

Alpine City Council Meeting

CITY MANAGER, LHA AND STAFF
UPDATES

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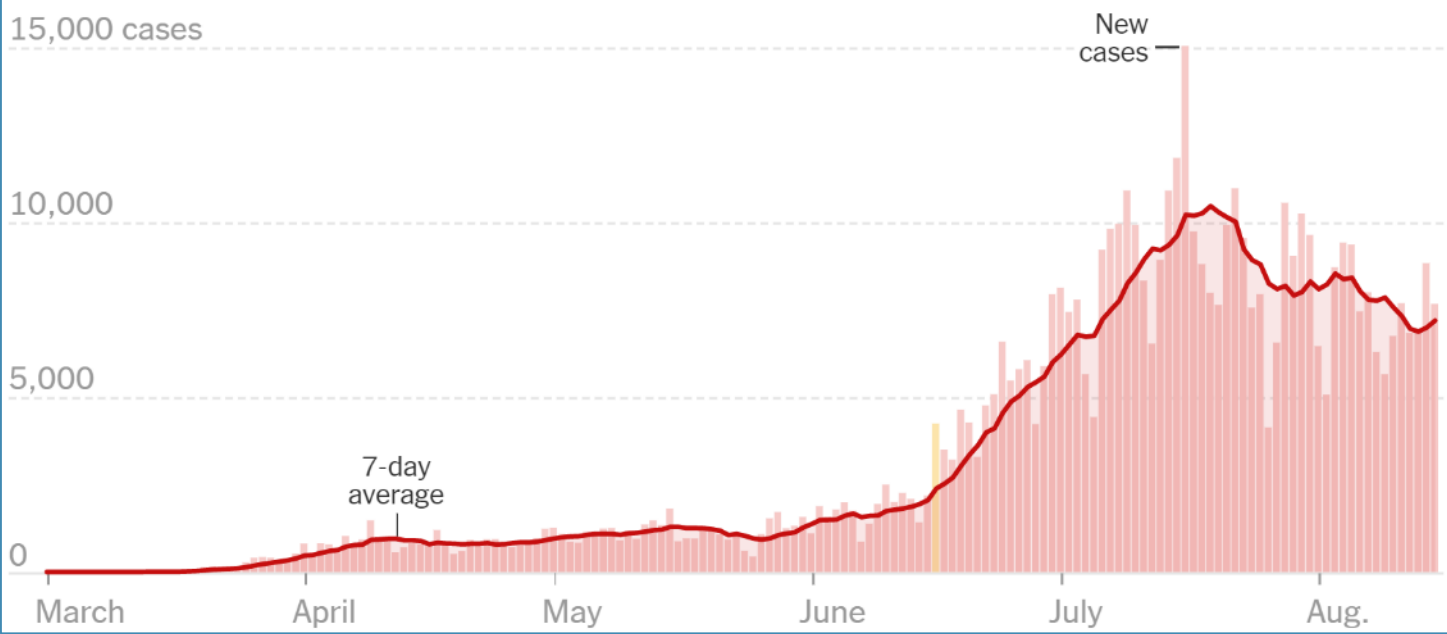


