

Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, January 3, 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 3rd of January, 2002.

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

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dispatch Furniture Purchase – Approval. Chief Richardson explained that funds were budgeted as part of the 2001 remodel project to replace existing Dispatch furniture that does not meet ergonomic recommendations. The following bids were received:

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| Watson Furniture Systems | \$ 11,344.56 |
| Wireless Advanced Communications | 9,608.00 |

The 2001 Budget includes \$10,000 for the purchase of new furniture. The **Committee recommends acceptance of the bid from Wireless Advanced Communications to replace the Dispatch furniture as presented.**

Estes Valley Victim Advocates' Contract for Services – Approval. Chief Richardson presented a Contract for Services between the Estes Park Police Dept. and Estes Valley Victim Advocates for crisis intervention and counseling. The term of this agreement is from January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002. The **Committee recommends approval of the Estes Valley Victim Advocates' Contract of Services as presented.**

Loading Zone Petition – Approval. Chief Richardson noted that each year, from May to September, "Loading Zone/No Parking" signs are posted along E. Elkhorn Ave. (between E. Riverside Dr. and Moraine Ave.) The Town recently received a petition from downtown merchants and delivery companies requesting that the "No Parking" signs remain in place year-round. In Staff's opinion, the request will improve safety as ample parking is available during the off-season, the impact of losing these parking spaces should be minimal. The **Committee recommends changing the parking spaces along E. Elkhorn Ave., between E. Riverside Dr. and Moraine Ave., to year-round "Loading Zone/No Parking" spaces and immediately posting appropriate signs as indicated above.** If problems arise with the permanent signage and bollards, staff will revisit this issue at a future Committee meeting.

REPORTS

Chief Richardson explained the **Community Safety Project in Partnership with CSU Cooperative Extension** program and presented the Partnership Agreement between CSU, the Estes Park Police Dept., and the Community Representative. The goal of the program is to identify and train a group of diverse community representatives to address public safety issues that affect local citizens. The Committee acknowledged the Department's participation in the partnership.

The Committee reviewed the **NIBRS 2001 3rd Quarter Report.** Counterfeiting and assault statistics were discussed.

A summary of the Estes Park Police Dept./Larimer County Health **2001 Tobacco Program**

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was presented. On behalf of the Committee, Chairman Gillette commended Sgt. Kufeld, and Officers Marciniak and Trenholm for their participation in the program.

Chief Richardson briefed the Committee on **House Bill 1114** and the **Colorado Progressive Coalition**, a non-profit civil rights organization addressing the issue of racial and ethnic profiling. House Bill 1114 was signed into law on June 5.

Chief Richardson reported that Officer Ryan Alberts has submitted a letter of resignation. Officer Alberts has been with the Dept. for 5 years and has accepted employment with the Larimer County Sheriff's Dept.

FIRE DEPARTMENT (EPVFD)

New Members – Report. Chief Dorman reported that 6 candidates successfully completed a written, physical, and oral exam process. The candidates will attend Loveland's Firefighting Academy to attain Firefighter 1 status.

Volunteer Incentive Program – Update. Chief Dorman discussed volunteer incentive program options under review.

Bear Lake Fire – Report. Chief Dorman briefed the Committee on the recent fire at Bear Lake in Rocky Mountain National Park. Both fires are currently under investigation.

There being no further business, Chairman Gillette adjourned the meeting at adjourned at 7:56 a.m.

Rebecca van Deutekom, CMC, Deputy Town Clerk