

The Chief and I wanted to share information on the current situation involving the recent resignation of police officers on our staff. We feel that we have worked out a short-term plan to handle the coverage and a long term plan to replace the open positions.

Given the resources available, the immediate plan is to move both Officers Norma Pritchard and Keith Llanes to Day Shift. That will provide coverage seven days a week from 6 am to 6 pm.

As a clear sign of how much the relationship between the City of Flatonia and the County Sheriff Department has improved over the past two years, we have received personal commitments from both Sheriff Korenek and Chief Deputy Noviskie that "we're all in this together, and we will assist you any way we can." As the only agency in the area fortunate enough to have recently reached full staffing levels, The Fayette County Sheriff's Office has five Deputies on night shift. we have received personal commitments from both the Sheriff and Chief Deputy that they will assign southside Deputies to cover Flatonia, including both patrol and responding to calls. We have received a similar offer from Chief Brenek in Schulenburg that both he and all his officers will assist us any way they can.

We are now interviewing applicants , and we are working toward having new officers on board as soon as possible.