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Outcome of Meeting Between Town and Historic District Merchants

Upon being appointed as Chief of Police for the Town of Taos, Chief David Weaver contacted the Historic District merchants and asked how Taos Police Department could better serve them. The main suggestion he received was to assign a full time officer to the Historic District. As a result, Chief Weaver evaluated his department and the services that were being provided. In an effort to address the merchants concerns, and to support the Town's economy, the Taos Police Department was able to restructure in a fashion that would allow a police officer to be assigned to the Historic District.

On January 15, 2014, Chief Weaver and other Town officials met with the merchants to discuss expectations for the Historic District Officer. Several suggestions were made ranging from specific crimes that need attention to the hours the officer would work. With this information, a plan is now being developed to implement their ideas. Once the Police Department is able to add another certified officer (one is already in the works) the transition will begin, which is estimated to be in approximately 6 weeks.

Mayor Cordova stated, "The safety of our visitors and citizens is a priority of the governing body. This police officer will provide visitors to the Historic District comfort knowing their wellbeing is safeguarded. Police presence will also attract more visitors to the historic district and the Town, thus enhancing economic development."

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