



Roosevelt County hangs banner across main street. What is your county doing to help promote an accurate and complete 2020 Census Count?



NMC Board of Directors Actions 02.08.20

Support:

- SB72 PERA Solvency (Munoz) - with amendments
- SB144 Ambulance Service Assistance Fund (Campos)
- SB245 Government Reorganization: Create State Fire Marshal's Office (Burt)
- HB220 Local Government Transportation Projects & Funding (Ruiloba)
- HB326 General Tax Amendments (Harper)

No Position:

- HB229 Changes to Election Law (Trujillo, Ivey Soto)
- HJR8 CA: Terms of Non-Statewide Elected Officers (Trujillo)

Official Election Sites Use .gov for Credibility

Cybersecurity research firm, McAfee found that **83%** of counties didn't have a dot-gov website, which would help distinguish them from misinformation sites. **46.6%** of local government sites are operating with only an "*http*," which means that data flows in and out of those websites in an unencrypted form, leaving them vulnerable.

When government websites operate using *.com*, *.us* or other domain extensions, it becomes easy for foreign adversaries to use fake sites to imitate government websites. The *.gov* extension is a top-level domain name administered by GSA and available only for U.S. federal, state, and local government agencies. Technology companies say all websites should be protected with the *https* technology-information including images, cookies, scripts, and HTML, can be exploited without *https*.

Thurs. Feb. 20	Link to Annual Calendar Legislative Session ends Noon
Sat. Feb. 29-4	NACo Legislative Conference, D.C.
Wed. Mar. 11	NMCIA Board meeting 8:30 a.m. NMC Santa Fe office
Wed. Mar. 18	Legislative meeting 10 a.m. Bernalillo County
Thurs. Mar. 19	Legislative meeting 10 a.m. Doña Ana County
Wed. Mar. 25	Legislative meeting 10 a.m. San Miguel County
Thurs. Mar. 26	Legislative meeting 10 a.m. Chaves County
Mon. Mar. 23-27	NM EDGE Classes Albuquerque
Fri. Apr. 3	NMC Executive Committee Budget meeting Noon NMC Santa Fe office
Wed. Apr. 15	Advisory Council meeting 11 a.m. Doña Ana County
Fri. May 1	NMC Board of Directors meeting 8:30 a.m. McKinley County
Wed. May 6	NMCIA Board meeting NMC Santa Fe office 8:30 a.m.
Wed. May 13-15	WIR Annual Conference Mariposa County, CA
Tues. June 23-26	NMC 84th Annual Conference Doña Ana County



Curry County employees show their support for February being proclaimed American Heart Month and to raise awareness of the risks of heart disease and stroke by wearing red on Friday, February 7, 2020

Social Media Tool for Local Government?

In just more than a decade of existence, Twitter has gone from being a fun place to get occasional updates from Shaq, to a foundational tool for local government to inform and engage with its citizens. (Governing.com)

- Tweets are being used as direct sources for TV reporting and articles online
- Tweet like an actual human talks
- Change cover photos regularly
- Embrace first person media updates
- Turn live photos into GIFs
- Make your audience feel like you're talking with them, not just at them
- Elected officials should manage their own social media platforms - adds higher level of authenticity

PFAS are emerging as an issue for counties

On March 3, NACo and select federal partners are holding a session on the topic of PFAS and the county level perspective at NACo's Legislative Conference.

NACo Webinars/Conferences

Fri. Feb. 29-Mar. 4 [2020 NACo Legislative Conference](#) General Colin Powell key speaker

Tues. May 12-15 [2020 WIR Conference](#) Mariposa County, CA

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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 Loss Prevention Trainings Link to RSVP

- Tues. 2/25-26 OSHA 10 hour Deming
- Mon. 3/2-3/6 CIT Crisis Intervention Silver City, by Public Safety Psychology Group
- Wed. 3/4 PREA-Regional Training Roswell, by NM Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs
- Thurs. 3/12 Webinar - "Active Threats" Training Resources for Counties
- Tues. 3/17 NMC's Road Ready Safe Driving Instructor Development ABQ
- Thurs. 4/2-3 OSHA 10 hour Rio Rancho
- Tues. 4/7 PREA-Regional Training ABQ by NM Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs
- Mon. 4/20-24 CIT Crisis Intervention Socorro, by Public Safety Psychology Group
- Mon. 4/27-28 CCI Civilian Crisis Intervention ABQ, by Public Safety Psychology Group
- Thurs. 5/7 Webinar Safety Committees and Safety Culture
- Tues. 5/12 NMC's Road Ready Safe Driving Instructor Development Santa Fe

Follow the last week of the NM Legislative Session with live stream committee hearings and floor sessions: www.nmlegisl.gov

2020-2021 Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program Applications Due Tues. March 31

Three Funding Categories:

- Outreach and education projects (up to \$10K)
 - CWPP updates for 5+ years (up to \$15K/project)
 - Hazardous fuel reduction projects (up to \$50K)
- Applications online at NMC Programs Page [HERE](#)

BLM comments on evaluating alternatives for potential changes to grazing regulations due in writing by March 6, 2020. Instructions on how to comment at BLM website <https://go.usa.gov/xyMqb> or contact Seth Flanigan, 208.384.3450 or sflanigan@blm.gov.

Friendly Fire: The No. 1 Threat to America's Election Cybersecurity

In a world of phishing attacks and other technological threats, we need to do a better job of training the men and women who run the polls. Phishing attacks account for more than 90% of data breaches. But many of these phishing activities take advantage of innocent mistakes or human error from optical scanners left unplugged to distribution of ballots to the wrong precinct or leaving the door to a ballot box unlocked.

Providing adequate security training (cybersecurity) for poll workers is key. Dept. of Homeland Security CISA released an [Election Infrastructure Security Resource Guide](#) with free assessments for local election jurisdictions. One of those services is an assessment of the susceptibility to phishing operations. governing.com