COVID-19 UPDATE

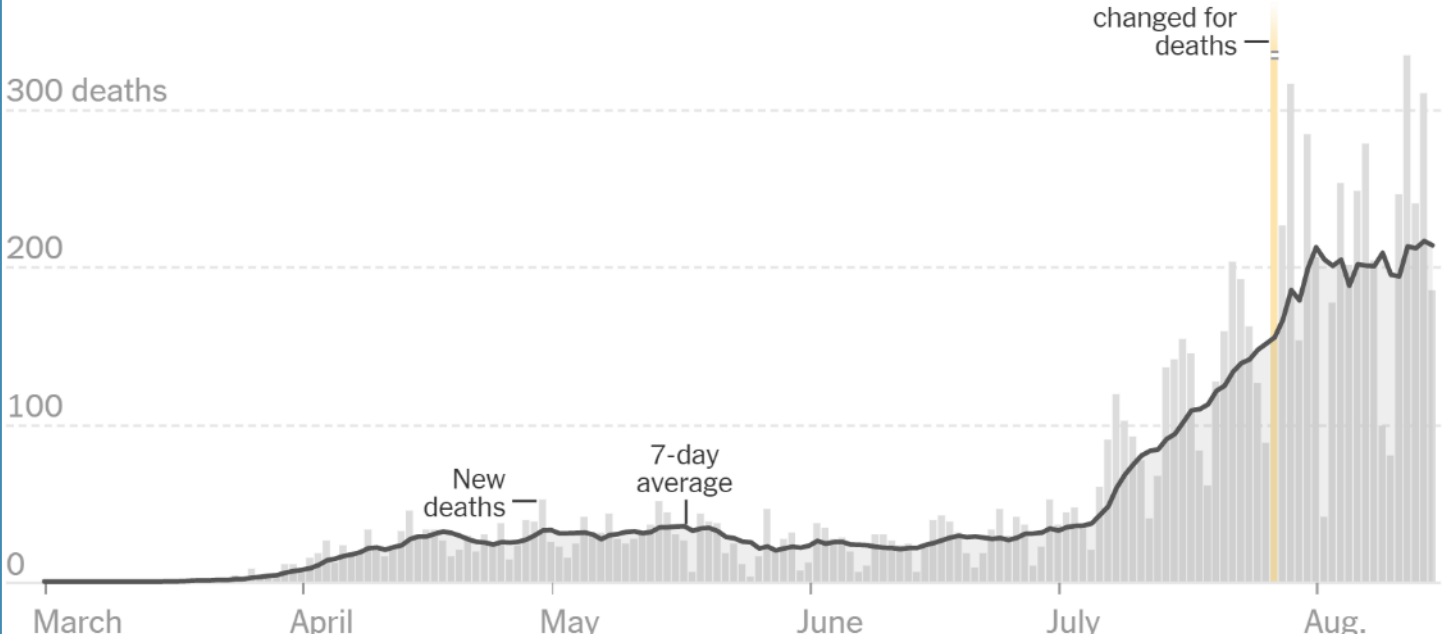
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DR. EKTA ESCOVAR –
BREWSTER COUNTY
LHA

New reported cases by day in Texas



New reported deaths by day in Texas



<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/texas-coronavirus-cases.html>

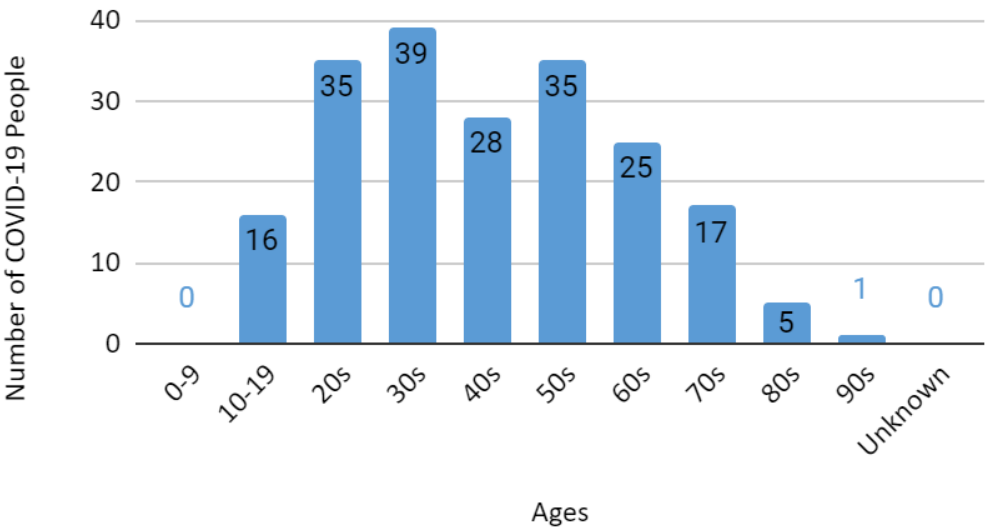
Case Counts

Total (Active)

