



Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

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

Thursday, December 5, 2024

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 3:00 p.m.

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

Attendance 3 - Oren Bersagel-Briese, Sam Varela, and Deborah Stanley

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

[PS 2024-033](#) Public Safety Commission meeting minutes - Nov. 7, 2024

Attachments: [PSC Nov. 7, 2024 minutes](#)

Mr. Dziubla moved to approve the November 7, 2024 minutes. Mr. Morton seconded the motion; the motion carried.

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

Fire Department Report

[PS 2024-034](#) 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.
- Deputy Chief Bersagel-Briese introduced himself and explained to Commission members that Chief Croom was out of town attending a conference in Oklahoma City.
- Jeff Hood was selected to fill the Training Chief position, leaving an open position for Assistant Training Chief. The position has been posted internally.
- The Accreditation manager position remains open. The department will be interviewing two candidates for this position, next week.
- With the passage of 2-A, the department is working to fill the approved positions starting with the EVT position.
- The three recruits that were hired to fill existing vacancies, will be

- graduating this month and will be online in mid-January.
- Council has approved the purchase of a new ladder truck. The delivery cycle for this vehicle is three and half to four years.
- The Engine on order for Station 156 will be ready mid-2026. We will complete the final inspection of the new Brush truck for Station 156, next week.
- Call volume is up significantly. We are up around 400 calls over last year.
- CPR save rates are way up this year. We have long been above the national average.
- Station 156 is now in the design phase. We expect to have conceptual and elevation plans by the end of the year and a construction RFP posted in January. The build is expected to take 10 to 12 months. The floor plan will be similar to Station 152 with the exception of an added Fleet facility.
- The Starlighting event went really well with no issues.
- Deputy Chief Bersagel-Briese was asked about Collapse 155. Collapse 155 is a special operations vehicle used for trench rescue, structural collapse, confined space and rope rescue operations. It is a large box truck that carries all the specialty equipment needed for these types of operations.
- A question was asked about the number of medic units. The department has 5 medic units. Three are currently in operation. The department is working on fully staffing a 4th, leaving one as a reserve with another on order.
- Quick discussion on hiring. The department received 500 applications the last time it hired. The department will take laterals but doesn't acknowledge seniority from outside the department.

Police Department Report

[PS 2024-035](#) 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.
- Over 30,000 people attended the Starlighting event. The department added extra security procedures and operated a command center to monitor the crowds.
- The Heroes and Helpers event will be held on the 14th. This program pairs needy families with Police Department members and volunteers to shop for Christmas gifts. This is always a satisfying event and is a great way for the department to interact with the community. How do the families get into the program? They can contact the department directly.
- There will be a lot of movement within the department in the next twelve months. Two members are getting promoted to sergeant which will leave corporal vacancies. We have one candidate who's graduating from the academy next week and one candidate starting the academy of January. We also have a lateral hire from California

who will be starting in February.

- December 15th marks the 65th anniversary of the Department. The organization was a Marshals office prior. Commemorative badges have been created to honor the anniversary.
- The Patrol Officer who received a serious leg injury this summer, is now fully recovered and back on duty.
- Quick discussion on camera and drone use.
- Quick discussion on agencies available to assist with helping first responders who are in crisis. Both Police and Fire use these organizations on a regular basis.

New Business

- Mr. Dziubla recommended a rewording to the bylaws, Article 1 - Authorization. Staff will follow up.

Old Business

- n/a

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The next Public Safety Commission meeting is scheduled for January 2, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.