

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, March 22, 2007

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 22nd day of March, 2007.

Committee: Chairman Newsom, Trustees Blackhurst and Eisenlauer
Attending: All
Also Attending: Chief Dorman, Chief Richardson, Deputy Town Administrator Halburnt, Deputy Town Clerk Deats
Absent: None

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Reports:

1. Lock Box Rapid Entry System – Chief Dorman reported that he is in the process of gathering information to use to assess the impact of the proposed Lock Box ordinance on the community. He contacted Range View Security, Central Security, and ADT and requested the number of Estes Park properties that currently have alarm and/or sprinkler systems in place in an attempt to determine the number of business owners/residents who would potentially be required to purchase a lock box. He will present this information, along with lock box costs and replacement costs of commercial doors, at the April meeting. Chief Dorman stated he is planning to publish an informational article in the local papers regarding the lock box proposal and extend an invitation to residents to attend the next Public Safety Committee meeting. He also provided the Committee with operational security measures related to the lock box system and stated the Police Department is also interested in having access to the system.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Reports:

1. Police Department Reorganization – Chief Richardson outlined organizational restructuring that would more accurately align staffing with departmental services and changing community needs and demands, improve services, and stimulate innovation and organizational growth. The non-traditional approach would place a civilian supervisor over Community Services which include the summer CSO program, the SRO program at the school district, Restorative Justice, the Police Auxiliary Unit, and all grant writing functions. The organizational change would provide for an equitable distribution of workloads, strengthen community partnerships, and provide a savings of approximately \$71,370.00 in salary and benefit costs.

The Committee expressed concerns with having a civilian supervising sworn personnel. Chief Richardson stated that although this type of organizational structure is currently not in existence in any Colorado Police Departments, he plans to measure the success of the organizational changes by utilizing community and school district surveys, internal reverse evaluations, and an overall sense of receptiveness by staff and the community. He stated that he is comfortable with these changes due to the talents and skills of the current staff.

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2. PTO Presentation – To satisfy a requirement of new police officer training, Officer Rudy Solano presented a report on high traffic volume and speeding on Scott Avenue which is located in Zone 5, Officer Solano's patrol area assignment. He presented a summary of data he collected in October 2006 that indicates high traffic volume and speeds from 2.3 to 8.9 miles per hour over the posted speed limit. Officer Solano suggested several ways to address the problem including random radar patrol enforcement, closing off Scott Avenue to through traffic, and installation of radar speed limit control signs. He will re-evaluate the traffic along Scott Avenue in the upcoming months and, with the assistance of other patrol officers, will continue to monitor the area and track the number of written warnings and summonses issued.

The Committee thanked Officer Solano for his presentation and suggested he communicate with the residents in Zone 5 about this issue and have a discussion with the Public Works Department about the possibility of building a sidewalk in the area for the safety of pedestrian traffic.

There being no further business, Chairman Newsom adjourned the meeting at 8:58 a.m.

Cynthia Deats, Deputy Town Clerk