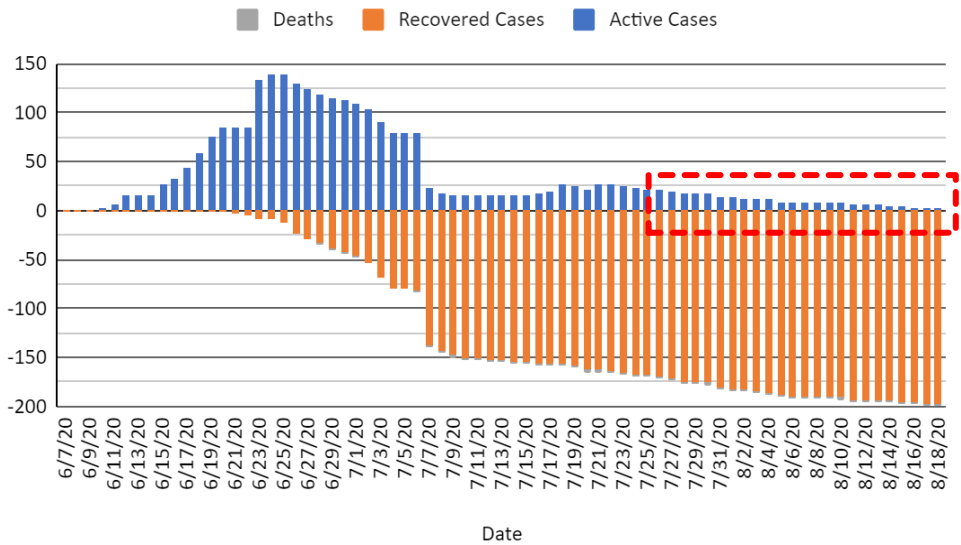
As of 8/16 1200	Population	Cases	Cases/1000	Tests	Tests/1000
US	327,200,000	5,542,421	16.74	70,461,693	212.87
Texas	28,700,000	556,969	19.21	4,774,992	164.68 (14th lowest)
Tri-County	18,773	272	14.12	3,831* <small>*best estimate, likely higher</small>	204.07
Brewster Co	9,267	201	21.69		

