

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, May 2, 2002

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 2nd day of May 2002.

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

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

M26 Advanced Taser Presentation. Detective Rose presented a report and demonstration on the M26 Advanced Taser, a tool for less than lethal arrest control that provides a greater opportunity to reduce or eliminate excessive force, lethal force, and injury to suspects. The total cost to purchase seven 26-watt Tasers, battery chargers, batteries, and computer software is \$3,711.55. **The Committee endorses the use of the Taser as a tool as previously stated and supports inclusion of this item in 2003 Budget preparations; however, staff was encouraged to expedite the purchase in 2002 if funds were available.** A policy addressing the use of this tool in the field and required training requirements shall be in place prior to Taser use by the Dept.

REPORTS

The Committee reviewed the **NIBRS 4th Quarter Group A & B, 2001 Year-End, and 1st Quarter 2002 Group A & B Reports.** Burglaries and stolen/recovered property statistics were discussed.

Chief Richardson briefed the Committee on the April 18th **Community Partners Riverside Plaza Workshop** facilitated by the Community Safety Project in Partnership with CSU Cooperative Extension program. Trustee Jeffrey-Clark noted that the workshop provided a favorable start in developing a working relationship between participants. Critical topics were identified and both short and long-term goals were outlined.

FIRE DEPARTMENT (EPVFD)

Fire Restrictions. Chief Dorman presented a fire danger map dated April 28th published by the National Interagency Fire Center that rated areas across the country between low to extreme in regards to the current fire danger. In response to the very high fire danger and the continuing drought conditions in the area, Chief Dorman issued a ban on open burning within the Town limits of Estes Park effective from 12:00 noon, April 30, 2002 until otherwise lifted or changed by the Fire Chief or his designee. This ban shall apply to all open fires including the following:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using fire for slash burning, campfire, recreational fires or educational fires.
2. Use of all fireworks including approved fireworks (i.e., sparklers, fountains).
3. Smoking on public property, except within an enclosed vehicle or building or an area approximately three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.

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4. Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with an open flame on outdoor property unless the area is clear of all flammable materials.

Exceptions include: campfires in approved developed campsites or picnic grounds, charcoal grills, LPG or natural gas fired grills, other petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices, flares used by Public Safety agencies to warn the public of danger, training fires used by Public Safety agencies or persons with a permit for such actions.

Additional fire bans in effect include the following areas: Larimer and Boulder Counties, Rocky Mountain National Park, and the U.S. Forest Service. Governor Owens proclaimed the week of April 29th as Wildfire Awareness week and explained that additional state funds will be available to aid fire departments during the fire season. Chairman Gillette encouraged all citizens to take the fire ban seriously and follow the restrictions outlined above.

Trustee Jeffrey-Clark expressed concern with pedestrian safety at the crosswalk located at Community Dr. and Graves Ave due to the Hwy. 36 detoured traffic. Chief Richardson and Public Works Director Linnane will observe the school crosswalks and provide additional signage, police patrols, and/or speed control equipment necessary to maintain pedestrian safety.

There being no further business, Chairman Gillette adjourned the meeting at 8:22 a.m.

Rebecca van Deutekom, CMC, Deputy Town Clerk