

# **News Brief**

September 17, 2020



Help New Mexico Get Counted!

# Statewide Day of Action



Socorro County Rocks and Rolls! The County Manager Michael Hawkes and

county employees were in Alamo Saturday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and assisted **188** households in responding to their census online! Everyone was happy to see them as the county assisted and issued gift cards mainly for the local mini-mart (Tiistsoh) and other local businesses in Socorro County. Way to go! Next stop is Magdalena.

Healthy People



Healthy Communities

Health Equity

**Otero County** Healthcare Services Dept. adopted its first **Community Health Assessment** partnering with The Counseling Center, Otero County community Health Council, and other community organizations!

# MIMBRES RADIC

2020 Census Last Push Before Sept. 30 Deadline Tune in **Thursday**, **September 24** to hear State Director of Personnel Pam Coleman on the radio with our own Grant County Assessor and NMC Board member Raul Turrieta discussing the last minute push to respond to the 2020 Census. Stream at GMCR.org at 9 a.m. for an update.

As of Tuesday, September 15, 2020, **87.8%** of households in NM have been enumerated. New Mexico's self-response rate is at 57% with a collective goal of **60%**. Let's count everyone!

Click here for NM **EDGE Calendar of Events** 



# September

Classes every Tuesday and Thursday

To check your transcript and see the classes you've already taken or still need, visit our NM EDGE Student Record and Enrollment Site at reg.nmedge.nmsu.edu

3) Visit our NM EDGE website for all certification checklist information a

Click here for **Fall** Back to <u>School</u> Roadmap.

### **October**

#### is Public Purchasing month

Classes are live online

1) Get your initial Chief Procurement Officer certification (CPO) on October 6-9 (six classes and test) 2) CPO  $1^{\rm st}$  time Recertification classes on October 14

3) CPO 2<sup>nd</sup> time Continuing Recertification classes on **October 15** 4) Advanced Public Purchasing classes on October 27-29

Post your county happenings on our FB page! www.facebook.com/pg/nmcounties33/posts Follow us on Twitter @nmcounties33

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

New Employee? Submit <a href="here">here</a> add/delete/ replace to directory.

Did someone forward you this email? <u>Sign up</u>.

#### **Link to NMC Meetings Annual Calendar Link to NMC Loss Prevention Trainings RSVP**

Wed. Sept. 23 **Zoom** Legislative Initiatives Review w/ Legislative Committee 10 a.m.-Noon

Online NM EDGE Classes Sept. 10, 15, 17, 22, Sept.

24, and 29

Fri. Sept. 18 NM Finance Authority Oversight Committee Tue. Sept. 22 Revenue Stabilization & Tax Policy

Committee Wed. Sept. 30-2 Legislative Finance Committee

**LP Webinar** Cyber Security—What Every User Tue. Sept. 29

Should Know

Online NM EDGE Classes Thur. Oct. 1

Fri. Oct. 2 **Zoom** NMC Board of Directors Legislative &

Board meeting Time TBD

LP Webinar On-the-Job Training and Field Wed. Oct. 7

Training Officers (Detention)

Thur. Oct. 22-23 Zoom Wildland Urban Fire Summit 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. each day

Wed. Oct. 28–29 Virtual NMCIA Retreat & Board meeting starting 8:30 a.m. for approximately 4 hours

Thur. Nov. 5 **Zoom** NMC Executive Committee meeting 2

NMC/NMML Joint Legislative Meeting 9 a.m. Fri. Nov. 6

# **Maintaining Cybersecurity in Uncertain Times**

Threat #1: Outdated and siloed security technology creates gaps for cybercriminals to discover and exploit (Upgrade to integrated security platform that can automate managing activities) Threat #2: Ransomware attacks targeting remote workers are on the rise (Endpoint security with cloud-based EDR systems)

Threat #3: Cybercriminals are looking to the cloud for new ways to breach networks (Use cloud security platforms SaaS, PaaS, IaaS) Threat #4: New generations of malware further threaten remote workers and those using cloud services (Upgrade workers' anti-malware) Threat #5: Governments without strong

industry partnerships may lack resources to fully defend themselves (Collaborate with cybersecurity partner w/ global threat surveillance)

# **RESOURCES FOR COUNTIES**

The National Association of Counties has developed a county online federal Advocacy Toolkit to help you be an effective advocate for top county priorities

#### **CMS withdraws Medicaid financing** regulation

The proposed Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Rule would have made substantial changes to Medicaid's financing structure and supplemental payments, which would have been particularly problematic during the pandemic.

EPA issues final rule on coal-fired power plants wastewater discharge standards The Effluent Limitations Guidelines loosens restrictions on the level of pollutants that power plants can release into nearby waterways.

Tue Sept 22 Counties and the 2020 Election: NACo Virtual Town Hall Noon MDT. Hear from federal and local elections officials about how they are working to ensure a safe, fair and secure election this fall. To submit questions before and during the town hall, email questions@naco.org