► **Brewster – 201 (3) + 2 deaths**

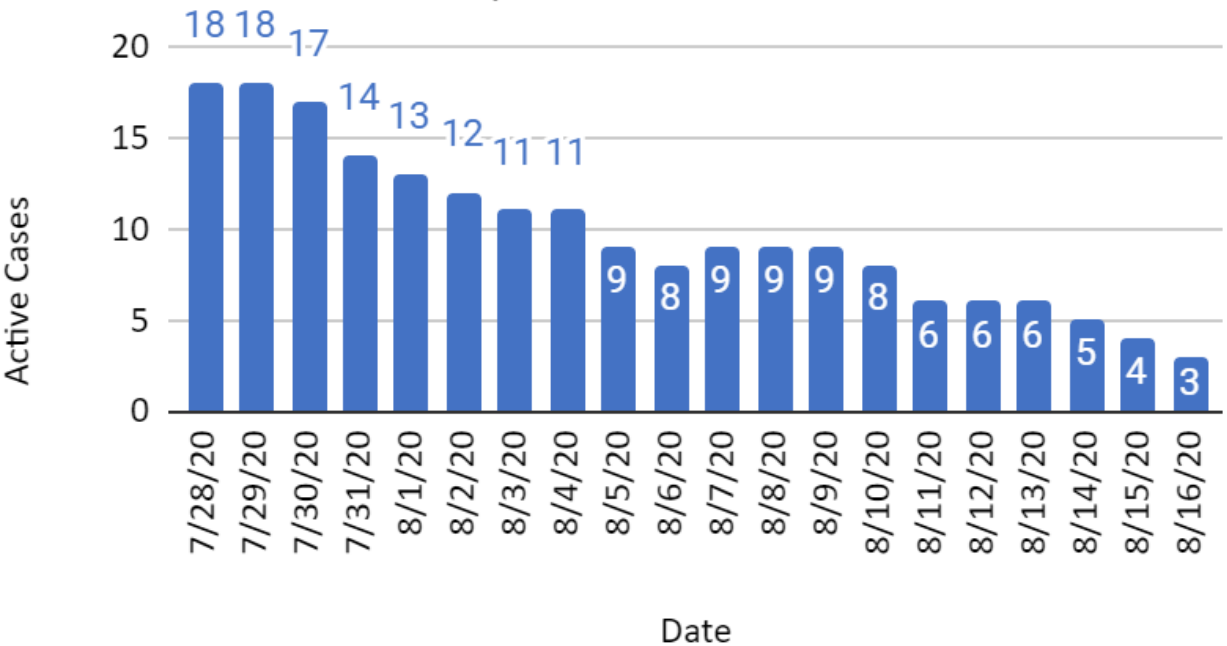
Brewster County COVID-19 Ages



Active Cases, Recovered Cases and Deaths

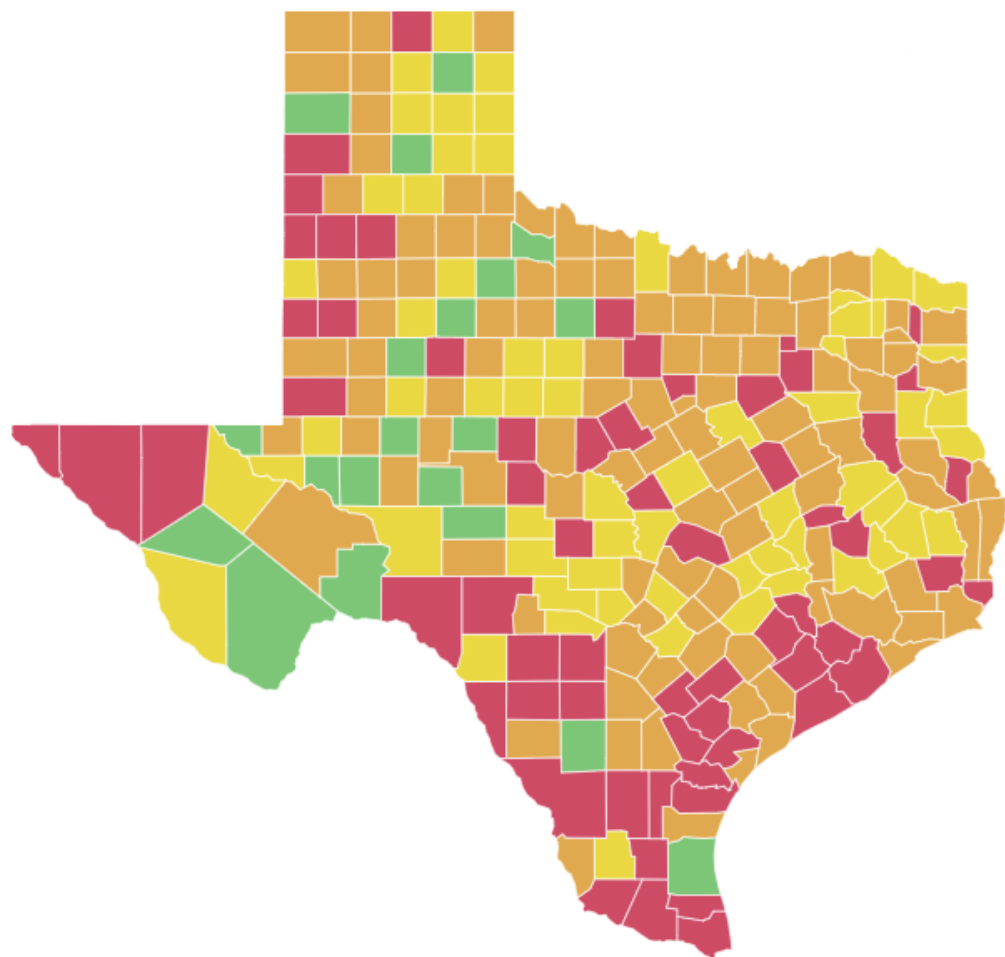


20-Day Active Case Count



HOW DO WE COMPARE?

- ▶ We know that the goal is to lower the number of COVID-19 infections.
- ▶ We may not be able to eliminate COVID completely, but what data-oriented goals should we have?
- ▶ For example, if we have a low number of infections locally, it could be because we aren't testing enough people.
- ▶ How do we know we are truly doing a 'good job' of containing COVID in our area?
- ▶ High amount of testing, low positivity rate, low number of active infections...
 - ▶ What are the goals?
 - ▶ How do we measure our progress?



Risk Levels:

Green

Yellow

Orange

Red

COVID RISK LEVEL: **GREEN**

LESS THAN ONE CASE PER 100,000 PEOPLE

ON TRACK FOR CONTAINMENT

MONITOR WITH VIRAL TESTING AND
CONTACT TRACING PROGRAM

#THEPATHTOZERO

COVID RISK LEVEL: **YELLOW**

1-9 CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE

COMMUNITY SPREAD

RIGOROUS TEST AND TRACE
PROGRAMS ADVISED

#THEPATHTOZERO

COVID RISK LEVEL: **ORANGE**

10-24 CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE

ACCELERATED SPREAD

STAY-AT-HOME ORDERS AND/OR RIGOROUS
TEST AND TRACE PROGRAMS ADVISED

#THEPATHTOZERO

COVID RISK LEVEL: **RED**

25+ CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE

TIPPING POINT

STAY-AT-HOME ORDERS NECESSARY

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5 Metrics to Follow

▶ **ICU hospital bed occupancy**

- ▶ This can change very quickly day to day. BBRMC would know this metric.
- ▶ Goal: less than 60% occupancy

