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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### Road Construction & Emergency Vehicle Response

(Rock Springs, WY—June 21, 2017) Chief Dwane Pacheco and the Rock Springs Police Department would like to remind citizens to slow down for the construction zones currently on Dewar Drive and Elk Street and to yield to first responders responding to emergency calls.

At the beginning of June two road construction projects began to repair the road damage to Dewar Drive and Elk Street. During construction, anticipated to last until the end of October 2017, the areas under construction will have reduced speed limits and increased fines per state statute. Please watch your speed and drive carefully to ensure the safety of those driving and working in these areas.

With these two main thoroughfares down to one lane in each direction, and the Grant Street extension currently closed, please allow extra time to travel within Rock Springs. During times of the day when heavy traffic is expected it might be beneficial for citizens to find alternate routes to reach their destinations.

During the summer months there is usually an increase in calls that police, fire and EMS have to respond to. If you are in one of these construction areas and see an emergency vehicle behind you, with emergency lights flashing, please pull as far to the right of the road as possible or exit the road into a business parking lot or frontage road. First responders will try to use the middle lane where one is available but alternate routes for emergency calls and vehicles may not always be feasible. If you are being pulled over for a traffic stop please pull off the road into a business parking lot or turn on a side road so as not to block the lanes in the construction zone.

Everyone's assistance to work together on this will help our first responders get to the calls they need to get to as quickly and safely as possible. Thank you in advance for everyone's cooperation during this construction season.