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### **PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS MEMORIALS**

\$880,000 is requested for the design and construction of two public safety officer memorials in Bernalillo County. One location is at the McGrane Substation in the East Mountains and the other is at Arroyo del Oso Park located in Albuquerque near Wyoming Boulevard and Osuna Road NE.

The Bernalillo County Board of County Commissioners deemed it fitting and necessary to create a memorial dedicated to the honor and remembrance of its public safety officers who have given their lives in the line of duty and wish to permanently recognize and commemorate their service, bravery, and sacrifice of all fallen public safety officers and their families. Law enforcement officers, firefighters and first responders have made the ultimate sacrifice for the community's safety, and have served in many public safety departments including federal, state, and local agencies. There are currently no such memorials in Bernalillo County.

The addition of such memorials will add to the cultural fabric of the county, builds upon the social memory of the community and instills pride in residents and families whose lives have been touched by public safety officers. On June 10, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners approved a resolution to develop a Public Safety Officers Memorial at the McGrane Substation. On August 11, 2015, a second location at Arroyo del Oso Park was identified.

A nine member advisory committee was established to consider a location, type of memorial and cost. The estimated cost of the memorial may include planning, design, construction, minor demolition and installation is approximately \$440,000 per memorial.

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