▶ **New COVID-19 infections**(can be measured daily, weekly, or 14-day)

- ▶ 14-day goal: less than 50 new cases per 100,000 people
- ▶ Brewster County goal: less than new 4 cases over 14 days for the 9,267 population

▶ **Texas Infection Reproduction Rate** (<https://rt.live/us/TX>)

- ▶ Goal is to be less than 1.0
- ▶ For every 100 individuals infected, they infect X number of people
 - ▶ If each infection didn't lead to another person being infected, the number of cases would decrease over time

▶ **Testing positivity rates**

- ▶ Goal: less than 5% positivity rate

▶ **Average weekly testing**

- ▶ Goal: 150 tests per 100,000 population
- ▶ Tri-County goal: 198 tests weekly

<https://covidactnow.org/>

<https://globalepidemics.org/key-metrics-for-covid-suppression/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/global-covid-19/SARS-CoV-2-Transmission-Metrics.pdf>

BREWSTER COUNTY METRICS

ICU bed occupancy (goal < 60%)

0%

14-day new/active infection (goal < 4)

3

Texas Rt0 (goal < 1.0)

(I wish we had the ability to see this on a local level)

1.1

Testing positivity rate (goal < 5%)

(From July 18-20th mobile testing, I wish we had results from more recent mobile testing →)

8.90%

Average tri-county weekly testing (goal >198/week)

272



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The Night Before Distance Learning

'Twas the night before distance learning and all through the town, everyone was thinking... how will this go down?

Students and parents and teachers all wonder, can I make this work? What if I blunder? Passwords, logins- do I have it all ready? Easy now, take a breath, remember to steady. There will be blips, there will be unknowns, but we're in this together. You are NOT alone! One day at a time, this is not a race, a new journey for all, so please give grace. Grace to yourself and grace to each other... we WILL get through this, one way or another! Students want to LEARN, and teachers want to TEACH, families need to work, so it may be a reach. BUT patience and respect will guide us through this strange experience that is so new. I'll say it again (and many more times), we'll work this out... things will be JUST FINE! Here we go folks, this could be a while. Just remember to be KIND, and of course... to SMILE!



Safety Pledge

- Last Council Meeting Chris walked us through Restaurant/HVAC and Lodging Safety Pledges
- Experiencing some early adopters with Restaurant Pledge along with additions of outside dining
- Hotel/STR Lodging Safety Pledge kickoff was August 10th : well received
- Team will continue to look for additional ways to help businesses engage in these practices



Parks and Recreation Update

Summer season started with many questions around health/safety and the Covid-19 Virus impacts with regards to Community Swimming Pool

Built team to encourage other outdoor activities that allowed for social distancing and less risk of virus spread

Case count growth in mid to late June had us halt programming at that point

Did not re-engage this summer

Built program that we can utilize in future years

Goal is to help encourage the use of our facilities for all age groups

Leadership Training Update

1. Managing vs Leading
2. Understanding and Developing Yourself
3. Setting a Framework for the Future
4. Creating a Plan for Your Organization and Turning it into Reality
5. **Checking in and Next Steps – 4/6**
6. Developing Your Team
7. Difficult Conversations
 - With Employees
 - With those you work for or with
8. Convincing Others and Giving Presentations
9. Finalizing Your Plan and Next Steps

Restarting later this month

- August 26th: Goals – Priorities/Objectives/Initiatives/Challenges
- Alignment with Budget
- September 16th: Engagement with Employees





JOHN CORNYN
United States Senator – Texas
For Immediate Release

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Cornyn: City of Alpine to Receive \$6K in Second Round of Coronavirus Recovery Grants for Public Housing Authorities

WASHINGTON – The City of Alpine was awarded a federal grant of \$6,312 to help public housing authorities recover from the economic fallout of the novel coronavirus outbreak, U.S. Senator John Cornyn announced today. The funding, which was appropriated by Congress in March, comes through the Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of the [*CARES Act*](#).

“As Texans continue to grapple with the impact of the coronavirus outbreak, it’s critical that we continue to do everything we can to shield them from the economic fallout,” said Sen. Cornyn. **“I’ll continue to do everything I can to encourage economic recovery in Alpine amid this deadly pandemic.”**

This is a Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program fund assignment for CARES Act – Administrative Fees – Second Award. This funding action provides Administrative Fee budget authority to PHAs in accordance with Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Public Law 116-136), enacted on March 27, 2020 to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV), including the Mainstream Vouchers. At the time of this assignment, \$472.2 million was available to fund CARES Act Administrative fee awards.

