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OTERO COUNTY EARNS SAFETY AWARD RECOGNITION

Otero County Commission Meeting
September 19, 2006

At the September meeting of the Otero County Commission, Chairman Doug Moore presented a Safety Award Plaque to the Road Department for special recognition of their safety record. His crew is twelve (12) months accident free and met the Safety Incentive Tracking Period without accidents or injuries. He also read a letter of appreciation from the Environmental Department's Occupational Health and Safety Bureau regarding safe working conditions within the Sheriff's Department. The inspection resulted in no safety violations.

Chairman Moore sits on the New Mexico County Insurance Authority Workman's Compensation Board and is a great advocate for safety in the work place. The recognition shown these two departments is a program initiated by the Commission to improve employee safety.

Chairman Moore stated "Bill Parker and Sheriff John Blansett are to be commended. These two department's employees are at high risk for injury. Bill and John, you both provide great leadership and we support you."