

Better Informed Public Officials Virtual Conference

December 1-2 & 7-8, 2020

What to Do as a Newly Elected County Official? Attend BIPO! Every even year following the November election, NMC and NM EDGE host BIPO for newly elected county officials. As elected officials won't be mingling in person this year, they can virtually learn about their new role and responsibilities, resources, public meeting conduct, general HR law, and professional codes of ethics to name a few. Outside of the NM EDGE classes they have an opportunity to attend a veterans' panel to hear what the experienced elected officials have endured and a media panel on how to speak to the press. **SAVE THE DATES!** Registration opens soon!



NMCIA Board Renews ML and LE Reinsurance, Approves 2021 Member Contributions

The New Mexico County Insurance Authority Board of Directors voted on October 28 to approve renewal pricing for its liability reinsurance and member contributions for policy year 2021. Overall, the multi-line reinsurance received a flat renewal with the same coverage limits. The law enforcement reinsurance coverage increased by 41%.

Most county members will receive a small reduction or flat renewal in their multi-line contributions. While there was a substantial law enforcement reinsurance increase over last year, seven member counties (Catron, Doña Ana, Harding, McKinley, Mora, Quay, Torrance) will receive a 20% contribution decrease (off the 2021 contribution) to reward them for exemplary claims experience over the last 10 years. All other counties, except one, will receive a small reduction or flat renewal.

[Link to NMC Meetings](#) [Annual Calendar](#)
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SAVE THE DATE—NMC Virtual Legislative Conference January 18-21, 2021

Thur. Nov. 5	Zoom NMC Executive Committee meeting 2 p.m.
Fri. Nov. 6	Virtual NMC/NMML Joint Legislative Meeting 9 a.m.
Tue. Nov. 17	LP Webinar Permit Controlled Confined Spaces 10 a.m. Reg: http://www.anymeeting.com/PIID=EF54DC8782493C
Thur. Nov. 19	LP Online Medic First Aid CPR Instructor Development Training (Max 5 attendees)
Tue Nov 24– Tue. Dec. 22	NEW First Line Supervisor - Leadership 5-week course, 40-hour, webinar every Tuesday 8–5 p.m. Nov 24–Dec 22, 2020 Register, email Greg, grees@nmcounties.org
Dec. 1, 2, 7, 8	Better Informed Public Officials (BIPO) Training Dec. 1, 8 a.m.–Noon, Dec. 2, 8 a.m.–1 p.m., Dec. 7, 8 a.m.–1 p.m., Dec. 8, 8 a.m.–Noon
Thur Dec 3	Advisory Council meeting 1 p.m. TBD
Wed Dec 9	NMCIA Board meeting 8:30 a.m. TBD
Mon Jan 18–21	NMC Virtual Legislative Conference
Tue Jan 19	Legislative 60-day Session opens Noon

Rent and Mortgage Assistance

On Monday, November 2, MFA began accepting applications for the new COVID-19 Housing Cost Assistance Program. The program will provide qualifying New Mexicans with as much as \$1,500 per month for up to three months to pay back rent or mortgage payments and other housing costs.

Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. Friday, November 13, 2020. The link to the e-application is live on MFA's website here: [Housing Assistance NM](#). Questions about program details, including household income limits may be emailed to bcoats@housingnm.org.



Thank you,
County Clerks!

NM EDGE classes coming January!

"T" is for TRAINING! NM EDGE is offering LIVE ONLINE classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays the entire month of JANUARY!

CDC revises guidance defining COVID-19 exposure

A "close contact" is now someone who was within six feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, beginning two days before illness onset. This new guidance has significant implications for counties as they work to ensure the health and safety of justice-involved individuals and correctional staff during this public health emergency. Read more [here](#)

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NACo Resources—[Coronavirus](#)

[Pandemic changes dynamic around broadband](#)

The scope of high-speed internet disparity came into focus this spring when the COVID-19 pandemic sent workers and students alike home and online, digitally elbowing each other for bandwidth.

[Changes to public safety spectrum comes at major cost for counties](#)

Reallocation of the T-Band will challenge counties' public safety communications systems and budgets.

Wed Nov 18 [Webinar: Council of Government Overview: How are COGs helping in COVID-19 Recovery and Strategic Planning](#) Tune in to gain understanding of what a COG is and learn how they are engaged in regional planning and COVID-19 recovery efforts. Also a resource for assistance to small businesses, nonprofits, and communities. Contact Johanna.nelson@state.nm.us, 505-469-6204 for more information.

Wed Nov 18 [Fall Virtual CIO Forum Series—Broadband](#) 10 a.m.–1 p.m. MT; A virtual opportunity for county technology leaders