



We know that most individuals abide by our operating procedures, and we value their cooperation. However, in the past there have been cases of individuals or groups arriving unannounced at the MMT and wanting access to areas that the Telescope Operators have deemed off limits; family members or friends of observers unrelated to the scheduled observing who have occupied mountain dormitory facilities; overcrowding of summit facilities. Following are reminders of the MMTO's priorities.

On the mountain, our priorities in order are:

- Safety of personnel
- Safety of hardware
- Science

Daily Operations

During daily mountain operations, the MMTO staff present at the summit have the authority to limit personnel and the actions of individuals.

During nightly mountain operations, the Telescope Operator has authority. ALL individuals must abide by his/her decisions. If the telescope operator states that access to an area is limited, the telescope must close down, there are too many people in the control room, whatever s/he deems necessary to operate safely and effectively, *this is the final decision*. The Manager of Mountain Operations, Mr. Ricardo Ortiz, and the MMTO Director expect to back their decisions entirely.

Visitors

ALL people planning to visit the telescope during the day should contact Mr. Ricardo Ortiz, 520-879-4556, at least two days prior to a desired visit, and before the close of business on Friday for a weekend visit, to ensure that it is OK to visit the telescope. If a party arrives at the telescope, and their visit has not been cleared with the mountain staff, they can be denied admission.

Dormitories

We have limited dorm space for observers. If you sign up for a dorm room but need to cancel it, contact Susan Wahl (520-621-1558 or swahl@mmto.org).

Necessary Observers

There is not room enough on the mountain for your family or friend(s) to stay on the mountain for a couple of nights while you are observing. Accordingly, we are now taking the list of investigators supplied on the application for telescope time as the approved persons on the mountain. The PI must otherwise authorize additional personnel by sending a list of names to Susan Wahl. The function and number of personnel present on the mountain for a given observing program will be carefully considered before approval. We expect, of course, to allow the necessary personnel for the successful completion of the scientific program.

Thank you for your cooperation and adhering to our policies. Please contact us if any questions.