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To Public Safety Council,

The Village currently relies on Taos County EMS to transport our sick and injured residents and guests to a higher level, usually Holy Cross Hospital. While that might have been adequate 10 years ago it is no longer sufficient as Taos Ski Valley transforms into a year-round resort, seeing recent highs in the number of skier days and continues to grow its summertime offerings. Taos County EMS is also under strain, staffing only 2 trucks, compared to the 3 it had 5 years ago and rarely is that staffed with a paramedic. For these reasons and the ones below, I am asking for your support and recommendation to Council to move the Fire Rescue Truck, Ambulance, higher up on the 2024 Infrastructure CIP plan and increasing the amount to \$400,000.

When I took over as EMS chief, my goal was to staff and equip a fully functioning EMS service. In the past 8 months I have begun upgrading our equipment with the purchase of a CPR device, a state-of-the-art cardiac monitor and licensed the service to comply with all state laws and regulations to carry lifesaving prescription drugs. Not only have I bought equipment, but I have also hired or contracted men and women with a combined 50+ years of EMS experience, 1 paramedic and 2 EMT-Intermediates.

My goal is to continue this growth and add a new ALS ambulance and eventually get a PRC license to be able to transport patients to Holy Cross ourselves, eliminating a 30–40-minute wait for Taos County to arrive. To achieve this, I have applied for State EMS new vehicle grants which we were not awarded. So, I am requesting that the purchase of a new ambulance/rescue vehicle to moved up in priority on our CIP schedule. The acquisition of a new ambulance is the next keys step into being able to provide our residents and guests with the medical coverage they expect.

Our current van ambulance is a 2005 Chevy cargo van and does not meet current safety standards. We need to be capable of housing the required equipment for advanced life support, cannot safely secure a patient nor provider in the rear of the ambulance nor the room to provide care to sick or injured patients.

Thank you for your consideration and support,

Chief Rogers