

MINUTES



Chief's Community Advisory Committee

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 | 12:00 PM

Fort Collins Police Services

1. OPENING

- Welcome and Roll Call

2. NEW BUSINESS

- Director Justin Allar and Communications Manager Amy Huff gave an overview of the FC911 Dispatch Center.
 - The center includes 30 dispatchers, 5 supervisors, and 1 manager.
 - They cover EMS, police, and fire department response.
 - Colorado citizens pay a \$1.10 fee on their phone bills, and this has helped FC911 fund software like the ability to text to 911 and for dispatchers to provide live video feed to responding officers from callers' cell phones.
 - FC911 takes approximately 14,000 calls per month, this includes emergency and non-emergency.
 - They share a computer aided dispatch (CAD) system with Larimer County.
- Lieutenant Dan Murphy, Corporal Jake Schneider, and Officer Keith Hunter gave a presentation on the FCPS K9 Unit.
 - FCPS has seven K9s, including dual purpose patrol/narcotics detection Belgian Malinois and German Shepards and a Black Lab who specializes in locating explosive devices.
 - FCPS uses K9s due to their incredible ability to detect and separate odor, work as a force multiplier (search buildings quicker), serve as an excellent de-escalator (people don't want to fight a dog, tend to give up more easily).
 - Full Capabilities: Area searches, article searches, building searches, narcotics detection, explosives detection, less lethal option, officer protection, suspect apprehension, tracking, vehicle searches/extractions
 - All FCPS K9s have ballistic vests.

3. COMMITTEE QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK

- During the FC911 presentation, committee members asked questions about the difference between emergency and non-emergency calls and how those are handled, how long 911 calls typically last, and how we handle any issues with technology.
- During the K9 Unit presentation, committee members asked about how K9s are trained, if the dogs live with handler's families, and how FCPS chooses handlers. Officers also answered questions about false alerts, what is admissible in court, and the languages officers speak to their K9s.

4. AGENCY UPDATES

5. OPEN DISCUSSION

6. IDEAS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Real Time Crime Center