

## ***Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, June 7, 2001***

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** of the Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado. Meeting held in the Municipal Building in said Town of Estes Park on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2001.

Committee: Chairman Gillette, Trustees Jeffrey-Clark and Newsom  
Attending: All  
Absent: None  
Also Attending: Town Administrator Widmer, Deputy Police Chief Filsinger, Fire Chief Dorman, Deputy Town Clerk van Deutekom

Chairman Gillette called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Deputy Chief Filsinger noted that Chief Richardson was unable to attend the Committee meeting due to a funeral service in Fruita, Colorado for the Fruita Police Officer who was recently killed in a vehicle accident.

**Liquor Compliance Checks:** Corporal Pass briefed the Committee on liquor compliance checks, noting the Checks are performed in phases throughout the year and are publicized via letter and the newspaper. Deputy Chief Filsinger explained that the juveniles assisting the Police Department do not use false identification cards and do not verbally or physically deceive the establishments. Corporal Pass reported that during a recent compliance check, two establishments were found to be non-compliant by selling alcohol to a minor. The goal of the Police Department is to achieve 100% compliance by all liquor licensed establishments. The Liquor Violations are being processed.

**Teen Alcohol Enforcement:** Corporal Rose reported that in May, 19 juveniles were charged with possession/consumption of ethyl alcohol and 1 adult was charged with contributing to minors. The possession/consumption charge is a Class 2 Petty offense with up to \$100.00 fine, community service, and loss of a driver's license. The contributing to minors charge ranges from a Class 2 misdemeanor to a Class 4 felony, with up to 1 year in jail, and up to \$1,000.00 fine. The School District has a zero tolerance policy regarding alcohol.

**Community Service Officer (CSO) Program:** Corporal Rose reported that the CSO program has been revamped to ensure that visitors, merchants, and residents receive high quality service from the summer officers. Several changes were implemented to enhance the program:

- ▶ Use and recruitment of Criminal Justice college majors
- ▶ Increased hourly wage to help attract more qualified candidates
- ▶ Increased professional image of the CSO via increased training and changes to the uniform
- ▶ Increased duty assignments including minor accident investigation, enforcement of skateboarding and bicycle infractions, the taking of "cold" criminal acts (shoplifting, criminal mischief).

The CSO's are encouraged to be approachable, active, and visible in our community.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT (EPVFD)**

**Radio Purchase:** Fire Chief Dorman reported that the Fire Department has been upgrading its portable radios. The current State bid price for a new HT 1000 Motorola portable radio is \$871. Recently, a few agencies have changed from HT 1000 to 800mhz radios creating a

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large surplus of used HT 1000 radios. The Department received a bid from Wireless Advanced Communications for used HT 1000 with chargers for \$540 each. The Fire Department budgeted \$2,700 for radio purchases in 2001. The **Committee recommends approval to purchase five used HT 1000 radios with chargers from Advanced Wireless Communications for a total expenditure of \$2,700.**

**Thermal Imaging Camera Demonstration:** Fire Chief Dorman demonstrated a Bullard Thermal Imaging Camera currently on loan to the Fire Department. The camera transmits to a monitor, is very durable, and heat resistant. The retail price ranges from \$18,000-\$21,000. The Fire Department raised funds to purchase a thermal imaging camera and will test 2 cameras to determine the most appropriate camera for the Department.

**REPORTS**

None.

Trustee Newsom discussed safety concerns at the playground west of the Dairy Queen parking lot. Town Administrator Widmer explained that all playgrounds and equipment are inspected each year by the Town's insurance carrier and the safety concerns raised will be forwarded to CIRSA.

Trustee Jeffrey-Clark expressed appreciation for the Police presence at the Moraine crosswalk. Town Administrator Widmer reported that CDOT approved the installation of 3 crosswalk signs in the Moraine and Elkhorn Avenue Crosswalks and they will be installed immediately upon arrival.

There being no further business, Chairman Gillette adjourned the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

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Rebecca van Deutekom, Deputy Town Clerk