

News Brief

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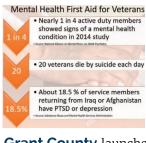


NMC Board of Directors Legislative Meeting Actions Thursday, October 3, 2019

Approved 2020 NMC Legislative Priorities

- Support HB 2 appropriations (restore detention reimbursement fund, fund prisoner transport, increase EMS funding)
- Support increase distributions to LE Protection Fund
- Support behavioral health services in county detention centers
- Support PERA reform

Curry County Adult Detention Center administrator Mark Gallegos has returned recently after almost a year of naval reserves service.



Doña Ana County Health and **Human Services Department** developed a new Mental Health First Aid course, customized for veterans. Oct. 10 is World Mental Health Day.

Grant County launched a new website to better identify the County as a governmental agency. Eventually, the county email domain will change. www.grantcountynm.gov

Lea County Manager Mike Gallagher says IRBs for the Tip Top Solar Energy project west of Jal will not only benefit the area and the county but has a potential to generate more than \$24 million in property tax over 30 years.



October is National Cyber Security Awareness month. Is your county protected?



NMC President Eddy County

Sheriff Mark Cage (center) makes another appearance in D.C. with almost 200 sheriffs from around the nation to push Congress to act on immigration reform-securing the border, closing loopholes, and protecting true asylum seekers.

L:R-Sheriff Jim Skinner, Sheriff Mark Cage, Sheriff Mark Lamb

October

Mon. Oct. 7-9 Assessors Affiliate Fall meeting, Ruidoso,

MGM Elegante

Wed. Oct. 16–17 Risk Management Affiliate Retreat ABQ Holiday Inn & Suites North I-25

Wed. Oct. 23-25Infrastructure Finance Conference Las Cruces **Convention Center**

meeting Ruidoso, Inn of the Mountain Gods

Wed. Oct 29-31 Multi-Line Pool Board, Joint Pool Boards Retreat, & Workers' Compensation Board

November

Thurs. Nov 7 Executive Committee meeting 2:00 p.m. NMC Santa Fe office

Fri .Nov 8 NMML/NMC Joint Legislative meeting 9:00

a.m. Inn at Loretto Santa Fe

Wed. Nov. 13-15 Local Gov't Division Annual Budget Conference

Advisory Council meeting 11:00 a.m. NMC

Santa Fe office

Multi-Line Pool Board meeting 8:30 a.m. NMC Santa Fe office

Workers' Compensation Board meeting 9:00 Thurs. Dec. 12

a.m. NMC Santa Fe office

January 2020

Wed. Dec. 4

Wed. Dec. 11

Mon. Jan. 20-23 NMC Legislative Conference, Santa Fe

Sign Up Now! Close Quarter Survival Tactics G4

For all public safety officers, corrections, law enforcement; Reality based training with multiple attacker scenarios.

When: October 21, 2019 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Where: Mountainside Gym, 12300 Indian School Rd NE, ABQ

Price: 8-hour training \$300 per person To register, contact: Gil Baca, GlobalGilBaca@gmail.com,

505.385.7089

First Annual NM Public Employer Labor Relations Conference October 25-26, 2019 **Uptown Hilton Garden ABQ**

- Registration for Oct. 26 conference only: Members \$149, non-members \$299
- Registration for Oct. 25 Academy I The Foundations of Labor Relations \$299 for members, \$399 for non members for professional development
- Hotel block: \$93/night

More information www.npelra.org or contact Iris Padilla, 505.352.7647 or padillai@loslunasnm.gov

NATIONAL NEWS

County officials tour border, see immigration practices firsthand

Giving county officials a first-hand look at the immigration process is the first step toward advocating for meaningful reforms to the system.

Supreme Court to examine local government <u>issues</u>

The U.S. Supreme Court's docket for the new term includes a few cases of interest to counties.

DOL issues final overtime rule with impacts for counties

In approximately 40% of counties, average wages for county employees do not meet DOL's new salary threshold.

House clears cannabis banking bill

The bill would shield banks and insurers from federal penalties if they choose to provide services to legitimate cannabis-related businesses.

NACo Webinars/Meetings

Thurs. Oct. 10 Stepping Up and Data-Driven Justice: Using and Sharing Data Across Health, Human Services and Justice Systems to Improve Responses for People Who Have Mental Illnesses 12 p.m.-1:15 p.m. MT

Thurs. Oct 10–12 2019 Rural Action Caucus (RAC) Summit:

Bridging the Economic Divide Essex County, NY Wed. Nov. 6-8 2019 Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC)

Symposium Miami-Dade County, FL

Thurs. Nov. 21–22 Stepping Up Peer Exchange Tulsa County, OK Tues. Dec. 5 Stepping Up and Data-Driven Justice: Using Data to Identify and Serve People who Frequently Utilize Health, Human Services and Justice Systems 12 p.m.-1:15 p.m. MT

Search County Employment Opportunities or enter new job posts **here** for up to 30 days.

New Employee? Submit here add/delete/replace to directory. Did someone forward you this email? Sign up here.



NMC has hired Mark Allen as the new Loss Prevention Attorney. Contact: mallen@nmcounties.org or 505-820-8171. Welcome, Mark!

NMC Loss Prevention Trainings Link to <u>RSVP</u>

Sun. 10/20-23 CIT Crisis Intervention Training,

Raton, NM 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Thurs. 10/24-25 "Civilian" Crisis Intervention Training,

Raton, NM 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE: All Day Monday October 28, 2019 Western Jemez Fire Adapted NM Learning Exchange

Rancho Del Chaparral Girl Scouts Camp Jemez Springs, NM

- Communities responsible for wildfire risk
- Actions to protect residents, homes, neighborhoods, businesses, infrastructure, forests, and open spaces
- Registration/information: Gabe Kohler, gabe@forestguild.org or 509.844.3048

SAVE THE DATE: USDA—NTIA (National Telecommunications and Information **Administration) Broadband Workshop**

November 13, 2019 T or C, Ralph Edwards Civic Center **November 14, 2019** Albuquerque, US Forest Service Training

- Access federal and state funding
- Drive rural prosperity through broadband applications
- Interact/develop local broadband projects

TrueConnect Loan Benefit Program for Counties 12 Counties currently offer this benefit:

Bernalillo, Catron, Eddy, Doña Ana, Grant, Harding, Otero, San Miguel, Socorro, Taos, Torrance, and Valencia Counties. Top Five Benefits for the Employee

No credit check or collateral

- Under 14% actual interest paid compared to 175%
- interest cap on title or payday loans Paid off in 12 months through payroll deduction
- Repayments reported as good credit
- Six free financial education & credit counseling sessions

<u>Frequently Answered Concerns for the County</u>

- No cost or liability to the county
- Secure, confidential online application for small loans \$1,000 to \$3,000 Less time to process payroll deductions than
- garnishments
- Repayment is negotiated between the ex-employee and the lender with an outstanding loan

County signs two-page agreement, does implementation training, and launches program Poll your employees. Contact Susan Mayes,

smayes@nmcounties.org, for a presentation to your commission.

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