperson and Mr. Dziubla as Vice-Chairperson. All were in favor.

Fire Department Report

[PS 2026-016](#) CRFD April Report

Attachments: [CRFD April Report.pdf](#)

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Fire Department's April report prior to today's meeting.
- Stage 1 fire restrictions have been lifted as of Tuesday. The ban has been in effect since December 15. We will continue to monitor conditions.
- Formal offers have been given to the selected FPO and Administrative Assistant candidates.
- The Station 156/Logistics Center retaining wall is now under construction.
- The department has four individuals starting a 20-week Fire Academy at the end of July.
- The 2027 proposed budget was reviewed with Finance in early May. Residents are invited to the Town's 2027 budget open house on Tuesday June 9 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Cantril School. Will the detailed budget be

available at this event? Town staff will provide general information on the budget and story boards - Chief Croom.

- The department is working on a reorganization to keep up with growth. Some of the Fire Department's personnel requests will be funded by 2A. How do fleet purchases work? The department contributes each year to a Fleet replacement fund. Fleet purchases are paid up front with cash at time of order. Pre-payment saved the Town around \$325,000 on the last order - Chief Croom.
- Chief Croom was asked about the fire at Castlegate Drive. An e-scooter caught on fire in one of the apartments. The apartment had a sprinkler system, and it did not spread to adjacent apartments. The department has lithium-ion battery safety information on the Town's web site.
- Both the Fire and Police Department's were complemented on their participation at the recent Senior Expo.
- Complements were also given to both Fire and Police for their presence on the I-25 overpasses during the Honor Flights on Memorial Day.
- A Commission member asked about upcoming events for the 25th anniversary of 9-11. Looking into it - Chief Croom.

Police Department Report

[PS 2026-017](#) CRPD April Report

Attachments: [CRPD April Report.pdf](#)

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Police Department's April report prior to today's meeting.
- The department's annual awards ceremony was held May 2. A total of 20 awards were presented. Chief Cauley gave a brief explanation of the awards.
- The department has five lateral hires starting on May 18, an Animal Control officer starting June 15 and new dispatchers starting on June 22. This still leaves two vacancies. The department was allowed to over hire two officers due to the amount of time it takes to get an officer trained and online.
- Department staff attended an After Action Review (AAR) with neighboring agencies to review traffic flow issues during closures of I-25. The AAR was prompted by the traffic incident that occurred on May 15. Will the findings be released to the public? The report will not be made public - Chief Cauley.
- Chief Cauley was complemented on the Police Department's contribution to a recent drone article. The detail was great.
- Chief Cauley was asked why crime totals and total offenses were up in 2026. There are several factors, from monthly trending patterns to better reporting of crimes - Chief Cauley.
- The department has a new K9. It costs about \$20,000 to train and equip a K9 team. Why aren't dogs purchased from the US? Although this dog came from Germany, the department used a US based company who sourced out of Germany - Chief Cauley.
- Complement given to Officer Gillespie for his recent presentation to community members.
- The 2026 Youth Police Academy starts next week. A Commission member commented on this great program.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Commanders Galvan and Fruh gave a presentation on the "No Vacancy Initiative" program -

- Street racing is a countrywide problem. Castle Rock is an attractive location due to the access to I-25 and distance between Denver and Colorado Springs.
- The officers explained the response considerations and the SARA model.
- Since the start of this program, there have been no major meetups here in Town, better relationships with property owners, and reduced calls for service.
- A Commission member asked about radio frequency disruptors. The department has found that grappler systems have been very effective as a deterrent.

New Business

N/A

Old Business

N/A

Adjourn

Chairperson Van Court made a motion to adjourn the meeting; all were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

The next Public Safety Commission meeting is scheduled for July 2, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.