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Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 5, 2026 3:00 PM

Castle Rock Municipal Courtroom

100 Perry St., Castle Rock, CO 80104

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Dziubla
Steven Goedecke
Clark Hammelman (Chairperson)
Richard Morton
Andy Powell
Steve Thayer
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STAFF PRESENT

Chief Croom - Fire
Chief Cauley - Police
Deborah Stanley – Fire

NOT PRESENT

Trevor Knotts

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Hammelman called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Thayer moved to approve the January 8, 2026 minutes. Mr. Dziubla seconded the motion; the motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Fire Department's December report prior to today's meeting.
- The construction project for Station 156 and Logistics Center will be presented to Council on March 3 for approval. If approved, the plan is to break ground on April 8.
- A mitigation company will be removing beetle killed trees as part of the wildland fire mitigation in the forested portion of Metzler Family Open Space in March. If the work cannot be completed by the end of March, the mitigation project will be pushed back until later this year.
- The first County operated biochar facility in the U.S., will start operations in late summer of 2026. The facility, located in Sedalia, will process wildfire mitigation waste into a form of material for use as a multi-use organic ground cover.
- The new Logistics Chief, Jeff Wenzel, started January 5. As part of 2A, the department will be hiring an additional fire prevention officer, an administrative assistant and a firefighter in 2026. We hope to have the fire prevention officer and administrative assistant filled as soon as possible. The firefighter will be hired mid-year to allow them to attend the fall academy at West Metro.
- Chief Croom gave a presentation on Station 156. Cost is \$22,000,000 (fully funded). The station will be located on Castle Oaks Drive between Pleasant View Drive and Rocky View Road. The location was determined by response time requirements and future growth. The station's design is similar to Station 152. The station will improve response times in the area and potentially help lower the Town's ISO insurance rating from a 2 to a 1. Brief discussion on station funding.
- Chief Croom was asked about future stations. The next station to be built (Station 157), will be located in Dawson Trails, and another station is needed in the area of Wolfensberger and Coachline.
- Chairperson Hammelman made a motion to approve the Station 156 project. Mr. Thayer seconded the motion; all were in favor.
- IS CAD to CAD up and running? No, we are still struggling through some tech issues – Chief Croom.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Police Department's December report prior to today's meeting.
- The Police Department will do a space study later this year.
- All newly promoted staff members are now in their new roles including the Deputy Police Chief and a second Commander in Patrol.
- DougCoAlert has now replaced Code Red as the community alert system. The department has already made use of the system.
- 35 applicants applied for the lateral officer posting. 23 have been invited to the oral boards this week. The department sent five recruits to the academy January 19. The recruits should finish in June. Eleven recruits have finished the academy and are now completing the department's training.
- The Police Department will open its Citizens' Police Academy to applicants on January 26. Class size is limited to 30 citizens and the class will go from April 1 to June 21.
- Discussion on volunteer opportunities within the department.
- The newest K-9 is in training and won't be available for a couple of months.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Copies of Ordinance 2026-004 were given to commission members. Chairperson Hammelman reminded commission members that in-person attendance, meeting attendance limits, and term limits have changed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- n/a

Mr. Thayer made a motion to adjourn the meeting; all were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

The next Public Safety Commission meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.