

# Cloudcroft's Police Force Expands with New Officer and Chief of Police

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Cloudcroft's police department has expanded with new hires aimed at strengthening public safety in the mountain community.

## New Leadership

Newly hired Chief of Police Rolando Hernandez, a Cloudcroft resident and retired Border Patrol agent, was appointed to lead the department.

Mayor Tim King swore in both Hernandez and Officer Daniel Sepulveda at a special meeting on July 1, 2025.

Daniel Sepulveda, who brought prior law enforcement experience from Hobbs and Eunice, was hired to serve as a new Peace Officer.

## Background

The hiring comes after a period of significant turnover in the police department that left Cloudcroft with limited law enforcement capacity. The village had been working to rebuild its police force after multiple resignations.

## Subsequent Developments

Note: In a later development, Mayor King announced the resignation of Police Chief Hernandez on September 15, 2025, who had only recently been appointed. In a pair of letters released by Mayor King, the Village of Cloudcroft bid farewell to Village Clerk Tabitha Foster and Police Chief Rolando J. Hernandez - both of whom resigned within days of each other.

Their exits marked the latest in a series of high-profile resignations that reshaped the village's leadership.

The constant turnover has led to concerns about institutional knowledge and continuity as Cloudcroft continues to navigate significant transitions in its village administration.

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