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Dear Sierra County employees, friends and family,

It is with extreme regret and sadness that I share the bad news that one of our own, Janet Tracy, volunteer firefighter and secretary of the Caballo Volunteer Fire Department, died yesterday, July 20, 2021 in a tragic vehicle accident while providing aid and support to New Mexico State Police on a one vehicle accident on I-25. State Police and New Mexico State Fire Marshal are investigating. More details will be released in the near future.

Our condolences and prayers for peace and comfort go out to Janet's family, Caballo Fire and our community. This is the first line of duty death (LODD) of a Sierra County Firefighter in our history.

Arrangements are being made for an escort procession when Ms. Tracy's body is released from the New Mexico Office of Medical Investigator. We are hoping that occurs Friday and we will provide details as plans develop. I would encourage each of you to pay your respects to Janet as the procession passes under the overpass at Exit 79 on the north end of town. If it occurs during work hours, attendance would be a work function, but not required for those unable to attend.

A memorial fund has been set up at Bank of the Southwest to take donations in the name of "Janet Tracy Memorial Fund".

I would ask that flags in Sierra County be flown at half-staff now until the funeral.

God's very best to each of you,

Jim Paxon, Chairman