



Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

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

Thursday, August 7, 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.

Call to Order and Attendance

Chairperson Marsh called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m

Present 9 - Robert Dziubla, Trevor Knotts, Mike Miller, Richard Morton, Andy Powell, Steve Thayer, Chairperson Nate Marsh, Laurie Van Court, and Vice Chair Clark Hammelman

Attendance 4 - Laura Cavey, Norris Croom, Sam Varela, and Deborah Stanley

Approval of Meeting Minutes

[PS 2025-016](#) Public Safety Commission meeting minutes - June 4, 2025

Attachments: [PSC 06.04.2025 minutes](#)

Mr. Thayer moved to approve the June 5, 2025 minutes. Mr. Morton seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Yes: 9 - Dziubla, Knotts, Miller, Morton, Powell, Thayer, Chairperson Marsh, Van Court, and Vice Chair Hammelman

Fire Department Report

[PS 2025-017](#) CRFD June Report

Attachments: [CRFD June Report](#)

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Fire Department's June report prior to today's meeting.
- The annual updates to the Strategic Plan and Standards of Cover were presented to Council last month.
- The seven new recruits started an academy on Monday. Are the new EMT's and Paramedics, firefighters? Yes, the lateral candidates are all firefighters. The seven that are in the academy now, have no prior fire experience or did not attend an accepted academy.
- Stage 1 fire restrictions were enacted this afternoon. What are the restrictions? No open burning and no personal fireworks. Red flag warning for Friday.
- The department has a Wildland crew deployed to California. The department's US&R member and his dog who were assigned to Texas on a recovery assignment, have returned.

- The department has completed its preliminary 2026 budget review with both Finance and the Town Manager. The budget will be presented to Council in September. Are there any large apparatus purchases for next year? One medic unit and two staff vehicles for new positions. Is the Fouts unit ready? It is still being outfitted and will be ready in about two weeks. This apparatus will be our reserve unit.
- Does South Metro's financial issues have any effect on CRFD? No.
- Is the CAD-to-CAD conversion complete? No, still working through some issues and expect the conversion to be completed in September.
- Chief Croom was asked why the department would need body worn cameras. With nationwide issues, the cameras would protect both patients and crews. Are there cameras in the medic units? No.

Police Department Report

[PS 2025-018](#) CRPD June Report

Attachments: [CRPD June Report](#)

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Police Department's June report prior to today's meeting.
- Chief Cauley is attending a conference in Vancouver.
- The department recently had its accreditation site visit. Received positive comments from the assessors.
- Seven candidates started an academy in July. Two positions remain to be filled. Hoping to over hire for 2026.
- The department received it's 400' waiver to start using drones as a part of its First Responder Program. Launch sites to be determined.
- Brief discussion on grappler system and StarChase.
- Department members are going to look at a replacement K-9 dog next week.
- Does the department share its Flock camera access? No one has access to the system other than Castle Rock Police - Commander Varela.
- Commission members complimented the Police Department on this week's National Night Out celebrations. Good turnout.
- Brief discussion on recent shooting incident at Pines Apartment and upcoming Active Threat training.
- The Youth Police Academy continues to be a very successful program.
- The annual Touch a Truck is scheduled for August 23.

New Business

- Discussion and nominations for the Public Safety Commission Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson were conducted. Two nominations were received.
 - Mr. Morton nominated Mr. Marsh as Chair. All were in favor.

- Mr. Morton nominated Mr. Hammelman as Vice-Chair. All were in favor.
- Mr. Dziubla informed members that he will be attending the next several meetings, remotely.

Old Business

- n/a

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

The next Public Safety Commission meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.