

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, March 27, 2008

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 27th day of March, 2008.

Committee: Chairman Newsom, Trustees Blackhurst and Eisenlauer

Attending: All

Also Attending: Town Administrator Halburnt, Deputy Town Administrator Richardson, Chief Kufeld, Chief Dorman and Clerk Williamson

Absent: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Wallace/Town Citizen expressed concern with the relocation of the emergency services dispatching to the valley. He stated with a tourist community it is important to have dispatchers locally that understand the uniqueness of the valley. He also is concerned with a possible interruption of service.

Trustee Blackhurst stated the issue of relocating dispatching services has been discussed at the staff level for the past two years and there has been no discussion at the Committee level. Trustee Eisenlauer commented the Committee has expressed the same concerns raised by Mr. Wallace.

Deputy Town Administrator Richardson commented as a member of the LETA Board discussions have taken place for the past three years on the benefits of a centralized dispatch center. A model of cost and operations has recently be presented to the county and local managers.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Report:

1. **Municipal Court Annual Report:** Judge Brown reviewed the 2007 annual report stating the number of cases increased in 2007. The municipal fee schedule was revised increasing the revenues for 2007. He stated the use of electronic ticketing has provided an increase in accuracy and a more efficient court process. Training will be held for the Police Dept. to review the proper procedure for presenting and entering evidence in to the record, proving jurisdiction and a general review of the court process. Court Clerk Stapleton has translated court paperwork into Spanish to aid the increasing Hispanic population in Estes Park. The court has also seen an increase in the number of juvenile cases with a School Resource Officer at the schools.
2. **Drug Abuse/Prevention Update:** Officer Phillips stated for the past two years the Police Dept. has employed interdiction through traffic stops, drug task force and community policing. Traffic interdiction has lead to 22 stops with the seizure of drugs and drug paraphernalia. An officer was assigned to the Larimer County Drug Task Force. The force provides intelligence, investigation, equipment and manpower. The relationship also provides Estes Park Police Dept. the opportunity to participate in multi-agency training. Community policing has lead to informants providing information in multiple arrests and seizure of drugs.

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3. **End of Year Statistics:** Sergeant Pass presented the statistics for 2007. He stated total incidents have increased over the past two years with 59% initiated by the police officer and 41% by dispatch. Patrol had a clearance rate of 75% for 2007 and an increase in the number of cases over 2006. The case load was down for investigations with a clearance rate of 68%. The total arrests were down for 2007; however, juvenile cases have increased. There has been a decrease in the number of administrative calls with the relocation of the Larimer County Sheriff's office and the CVB. 2007 showed an increase in service calls. A small portion of the service calls are due to monitoring calls for RMNP, L&P, Water and Streets after hours.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Community Wildfire Protection Plan Development – Request Approval.

A Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) is a document that identifies community issues and risks regarding wildfire response, hazard mitigation, community preparedness and structure protection. The process of developing a CWPP can assist a community in clarifying or refining its priorities for the protection of life, property and critical infrastructure in the wildland-urban interface. This document would allow the Fire Department to apply for additional grants for fire mitigation/beetle. Several neighboring communities have already developed plans or are in the process and include Glen Haven, Pinewood Springs, Allenspark and the East Portal (Windcliff, Thunder Mountain and the YMCA). Staff would anticipate the document would take 6 to 12 months to complete with a draft completed by October 31, 2008 and a final document completed by the end of the year. **After further discussion, the Committee recommends approval to develop a Community Wildfire Protection Plan for Estes Park.**

MISCELLANEOUS

Deputy Town Administrator Richardson stated the members of the Fire Service Task Force will be selected and the first meeting will be held on April 2nd.

Trustee Blackhurst questioned the use of the pagers for emergency services. Chief Dorman stated some calls are sent as a text message and not over the radio. Also, general messages are sent to the volunteer fire personnel. The effectiveness of cell phones in the valley is also a concern. The pagers provide off duty personnel the ability to receive information during a crisis no matter their location.

The Committee and staff thanked Chairman Newsom for his service to the Committee and the Board. Chairman Newsom stated it has been a pleasure to work on the Board.

There being no further business, Chairman Newsom adjourned the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

Jackie Williamson, Town Clerk