

The October meeting of COHOPE was primarily a meet the candidates forum. We heard from candidates for Sheriff, County Commissioner (Dave Auburn who was a big help to our HOA), County Assessor, County Coroner, State Representative, County Clerk and Recorder and RTD Director. Our Sheriff's representative presented the monthly crime statistics and most categories showed a slight to modest drop. A drop off in September apparently is a normal trend. He also passed out a Sheriff Message describing a new Business Watch and the Power to Prevent Crime program that the department has just initiated. It is similar to the Neighborhood Watch program. Anyone interested can find the information on the Sheriff Department's web site or call Crime Prevention at 720-377-2002 (for the south Jeffco area). We had two representatives from Foothill Park and Recreation present - Bob Easton, Executive Director and Walt Frankland, board member. Both spoke for support of the 1.5 mills property tax increase to improve our parks and trails. They provided information on specific projects the mill levy increase will fund. Information on these proposed projects can be found at the Foothills website - [www.ifoohills.org](http://www.ifoohills.org). The only other new business was a general discussion about the possibility of having the Director of Planning and Zoning invited to a meeting to discuss the Counties' (and specifically Planning and Zoning's) approach to and views on Official Development Plan (ODP's) enforcement. Appears to be a hot issue with several HOA's.