

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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*Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, February 26, 2004*

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 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004.

Committee: Chairman Gillette, Trustees Jeffrey-Clark and Newsom  
Attending: Chairman Gillette and Trustee Jeffrey-Clark  
Also Attending: Town Administrator Widmer, Municipal Court Judge Brown, Police Chief Richardson, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Fire Chief McCown, Police Commander van Deutekom, Police Sgt. Rose, and Deputy Clerk van Deutekom  
Absent: Trustee Newsom

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

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Animal Ordinance Revision – Approval Request.** Chief Richardson explained that staff conducted a review of the Town’s dog ordinance due to increasing vicious animal attacks occurring within Colorado. It was determined the existing Ordinance did not adequately provide the effective enforcement measures to address vicious animal violations. The revisions made are intended to provide staff the ability to effectively enforce and impound vicious animals as a matter of Public Safety.

Chief Richardson presented a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 7.12 of the Municipal Code from “Dogs” to “Animals” and specifically addresses vicious animals. The proposed changes have been approved by Town Attorney White:

**The Committee recommends approval of the Ordinance amending Chapter 7.12 of the Municipal Code as presented.**

**Noise Ordinance Revision – Approval Request.** In October 2003, staff presented the results of a noise pollution study from various Colorado communities. Based on those findings, Chief Richardson presented a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 8.04.080 of the Municipal Code. The proposed changes have been approved by Town Attorney White.

Discussion was held regarding exemptions, variances, and special events. Staff was directed to include an exemption in the Ordinance for school activities. Concluding all discussion, the **Committee recommends approval of the Ordinance amending Chapter 8.04.080 of the Municipal Code, as presented, to include an exemption for school activities.**

### **Reports**

**Municipal Court Annual Report.** Judge Brown presented the Annual Municipal Court Report for 2003. A total of 287 cases were heard by the Court resulting in fines of \$15,900 compared to 620 cases and \$29,453 in 2002. Parking fines processed during 2003 totaled \$3,860 compared to \$3,578 in 2002. Discussion was held regarding a recent vicious dog case resulting in impoundment, Restorative Justice, community education programs, and the revised Court schedule.

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**2002/2003 False Alarm Comparison.** Chief Richardson presented the 2002/2003 False Alarm Comparison Report, as summarized below:

	<u># of Alarms</u>	<u>Warnings</u>	<u>Total Fees</u>
2002	186	74	\$1,850
2003	129	113	\$575

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Reports.**

**Fire District Update – Service Plan Draft.** The Fire District Feasibility Committee (FDFC) received a draft of the Fire District Service Plan as prepared by Town Attorney White. A final Service Plan will be presented to the Town Board and County Commissioners for approval in the near future.

**Firehouse Remodel.** The upstairs remodel project at the fire station is essentially complete. A physical trainer will begin developing fitness programs for individual firefighters soon.

**S.C.B.A. Upgrade – Emergency Buddy Breathing System (E.B.B.S).** A new NFPA standard requires that all new air packs be equipped with a device to supply air to another air pack in case of an emergency, referred to as the Emergency Buddy Breathing System. The Dept. will purchase this apparatus and retrofit all of the air packs (21) within the next 30 days. The cost of the device is approximately \$350 per pack.

There being no further business, Chairman Gillette adjourned the meeting at 8:03 a.m.

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Rebecca van Deutekom, CMC, Deputy Town Clerk