

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, August 28, 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 28th day of August 2002.

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

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

In-Car Patrol Video Camera Purchase – Approval. Chief Richardson briefed the Committee on an equipment audit performed by staff, explaining that the Dept. lacked an in-car video camera recording device for patrol cars. Benefits for the use of recording devices include:

1. Immediate evidence recording at crime scenes.
2. Reduced number of invalid complaints made against officers.
3. Reduced officer liability and administrative/court costs.
4. Audio support up to 1,500 feet.

The following companies provide in-car systems:

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| 1. Mobile Vision, Inc. | \$3,995.00 |
| 2. Galls Street Image | \$5,499.99 |
| 3. IPT Power Cam | \$3,400.00 |

Savings from vehicle purchases are available to fund the purchase of one camera. The purchase of additional cameras could be funded in the 2003-2004 budgets if in-car camera use proves successful.

Following discussion, **the Committee recommends purchasing one video car camera system from IPT Power Cam at a cost of \$3,400.**

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Estes Valley Victim Advocates Bi-Annual Report. Chief Richardson presented the January 1, 2002 – June 30, 2002 report, noting that a portion of the \$20.00 surcharge for Municipal Code violations will be used to fund victim services.

Hwy. 34 Digital Radar Signs. Per citizen request, Chief Richardson explained that staff is currently researching costs associated with digital radar signs compared to the portable radar trailer currently in use. Preliminary findings indicate that the cost of each digital sign is \$3,925 and the power source is either solar (\$1,700) or electric (\$495) and require additional fees as indicated. Chairman Gillette directed Chief Richardson to develop a pilot program to test two digital units. Funding for these units will be included within the 2003-2004 budgets.

Traffic Noises. Per citizen request, Commander van Deutekom explained that staff is researching enforcement standards developed by other communities to address traffic noise within their jurisdictions. Areas discussed include State statutes, code enforcement, decibel levels, and effects of wind on noise readings. Staff was directed to present findings to the Committee upon completion of the research.

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Commendations. Chief Richardson presented commendations to Karen McGregor, Donovan Doiron, and Steve Barlow for their outstanding performance during the plane and helicopter crashes during the Big Elk Fire. Community Service Officer Daniel Shepherd was also commended for his actions following an injury sustained while directing traffic. On behalf of the Mayor and Board of Trustees, Chairman Gillette expressed appreciation to each for their outstanding service to the Town.

Patrol Schedule Presentation. Sergeants Rose and Kufeld presented a newly developed patrol schedule that will enhance staff utilization, reduce overtime costs, and ease vacation/training/sick time scheduling conflicts within the Dept. Other items discussed include schedule drawbacks, use of volunteers, and community benefits.

FIRE DEPARTMENT (EPVFD)

YMCA of the Rockies – Automatic Response and Mutual Aid Agreement – Approval. Chief Dorman explained that in preparation for the upcoming ISO survey, a distribution of equipment analysis is required. This analysis determines how fire equipment is distributed within the Town's protection area, including the distance from properties to a fire station (ISO does not rate properties that are more than five road miles from a station). The Windcliff and Thunder Mountain Subdivisions, along with some areas of the YMCA and Spur 66/Tunnel Rd. areas are beyond the five-mile distance requirement and presently are not given an ISO rating, even though these areas are protected by fire hydrants. ISO recognizes some automatic response agreements with neighboring fire departments to satisfy the five-mile distance requirement.

The YMCA has established a Fire Brigade for initial response to on-site structure fires and other fire related emergencies. Currently, they have one fire station with two Class A, structural fire engines and a fire brigade of six members.

Chief Dorman submitted the Automatic Response and Mutual Aid Agreement for approval and noted that Attorney White has recommended no changes. It is unclear as to whether ISO will accept a fire brigade as a response agency and, therefore, provide an ISO rating for the area. Regardless of the outcome of the ISO rating issue, this agreement will provide a faster response time to the areas indicated above and improve firefighting services.

The Committee recommends approval of the Automatic Response and Mutual Aid Agreement as presented. Chief Dorman will update the Committee once a determination is made regarding the ISO rating.

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ISO Survey. The survey will be performed in either September or October and all departments involved are completing the necessary preparations. Chief Dorman noted that a test of the rural water supply will be added to the survey this year.

Town Administrator Widmer discussed the reduction of fuels addressed in a recent Rocky Mountain National Park Environmental Assessment regarding the urban interface wildlife program.

There being no further business, Chairman Gillette adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.