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**CLOUDCROFT**  
NEW MEXICO

Dear residents of Cloudcroft,


I want to address our community today regarding the resignation of Chief Testa and two of our police officers yesterday. I understand the apprehension and questions that many of us have and feel it's important that you know the facts at this point:

1. Cloudcroft having true 24/7 coverage and physical police presence is of utmost importance to me, the Trustees, numerous community members I've talked to, and I would hope the entire community of Cloudcroft. With the 48-hour schedule that our police department has been on for approximately the last 20 years, Cloudcroft has not had this true 24/7 coverage. This is why we are working diligently to make a schedule change in the police department to follow the Panama schedule, as our neighboring law enforcement agencies follow. This will ensure the coverage we as a community need and deserve. Change is never easy, but it is something we can't avoid when it comes to the safety and security of Cloudcroft.
2. With the Panama schedule, officers will be required to work nights physically here on the mountain in Cloudcroft—this is the part that gives our community the coverage we haven't had in decades.
3. I am forming a transition team that will be responsible for overseeing the smooth transition and ensuring that all necessary measures are taken to maintain law and order in Cloudcroft.
4. During this transition period, we are coordinating with neighboring law enforcement agencies to provide coverage and maintain the safety of our town.
5. We are actively seeking qualified individuals to join our police force and restore the strength of our department. Please contact me if you or someone you know would like to apply for one of these positions.

Please know, we will not rest until we have a fully functioning police department in Cloudcroft. We are grateful for your patience and understanding during this challenging time.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office.

Sincerely,



Craig Turner  
Mayor of Cloudcroft