



City of Cortez
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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

December 12, 2023

Mayor and Council:

The following is my report for the current term:

Tonight, the sole topic I wish to report on is the memorial service for Sergeant Michael Moran that was held on Wednesday December 6, 2023. Before I start, I wish to thank the City Council and Mayor Medina for taking time to observe a moment of silence at the start of this meeting out of respect for this unspeakable loss.

The outpouring of support and tribute from our community and throughout the Country is humbling and inspiring to say the least. In addition to high attendance by Colorado law enforcement, I personally observed in attendance at the memorial service officers from Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, and Alabama. I know there were many others that I did not see, but all were welcomed and it was our honor to have them attend. I cannot give enough credit and thanks to the Colorado Fallen Hero Foundation who had people on the way to our community within two hours of the occurrence, and remained here until the memorial service was completed. Not only did the foundation help plan the memorial service, but they helped handle details and all arrangements for the Moran family as well. They literally worked day and night to ensure that every detail was covered. The memorial service for Sgt. Moran was the best, most well thought out and detailed service I have ever attended. Their help, professionalism and dedication are invaluable to the communities they serve when tragedy strikes, and the City of Cortez is most thankful for all their assistance during this trying and sorrowful time in our history. It should also be noted that the foundation did not ask for any financial assistance from Cortez PD or the City of Cortez. Also, Cortez PD has already made a commitment to lend resources and participate in future Colorado Fallen Hero foundation operations.

To the Cortez Police Department and the Moran Family: We, collectively as a community, are so sorry for your loss of Sgt. Moran. But, in the words of Chief Knuckles "Your loss is our loss, your pain is our pain".

Sergeant Michael Moran was a dedicated and highly esteemed police officer as well as a friend and guardian of our community who worked tirelessly to protect the community he loved. He is already missed, and will always be remembered.