Senator John Cornyn, a Republican from Texas, is a member of the Senate Finance, Intelligence, and Judiciary Committees.

Housing Authority Grant

Streets Update

EDDIE MOLINAR,
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
WORKS

18 AUGUST 2020

Seal Coated Streets



S. 6th St. between W. Gallego Ave.
and W. Murphy Ave

S. 7th St. between W. Gallego
Ave. and dead end



S. 8th St. between W. Gallego
Ave. and W. Avenue I



Seal Coated Streets



W. Ave. F between S. 6th and S. 5th St.



E. Ave. F between S. 5th and S. 4th St.



E. Ave. F between S. 4th and S. 3rd St.



E. Ave. F between S. 3rd and 2nd St.



E. Ave. F between S. 2nd and S. Berkeley



E. Ave. E between Berkeley and US-118

Seal Coated Streets



Paving Alley between W. Ave. F and W. Gallego

Alley between W. Ave. F and W. Gallego



Exit to Catholic Church parking lot.

Seal Coated Streets



N. 15th St. between W. Avenue E
and W. Holland Ave.



N. 14th St. between W. Holland Ave.
and W. Sul Ross Ave.



N. 13th St. between W. Sul Ross
Ave. and W. Ave. E

Seal Coated Streets



S. Bird St. between E. Holland and dead end



S. Harrison St. between E. Holland and dead end



S. Walker St. between E. Holland Ave. and dead end



Seal Coated Streets



Paving E. Brown Ave. between N. 5th St. and Fighting Buck Ave.

Seal Coated Streets



E. Brown Ave. between N. 5th St. and Fighting Buck Ave.

Next 13 ½ Blocks on Seal Coating Project

- E. June Ave. between N. 5th and N. US-118
 - *1 ½ blocks*
- E. Hendryx between N. US-118 and N. 5th St.
 - *1 block*
- N. 5th St. between E. Hendryx Ave. and Fort Davis Ave.
 - *3 blocks*
- E. Anson Ave. between N. 118 to N. 6th St.
 - *2 blocks*
- E. Stockton Ave. between N. 5th St. and Fighting Buck
 - *3 blocks*
- N. 3rd St. between E. Marfa Ave. and Fort Davis Ave.
 - *1 block*
- W. June Ave. between N. 7th St. and N. 5th St.
 - *2 blocks*

Alpine Police Department 180 Day Plan Report



Rewriting of a new departmental policy has begun

The department now has 2 evidence officers

The vault at Old City Hall is now being utilized as evidence room

Looking at computer software (utilizing grants)

Hiring and pre-employment process has been implemented and will be in the new policy

The physical agility testing policy is to be completed and will be in the new policy

I am happy to report The Alpine Police Department is fully staffed



Due to COVID the Chat with the Chief has been on hold but a Zoom Chat with the Chief is schedule for Aug 27th, 9am

COVID has effected CPR, AED and First Aid training along with our Youth Programming

We have researched purchasing Bicycles and looking for a school to certify two officers for bicycle patrol for special events

Officers have taken FEMA classes, new officers will also attend additional sessions

New pay scale will be implemented with new budget and will help with officer retention

Bids to purchase ticket writers are complete, currently looking for Grants/COVID

We are receiving bids to install cameras/LPR's around the City
The LPR'S will be permanent mounted and operate 24/7



We will be sending one officer to the FBI National Academy in January, provided the date is not pushed back again due to COVID

Felipe Fierro is taking Fire Inspector 1 & 2, he should be done by early October

Chief Martin attending LEMIT New Police Chief School in November 2020



Departmental Needs

In-car Dash cameras need to be replaced, most are not working or work sporadically

Six additional hand-held radio

Five Taser's for intermediate defense

Grants have been completed for new body cameras and body armor for the officers



We have implemented a new process of case reporting and evidence handling for better documentation purposes

Video Magistrate has been implemented to meet the requirements from the Brewster County Sheriff, that all prisoners must be magistrated before they are accepted into the jail.

Looking for ways to improve the magistrate of prisoners between the hours of 10pm and 7am as the City Judge has advised she is not available to conduct magistrates between these hours.

It's A Great Day
To Be In Alpine

