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Residents of the NM State Veterans Home to be Treated to a Special Parade Saturday, Nov. 6 (12pm)

**The New Mexico State Veterans Home
Truth or Consequences/992 South Broadway**

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES- Residents of the New Mexico State Veterans Home in Truth or Consequences (TorC) will be treated to a special first responder parade at noon on Saturday, November 6.

The parade is presented by the New Mexico Department of Veterans Services (DVS), the New Mexico Aging and Long Term Services Department (ALTSD), New Mexico State Police, the Sierra County Sheriff's Office, and the City of Truth or Consequences Police Department.

It begins at the intersection of South Broadway and Myrtle Street, near the Albert J. Lyon Event Center, featuring vehicles from nearly 20 first responder, law enforcement, and veterans service organizations—and a low flyover by law enforcement aircraft.

The parade units will continue on South Broadway towards the home. Once at the veterans home, the units will slowly, without stopping, encircle the home's roundabout entrance, in front residents who are physically able to leave their living quarters to go outdoors. The parade vehicles will then exit the grounds to complete the parade.

The public will not be allowed to enter the grounds of the state veterans home.

However, people are encouraged to come out to cheer the parade as it makes its way along South Broadway from the park to the home. Law enforcement officials are asking people not to park on South Broadway, or at Veterans Memorial Park--and instead park on side streets.

Following the parade, the public is invited to meet the military, police, fire, and other first responder units who will gather back at Veterans Memorial Park, located next to the home at 992 South Broadway, for a static display "meet-and-greet." Representatives from DVS, the New Mexico VA Health Care System, ALTSD, and other service organizations will have tables set up to provide information about available services and programs for veterans and their families.

For more information, please contact DVS Event Coordinator Joseph Dorn at josephM.dorn@state.nm.us or (505) 553-9649.