

News Brief

December 19, 2019



BLM and NMC grant program partnership in **Curry County** with billboards and banners. Creative messaging to help counties educate their community.





Law enforcement departments utilizing drone technology

Several law enforcement agencies in the Panama City, Fla., region are implementing drones to assist with law enforcement. Unmanned aeronautical vehicles, or UAVs, have brought a new line of lowcost and user-friendly drones to the market. However, UAVs will not be used for surveillance and do not replace the helicopters or any other search and rescue personnel. UAVs work well in emergency situations from active shooters to missing People, and detecting hot spots during wild fire events. (...Governing.com)



Registration Open for NM Counties 2020 Legislative Conference! Click HERE

January 21-23, 2020

For County Members

Standard registration \$225 November 16-January 10,

Late/onsite registration \$250 January 11-January 23, 2020 *online registration closes January 10, 2020

January 2020

Mon. Jan. 20-22 NM EDGE classes, Drury Plaza Hotel

Tues. Jan. 21-23 NMC Legislative Conference, Santa Fe, SFCCC

NMCIA Membership meeting **9 a.m. Eldorado** Tues. Jan. 21 and Special NMCIA Board meeting 10:15 a.m.

Tues. Jan. 21 Legislative Session opens Noon

Tues. Jan. 21 NMC Board of Directors meeting 2 p.m. Eldorado Hotel

Wed. Jan. 22 Death and Taxes-Conversations w/NM Tax & Rev 8 a.m. SF Community Convention Center

Wed. Jan. 22 One Toke Over the Line-Cannabis Legalization Impact 9:30 a.m. SFCCC

NMC Conference Legislative Breakfast Thurs. Jan. 23 7:15-8:30 a.m. SFCCC

NMC Executive Committee teleconference or

Thurs. Jan. 30 in person NMC Santa Fe office 11 a.m.

February Tues. Feb. 5 Bill introduction deadline

Sat. Feb. 8 NMC Board of Directors meeting 8:30 a.m. Santa Fe TBD Thurs. Feb. 13

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Thurs. Feb. 20 Legislative Session ends Noon

NACo Legislative Conference, D.C. Sat. Feb. 29-4



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

Mon. 1/9-10 PREA Investigator Training, NM Bar Association Conference Room ABQ, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.



NMC Executive Director Steve Kopelman and Brian Moore presenting the 2020 NMC Legislative Priorities to the Rev Stab Committee.

NATIONAL NEWS

Senate Committee advances NACo-supported county payments bills

The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources approved reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools program for two more years and the Small County Payments In Lieu of Taxes Parity Act.

Counties ask Congress to increase funding for election security

NACo sent a letter to Senate and House leadership urging members to provide funding for elections security above the proposed \$250 million provided in the Senate-passed FY 2020 Financial Services appropriations bill.

NACo Webinars/Meetings

Tues. Jan. 14 Leveraging the Farm Bill to Promote Compatible Land Use Near Military Installations Noon-1 p.m. MT

Fri. Feb. 29-Mar. 4, 2020 2020 NACo Legislative <u>Conference</u> General Colin Powell key speaker

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

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San Juan County has promoted Deputy Chief John Mohler to Fire Chief taking over for Chief Daugherty, who is retiring the end of December. Congrats Chief Mohler!

Taos County

Commission Chair Mark Gallegos stands in front of the Capitol Christmas Tree outside the Capitol in Washington, D.C.



TrueConnect Loan Benefit Program for Counties

Want to help your employees to become financially responsible and get ahead?

Frequently Asked Concerns for the County

- No cost or liability to the county
- Secure, confidential online application for small loans \$1,000 to \$3,000
- Less time to process payroll deduction than garnishments
- Repayment is negotiated between the ex-employee and the lender with an outstanding loan
- 5. County signs two-page agreement, does implementation training, and launches program

Poll your employees. Contact Susan Mayes, smayes@nmcounties.org, for a presentation.