

Citizens of Upton,

The Upton Town Council and Town staff want to reassure the people of Upton that our priority to the public safety of the people and property of the community of Upton is steadfast, especially in light of recent incidents in the Upton area. To that effect, the Town Council has met in an emergency meeting with the Weston County Sheriff's Office to express our concerns and discuss options in moving forward for law enforcement coverage.

Currently, the Weston County Sheriff's Office is heavily invested in Upton coverage, working very serious Upton-based cases that require a lot of man hours. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office is following up on a backlog of Upton cases which, for one reason or another, had not been handled in the past.

As for the way forward, the Town of Upton is advertising for Upton Police Chief and Upton Police Officer positions statewide and nationally. All options are on the table to begin to see those positions filled, including increased salary and pay incentives, and the Council has also engaged in discussions about alternative paths forward in terms of law enforcement coverage and ordinance enforcement if those positions prove too difficult to fill. Law enforcement and public safety are the paramount issues before every member of the Upton Town Council.

In the meantime, the Town of Upton is taking steps to upgrade security and surveillance measures in public spaces throughout Upton. We ask you citizens to join us in continuing to remain vigilant of our community and one another. If you see something suspicious, do not hesitate to call 911 for emergencies and (307) 746-4441 for non-emergencies.

Nick Trandahl,
Mayor of Upton