

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, September 28, 2006

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** of the Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado. Meeting held in the Town Hall in said Town of Estes Park on the 28th day of September, 2006.

Committee: Chairman Newsom, Trustees Blackhurst and Eisenlauer

Attending: All

Also Attending: Chief Richardson, Chief Dorman and Clerk Williamson

Absent: Administrator Repola

Chairman Newsom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Halloween Street Closure – Request Approval. Chief Richardson requested the closure of Elkhorn Avenue from Spruce Drive to East Elkhorn Drive from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31st for the downtown Halloween program. This program provides a safe environment for the children of the Town. The **Committee recommended approval of the street closure as outlined above.**

Reports:

1. Victim Advocates Update – Mary Mesropian/Executive Director provided a 6 month program update: 8 advocates on call; 377 contacts year to date; actively recruited a Spanish speaking counselor and advocate; continue to provide 24/7 advocacy service; moving forward on the addition of a safehouse. The Victim Advocates new building will provide office space, outreach and a safehouse for battered women and their children. The community has been extremely supportive and contributed household goods to the house. The Estes Valley Victims Advocates Board of Directors have begun a capital campaign with the guidance of a local consultant and grants are being prepared to purchase the current building that has been donated for 3 years at no charge. The building committee is receiving estimates on repairs, ADA compliance upgrades and security measures. The current estimate for the purchase and repairs is \$485,000. The Committee thanked Ms. Mesropian for her continued efforts.
2. Scope of Services – Chief Richardson reviewed the matrix developed to measure performance for the Police Department and Communications. The four main categories identified include patrol, investigation, restorative justice and police communications. He reviewed the workload, efficiency and effectiveness of each category. \$290/resident was spent in 2005 to provide police services. Goals include a reasonable response time with a point of origin as the police station of 3.5 minutes for a 911 call, 8 minutes for a non-emergency call, case clearance rate of 66% for Group 1 crimes (performed by detective), case clearance of 35% for Group B crimes (performed by officers); accidents per capita 5%, 85% satisfaction for zone policing, 20% repeat offender rate for Restorative Justice, 85% satisfaction from customer survey, no more than 2 rings 98% of the time for emergency calls and 4 rings 90% for non-emergency calls.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Reports:

1. Pandemic Influenza Planning – Chief Dorman reported the county steering committee is collecting information from other communities to complete the county plan by the middle of November. A presentation was provided to the Town employees at a recent all employees meeting. The CDC has 6 levels of preparedness, with the CDC at a current level of 3; however, the county believes we have been at the CDC level 4 for sometime, which is person-to-person inefficient transmission.
2. Fire Restrictions – All fire restriction have been lifted by the county, state and federal agencies.
3. Child Safety Seat Fitting Station Designation – Chief Dorman has provided a child safety seat fitting service for the past couple of years at the fire station. A grant was applied for to become an official fitting station and with the approval of the grant were approximately 40 seats to be given to families that can not afford new seats. Trustee Blackhurst questioned if this service is publicized and listed on the town website. Chief Dorman stated the service is not publicized on the Town website because he is the only one qualified to provide the service; however, he does receive referrals from the police and hospital. Trustee Newsom suggested an article describing the service be included in the Town Bugle.
4. RMNP Fire Station Ground Breaking – A ground breaking was held earlier this month for the new fire station located on Mills Drive. The station is scheduled to be complete the 1st of 2007.
5. 2nd Quarter Report – Chief Dorman reviewed the report stating total losses were \$600,000 with most losses due to vehicular accidents and \$1.5 million saved.
6. Scope of Services – The draft scope of services focuses on population, Town expenses, volunteer expenses, property valuation within Town limits and valuation within the Other Protection Area (OPA). Workload consisted of number of responses, response hours, education and outreach hours. FPA standards state a piece of apparatus should be on site within 10 minutes 80% of the time for a community with a volunteer department the size of Estes Park. The current response time rate is 74%. Every call generates paperwork that must be completed and currently there is more work than can be completed by the 1.75 employees. Chief Dorman stated standard procedures determine what apparatus are called to an incident. The first responder reviews the incident and determines what apparatus should be sent and how many firefighters are needed.
7. Fire Prevention Week – The week of October 9th is Fire Prevention Week. Programs will be conducted at the schools.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Bread Truck. – 2 officers from Estes Park drove the surplus truck to Estes Park from Fort Randolph Air Force Base in Texas. LETA funds will be used to outfit the truck with equipment necessary for a mobile communication center. Police Department anticipates \$20,000 would be needed from the Police budget to make the truck operational by February.
2. 34/36 CDOT Cameras. – Commander Kufeld has had conversations with Larry Haus/CDOT regarding the use of the cameras to remotely monitor the 34/36 intersections from their offices in Greeley. The intersections at Moraine/Elkhorn or Riverside/Elkhorn are being reviewed as potential monitoring sites. The future

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plan is to provide online monitoring of the intersections.

3. Action Plan for Bicycles on the Riverwalk. – Sergeant Pass stated the officers and the CSOs experienced a decrease usage of bicycles on the riverwalk; however, a number of signs along the riverwalk continued to be removed during this past season. The Police Department and the Streets Department are discussing other methods for attaching signs to posts or perhaps spray painting the sidewalks with “No Bicycling” signs.

4. Estes Valley Rural Fire District. – Bill Van Horn/North End Property Owners Association questioned whether or not the Fire Department would respond to the OPA in the future with or without the fire district. He stated the property owners in the OPA need to know the Town’s position in order to make an informed decision. Those living in the OPA feel intimidated and the perception in the community is those living in the OPA do not pay for the services provided by the fire department. Those living outside town limits are being asked to pay 3 times what property owners in town pay. He stated he would be in favor of paying for a fire district as long as it was equitable. Mr. Van Horn complimented the fire department and the volunteer firefighters for their superior service to the community.

There being no further business, Chairman Newsom adjourned the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Jackie Williamson, Town Clerk