



Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes - Final

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

Thursday, July 11, 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.

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

Call to Order and Attendance

Vice-Chairperson Hammelman called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

- Present** 7 - Vice Chair Clark Hammelman, Don MacBrayne, Richard Morton, Steve Thayer, Laurie Van Court, Trevor Knotts, and Robert Dziubla
- Not Present** 2 - Andy Powell, and Chairperson Nate Marsh
- Attendance** 3 - Norris Croom, Jack Cauley, and Kim Stremel

Approval of Meeting Minutes

[PS 2024-018](#) Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes - June 6,

Ms. Van Court moved to approve the June 6, 2024 minutes. Mr. Morton seconded the motion; the motion carried.

- Yes:** 7 - Vice Chair Hammelman, MacBrayne, Morton, Thayer, Van Court, Knotts, and Dziubla
- Not Present:** 2 - Powell, and Chairperson Marsh

Fire Department Report

[PS 2024-019](#) CRFD May Report

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Fire Department's May report prior to today's meeting.
- Stage 1 fire restrictions went into effect today; restrictions may change if/when we get moisture.
- Fireworks: There were nine (9) firework related fires on the 4th of July; nothing too major and there were no injuries. There have been two additional fires since the 4th of July.
- Eight architectural firms responded to the RFP for the new Cobblestone Ranch fire station.
 - Two (2) firms SEH, Inc. and RS&H are scheduled to be interviewed.

- Both firm's fees are in the \$700+k range for services.
 - Staff anticipates choosing a firm and taking the agreement to Council on August 20th for approval.
- The goats are back this summer for mitigation work; working approximately 134 acres around town.
- 650 goats can clear approximately 1.5 acres a day, of weeds and shrubs that pose a fire risk, along with noxious weeds that are toxic to other types of animals.
 - Commission member Knotts inquired if we pay them. Chief Croom advised we do; however, we also receive reimbursement (approximately 50%) back from a state grant.
 - Commission member Van Court asked if insurance companies recognize the Town's efforts? Chief Croom said they have had meetings with insurance industry representatives showing the mitigation work on town properties and mitigation efforts in other areas of risk.
- A Type 3 brush truck was deployed 3 weeks ago to CA (Fresno-area). The federal government pays for crew swaps, so a new crew will be heading out. They also pay for the backfill of positions during firefighter's deployments and a daily rate for equipment. This is good experience for firefighters that are deployed. The reserve brush truck has been moved to Station 1.
- CRFD members who are deployed, are on the Wildland Firefighting Team. Commission member Morton asked if the equipment reimbursement is sufficient to cover wear and tear on vehicles, to which Chief Croom replied yes.
- Brief question and answer session with questions from the new commission members in reference to the Fire Department's May report.
- Chief Croom will provide a Commission members with an updated copy of the Standards of Cover report

Police Department Report

[PS 2024-020](#)

CRPD May Report

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Police Department's May report prior to today's meeting.
- Town Manager Dave Corliss will be attending the August Public Safety Commission meeting to discuss ballot measure initiative.
 - Campaigning for the initiative is a grassroots efforts; Public Safety Commission members could partner with recent graduates of the Police Citizens Academy if they have a desire to make a bigger impact; Town Managers office can assist with email addresses, etc.
- Town Staff cannot formally campaign in favor of the measure beyond August 20, 2024.

- This initiative will fund an additional 40 positions between police and fire.
- Brief discussion on the overall impact if the initiative does not pass in November.
- CRPD already has the lowest officers per thousand in the south metro area, yet the community continues to grow. We simply won't be able to maintain our current high levels of service.
- Hiring Update - Five new lateral officers and 1 new academy recruit begin on Monday, July 15th .
- Strategic Plan approved by Council on June 18, 2024.
- ABLE - A(Active)B (Bystandership) for L(Law) E(Enforcement) training is being provided to every staff member at CRPD. By the end of the year, CRPD will be an ABLE certified agency.
- Auto thefts YTD: 11 in 2024 vs 31 in 2023; decrease in numbers is related to technology that aids officers with response times.
- Chief Cauley gave a 2-hour Zoom presentation to the Department of Federal Police (Brazil) on One-By-One policing. This educational event was coordinated through the US State Department. A Brazilian policing delegation will be visiting CR in October.
- National Night Out - 1st Tuesday in August - if the Public Safety Commission would like a table at NNO, please let PD know.
- Brief question and answer session with questions from the new commission members in reference to the Police Department's May report.

New Business

N/A

Old Business

N/A

Commissioner Comments and Questions

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

The next Public Safety Commission meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Police Department.