



RAPID CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Prepare, Prevent, Protect



To: Public Works Committee
From: Mike Maltaverne, Fire Chief
Subject: County 24/7 Program
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A question has been raised as to the status of the 24/7 program. I wanted to give all of you an update on work being done to relocate the County's 24/7 program. As you know, we (the Fire Department) have purchased the empty lot and warehouse at 108 E. Main. I have been working very closely with Sheriff Thom to house the County's 24/7 program in the office portion of the existing structure at 108 E. Main. This is in the early stages of planning. I do not have a timeline identified. There are several steps in the process before this will occur. A lease will be drawn up for the program to offset associated costs of housing the program. At this time, we are looking at what will have to be done in terms of renovations to the building that will be paid for by the County. The Sheriff has mentioned holding public meetings to rally support for the program to be located here.

This is another example of inter-agency cooperation between our public safety entities. We have a number of joint powers agreements between the City and County that function in a very successful manner. Examples are our 911 center, public safety building, evidence building, Emergency Management etc. In fact, these agreements are viewed by other communities as a best practice in terms of partnerships.

This is all very preliminary and I will keep you updated. As always, you can give me a call with questions.