

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, January 22, 2003

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 22nd day of January, 2003.

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

Chairman Gillette called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Estes Valley Victim Advocates Contract for Services – Request Approval. Chief Richardson presented a Contract for Services with the Estes Valley Victim Advocates for crisis intervention and counseling. The term of this agreement is from January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003. The **Committee recommends approval of the Estes Valley Victim Advocates' Contract of Services as presented.**

Amendment to the Model Traffic Code (Jake Brakes) – Request Approval. Chief Richardson briefed the Committee on staff's attempts to address noise complaints resulting from the use of "jake brakes" in residential areas. The enforcement tool previously available was a decibel meter, thus requiring that the offending noise be measured at the time of the violation. Recognizing the enforcement difficulties, the State passed legislation stating that commercial vehicles equipped with an engine compression braking device ("jake brakes") will have a muffler and that there can be no device in place to "cutoff" or "bypass" this muffler.

Commander Filsinger noted that law enforcement officials will now be able to perform physical inspections on trucks that are legally stopped for a noise violation without meeting a specific decibel level requirement. This law specifically pertains to trucks with jake brakes; it does not pertain to motorcycles. The **Committee recommends the adoption of the Ordinance amending section 225 of the Model Traffic Code.**

Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority (L.E.T.A.) Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) – Request Approval. Chief Richardson presented two MOUs relating to non-capital expenditures for E911 Services and the implementation and funding of PSAP Emergency Medical Dispatch Services.

Support Services Manager Bartram explained expense and cost reimbursements, call volume, software requirements, protocols, periodic reports, training, and noted that L.E.T.A.'s total 2003 reimbursement to the town will be \$25,422. The **Committee recommends approval of the E911 Services and PSAP Emergency Medical Dispatch Services Memorandums of Understanding as presented.**

Animal Medical Center Agreement – Request Approval. Chief Richardson presented an Agreement with the Animal Medical Center of Estes Park, Ltd. to kennel and treat dogs impounded by the Town. The term of this agreement is from January 1, 2003 and December 31, 2003.

Commander van Deutekom explained that this Agreement includes a clause allowing the assignment of the lease to the current owner, Dr. Jeff Fish. Dr. Fish has agreed to the terms of the Agreement and will accept up to 150 animals at a cost of \$7,200 in

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2003. The **Committee recommends approval of the Animal Medical Center of Estes Park, Ltd. Agreement as presented.**

REPORTS.

The Committee reviewed the **NIBRS 2002 3rd and 4th Quarter and Year-End Reports.** Burglaries, clearance rates, and recovery of stolen property statistics were discussed. Staff will include automobile accident statistics in the 2003 Year-End Report.

2000-2002 Riverwalk Plaza Statistics were reviewed. Non-criminal and criminal activities, extra checks, and juvenile issues were discussed. Low incident rates in the non-criminal, criminal, and juvenile issue categories are attributed to the proactive approach by the Dept., specifically the efforts by the Bike and Community Service Officers. The Dept. will continue to provide an enhanced presence in the Downtown area. This will include Performance Park once it opens.

Estes Valley Victim Advocates (EVVA) Annual Report. EVVA Director Mary Mesropian and Board President Frank Shavlik presented the following EVVA Annual Report:

| Incident | First Contact | Cont. Contact | Phone Contact | Total Contacts |
|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Domestic Abuse | 59 women 38 children | 17 | 141 | 217 women 38 children |
| Sexual Assault | 14 | 2 | 12 | 28 |
| Assault | 6 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| Stalking | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| Other Crime | 8 | 1 | 4 | 13 |
| Other Trauma | 30 | 2 | 12 | 44 |
| Counseling | 66 | 218 | 107 | 391 |
| Total | 223 | 241 | 280 | 744 (851.25 hrs) |

On behalf of the EVVA Board, President Shavlik expressed appreciation for the support received from the Town.

Dispatch Commendation. Postponed until the February meeting.

Master Police Officer (MPO) Promotion – Mark Swallow. Chief Richardson recognized newly promoted Master Police Officer Swallow and explained the requirements involved to attain the classification of MPO. On behalf of the Committee, Chairman Gillette congratulated MPO Swallow and expressed appreciation for his dedicated service.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

2002 Year End Report. Chief Dorman presented the year-end report. 2003 Officers are as follows: Daryl McCown, 1st Asst. Chief, Robert Hirning, 2nd Asst. Chief, Will Birchfield, Secretary, and Doug Deats, Treasurer. Areas discussed include training, types of calls, average response times, financial statements, and the 2002 Wildland Fire. The **Committee acknowledged receipt of the 2002 Year End Report as presented.**

Larimer County Fire Council Sub-Committee – Fire Education. Chief Dorman briefed the Committee on the formation and composition of the Larimer County Fire Council Sub-Committee specifically designed to provide fire education to the public.

Integrated Emergency Management Course. Commander Filsinger reported that he and Chief Dorman obtained scholarships from Larimer County to attend the National Fire Academy's Emergency Management Institute this spring.

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Fire Academy. Postponed to February meeting.

New Uniforms. Chief Dorman reported that the Dept. will receive new National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) compliant uniforms that meet all NFPA standards. The white shirts and dark blue pants will replace the existing dress uniforms and will be worn to Dept. functions, meetings, training, and public interactions.

There being no further business, Chairman Gillette adjourned the meeting at 5:08 pm.

Rebecca van Deutekom, CMC, Deputy Town Clerk