Public Safety Commission
Meeting Minutes - Final

Chairperson Nate Marsh
Vice Chair Clark Hammelman
Robert Dziubla
Trevor Knotts
Richard Morton
Andy Powell
Steve Thayer
Laurie Van Court

Thursday, May 1, 2025 **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.

The Public Safety Commission meets monthly at the Town of Castle Rock Fire & Rescue Headquarters or Police Department.

Call to Order and Attendance

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

Present 8 - Vice Chair Clark Hammelman, Chairperson Nate Marsh, Andy Powell, Richard Morton, Steve Thayer, Laurie Van Court, Trevor Knotts, and Robert Dziubla

Attendance 3 - Norris Croom, Jack Cauley, and Kim Stremel

Approval of Meeting Minutes

PS 2025-010 Public Safety Commission meeting minutes - April 3, 2025

Mr. Dzuibla moved to approve the April 3, 2025 minutes. Ms. Van Court seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Yes: 8 - Vice Chair Hammelman, Chairperson Marsh, Powell, Morton, Thayer, Van Court, Knotts, and Dziubla

Fire Department Report

PS 2025-011 CRFD March Report

- On Tuesday, April 29th, the 2024 CARES report measuring cardiac arrest save outcomes was released. CRFD has a 32.5% success rate compared to a national average of about 9% . CRFD's "witnessed" cardiac save rate was 58% compared to the state of Colorado's rate of 36%. CRFD responded to 46 cardiac arrests in 2024. Chief Croom stated the department's high success rate is a result training and the equipment that is carried by staff.
- Station 156 will be constructed across the street from the previously planned location due to flood plain issues. Staff anticipated a project delay of 90- 100 days and expects a tentative opening in May of 2027. The original parcel still remains as town property and a future use will be determined.
- **Staffing Update-**
    - The lateral fire academy began yesterday, April 30th. These hires were made possible by Ballot Initiative 2a
    - New hire (non-lateral) firefighters will begin the West Metro Fire academy this fall
    - The department continues to fill vacancies due to retirements,

separations, etc.

- 527 applications were received for the entry level recruitment
- Commission Member Morton asked how will movement of the pay range help with retention? Chief Croom replied that CRFD has the most generous pay band for entry level firefighters in the metro area and number 5 for top out in the metro area

Police Department Report

PS 2025-012 CRPD March Report

- Recap of the 2024 decrease in crime; this includes a 19% decrease in total property crimes, a 37% decrease in motor vehicle theft from 2023 to 2024, and a 41% decrease in car break-ins.
- Citizens Police Academy just completed week 4. This is one of the police department's highest rated community engagement activities.
- Recruitment - CRPD will have three lateral officers begin employment on May 19th. They have seven slots reserved at the Highlands Ranch Law Enforcement Training Facility for the July academy. Five of those slots have been secured by candidates who have successfully passed backgrounds and the recruitment staff is working to fill the other two positions.
- The 2024 CRPD Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 17th at Canyons Church. The year's ceremony will include 65 awards to staff and community members .
- Commission Member Dzuibla asked if motor vehicle thefts and thefts from vehicles occur in clusters or particular areas of town? Chief Cauley responded not necessarily. It is possible that several could occur during one night, but typically not night after night. Most vehicle break ins occur with unlocked cars. Technology used by staff and directed patrols remain excellent tools in finding people and vehicles.
- Brief discussion regarding the success of camera technology.
- Discussion about elder scams and what resources are available. The 23rd Judicial District has excellent resources available to seniors, per Chief Cauley.

New Business

N/A

Old Business

N/A

Commissioner Comments and Questions

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

The next Public Safety Comission meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the Police Department.