

PLANS ONGOING FOR FIRE STATION DORM

Fire Chief Kevin Keeley said at the Jan. 31 fire board meeting that he continues to work on alternatives for sleeping areas for on-duty firefighters at Tubac Fire Station No. 1. Two small bedrooms opened for use in November were found to be in violation of county law.

They lacked smoke detectors, an opening to the exterior of the building, there was no two-hour firewall separating the sleeping area from the truck bay, no building permit was requested and work wasn't done by a licensed contractor.

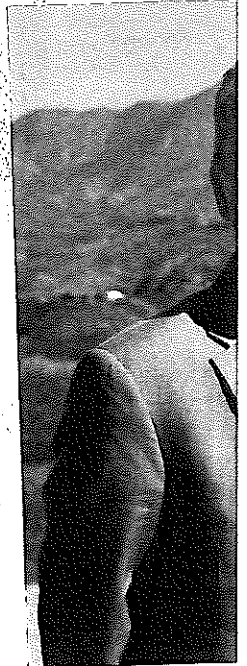
Employees are now sleeping in the conference room which has the required exterior openings and smoke detector.

He said at a future meeting he'll present the board with information about "engaging an architect to look at the possibilities for the fire station. They aren't much.

"Any significant upgrade to that building is going to be incredibly expensive," he said.

"The thing we still aren't compliant on is the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)."

For that, the county building department cited the requirements for ADA van parking, an ADA toilet room, and ADA signage.



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