

1-7-19 Public Safety Committee Report:

Siren staged to install, waiting on Kit Carson- finish in Spring.

Camera set to install on NM150- waiting until spring.

Ambulance is back on the job, fully stocked. Temporarily parked in the Blake parking garage. Looking at a parking shed to be located temporarily at the TML on the new flat spot, in order to preserve parking.

Discussed Paid EMS employees. Discussion was about how to pay for these and where to house temporary help. Main concern is insurance-liability and workman's comp, as well as available housing. Attorney Susan Baker looking into how insurance can be provided without making them employees, so no unemployment claims are filed. No extra help ended up being on call over the past holidays. We are making sure arrangements are being made for this to be covered for MLK Weekend, President's Weekend, and Spring Breaks. Another consideration is how to integrate donated funds and grants into the budget for these things, if these departments are all under VTSV. How can these funds be used without rolling them into the General Budget. VFD is a 501c non profit so that requires special considerations.

Discussed hiring full time DPS director. Main issue is how to pay for this position. We discussed what responsibilities should be under such a position, Fire and EMS? Or include Law Enforcement?

For the next year at least, we are meeting first Monday of each month, 10-12am, at the Inn at Taos Valley main meeting room, second building, second story. Stairs or elevator available. Next meeting: February 4th, 2019.