



UPCOMING: OCTOBER 9 MEETING with FORMER CSP MAJOR and DC CORONER

Our next meeting will be on October 9 6-7pm. Our guest speaker will be Lora Thomas. Lora spent 26 years serving with the Colorado State Patrol. She started as a dispatcher and continued to earn promotions to become the first female Captain, then Major, in the history of CSP. She was later appointed by then - Governor Owens to head Homeland Security in the Denver Metro area. Lora was later elected to the position of Douglas County Coroner in 2011 and served through 2014. She has most recently served as a Douglas County Commissioner. Please join us on October 9 at the Gathering Space, 10423 S. Parker Road (see map on page 2). I know Lora has some interesting stories to share from her time as CSP and as Coroner.

RECAP: SEPTEMBER 11 TRAINING AT PPD

This was our once-a-quarter discussion of current and new PPD policies. We discussed the changes needed to ensure PPD's policies regarding Use of Force and use of the "Prone Position" to restrain suspects are in compliance with new Colorado law. After the meeting, Cmdr. Peters sent the documents to all in attendance for review and comment. If you received his email, please be sure to provide your insights before October 15.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- **October 9** Quarterly COPPS meeting at The Gathering Place. Speaker Lora Thomas will share her experiences from her 26 years with Colorado State Patrol and 4 years as Douglas County Coroner.
- **November 13** Quarterly training session at PPD. Subject of training TBA.
- **December 11** Quarterly policy review session at PPD.

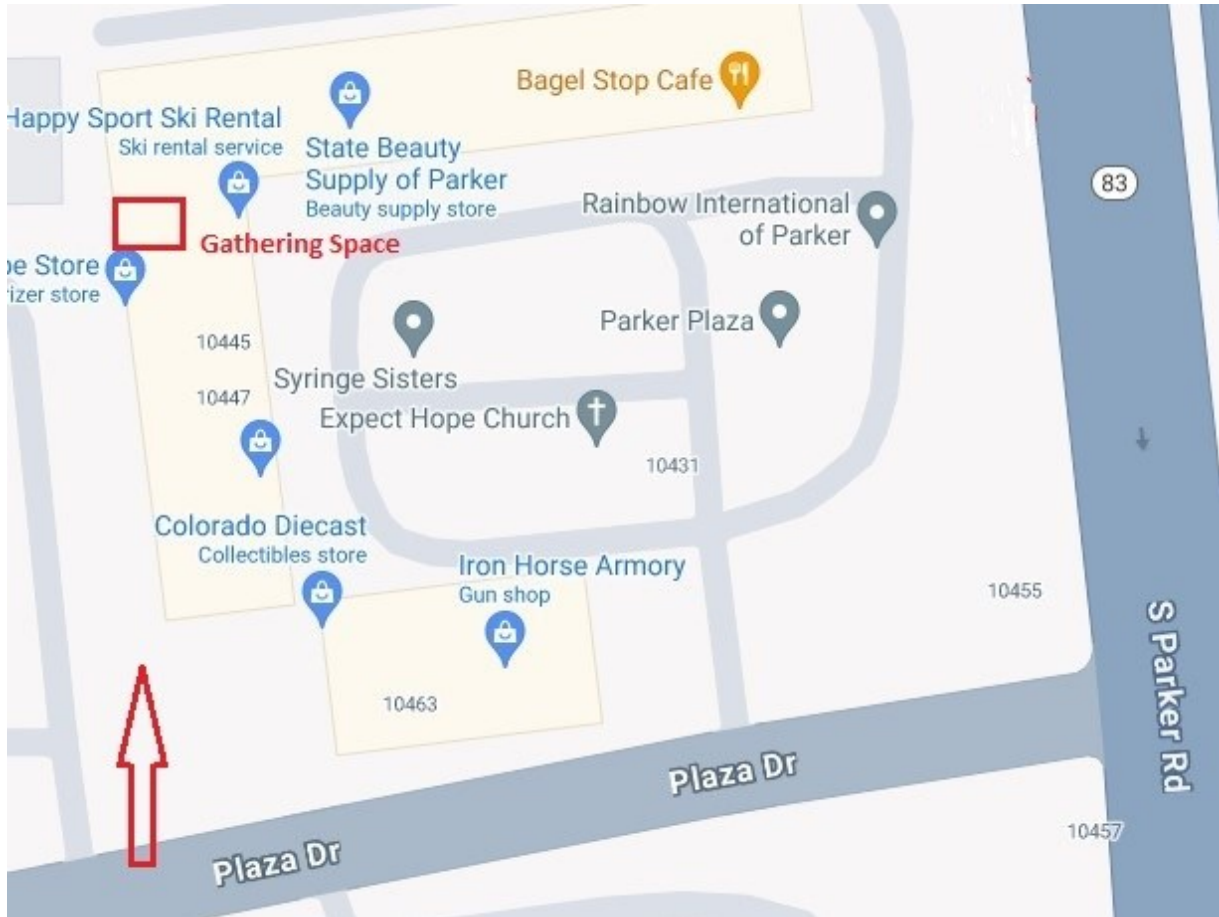
UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October 9, 7-9am. Coffee with a Cop** Einstein Bagels 9700 S Parker Rd. We will have a table set up outside and have an opportunity to promote COPPS and take some contributions in exchange for one of our PPD K9s (who look a lot like the real thing) If you can help us out, we can use 2 or 3 volunteers. Please let us know with an email to treasurer@parkerparkerparker.org
- **October 19, 9-11 am, Drive Track** We will be providing morning goodies to the Academy participants as they take turns testing out the driving track. For COPPS volunteers who come to help, you'll have a chance to drive the track in a police car or tag along with a PPD officer who really knows how to take you on a "wild ride."

If you would like to participate in either of these upcoming events, please register using the Sign-Up Genius that will be sent out prior to each event.

NEW MEETING PLACE FOR 2025

Our 2025 meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The first and 2nd meetings of each quarter will be held at PPD. The 3rd meeting of each quarter will be held at The Gathering Space 10423 S. Parker Road. See map and further details below.



The Gathering Space is a little tricky to find. It is located on the “back side” of the strip mall located at the north/west corner of Plaza Dr and Parker Road. It’s hidden behind the storefronts facing Parker. The 2nd driveway (west of Parker) is the best way to access it. It’s in the right back corner of the parking lot.

BOARD MEMBERS STILL NEEDED

Please don’t forget we still need to fill 3 of our board positions. If you are interested, or have any questions about the positions, please talk to one of the board members. Open positions are:

- Vice President (term ends July 2026)
- Director of Programs (term ends July 2025)
- Director of Volunteers (term ends July 2026)