



**9-8-8 Goes Live—Suicide Prevention Lifeline** The 988 number for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline goes **LIVE this Saturday, July 16, 2022**. The new system will integrate text, chat, and other technological solutions that are designed to make access easier and help to ensure that people in crisis get the right services at the right time. This new three-digit dialing code could affect county services including law enforcement, first responders, 9-1-1, EMS, and health services. 9-8-8 can only save lives if there is a strong, community-based crisis care system in place to support it. Counties should be prepared for changes.

Suicide prevention is a critical need. Since 2008, suicide has ranked the 10th leading cause of death in the U.S. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a national network of more than 200 local- and state-funded crisis centers. Service Members, Veterans, and their families may reach the Veterans Crisis Line now and continuing after July 16, 2022 by text by either texting 838255, or through an online chat portal on the Veterans Crisis Line's website.

## Which New Mexico county populations are getting younger? ~KRQE

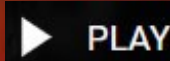
The U.S., as a whole, is growing older, the latest data from the U.S. Census shows. But in New Mexico, a few counties have actually seen a slight reduction in their median age. Here's a hint: Bernalillo County hasn't gotten any younger.

Nationwide, the population is getting older. From 2000 to 2021, the U.S. median age increased from 35.4 years old to 38.8 years old. With birth rates trending downwards and the aging of the Baby Boom and Gen X cohorts, the median age will likely continue to rise in the coming years. Bernalillo County has increased by a little over two years.

Catron, Cibola, Roosevelt, and Union Counties saw a slight decrease. Cibola County's median age decreased by .2 years to 37.7 years. Roosevelt County also decreased by .2 yrs. But the state as a whole is older. Only one state became younger: Maine. Utah, meanwhile, is still the youngest state in the nation, with a median age of 31.8.



According to the National Fire Department Registry, almost 90% of New Mexico Counties' emergency medical and fire service personnel are hard-working, dedicated volunteers who suit up and show up everyday to keep us safe....



**Watch the Latest R.E.A.L. Video** on county fire services, recognizing all those who volunteer and make a career of fire-fighting. Real footage of the Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon Fire with commentary from Catron County Commissioner Anita Hand, Grant County Fire Management Officer Randy Villa and Tyrone Volunteer Fire Chief Roger Groves, Valencia County Fire Chief Matthew Propp, and San Miguel County Firefighters. The national average age of a volunteer firefighter is 60+.

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**Avoiding Liability With Proper Recruiting & Interviewing Techniques**  
Tue July 26, 10AM Webinar

Understand the behavior and conduct which constitutes unlawful harassment on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, color, religion, national origin, age (40+), and disability.

Registration link:  
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**40-Hr Crisis Intervention Training** held in **Chaves County** this week with Detention, Sheriffs, and 911 Dispatch personnel from Chaves, Roosevelt, Los Alamos, and Socorro Counties.

**Tune In: LFC Meeting Tue July 19** Starts at 3PM with Dept. of Homeland Security/Emergency Management updating on Forest Fires, Recovery Efforts, and Long-term Impact. **At 4PM**, hear Commission Chairs James Paxon, Sierra County, Chris Ponce, Grant County, and Anita Hand, Catron County, present on the Impact of Black Fire on Local Communities. [Agenda here](#). Listen online at: [https://www.nmlegis.gov/Calendar/Whats\\_Happening](https://www.nmlegis.gov/Calendar/Whats_Happening) and click on Webcasting for the committee.

**Grant Readiness Workshop with City/County Leaders** Tue July 19, 2022 1PM-3PM MDT Register FREE [HERE](#) Learn how to access viable federal funding, establish a grant management system, and gain resources for additional training and staff support.

**ICYMI:** See [Webinar Recording](#) NACo Annual Conference Vote Like a Pro

**Link to NMC Meetings** [Annual Calendar](#)  
**Link to Loss Prevention Trainings** [RSVP](#)

**Thu Jul 14 Webinar:** Whistle While You Work: Understanding & Preventing Whistleblower & Retaliation Claims 9:30AM-11:30AM

**Thu Jul 21-24** NACo Annual Conference Adams County, Aurora, CO

**Mon Jul 25-28 POSTPONED** OSHA 30-Hour Training Los Lunas

**Tue Jul 26 Webinar:** [Avoiding Liability With Proper Recruiting & Interviewing Techniques 10AM](#)

**Fri Aug 5** NMC Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM Valencia County

**Mon Aug 8-9** 12-Hour Suicide Prevention Eddy County

**Tue Aug 9 Webinar:** Overview of Drug & Alcohol Testing in the Public Sector 10AM

**Wed Aug 10** NMCIA Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM Bernalillo County, ABQ

**Wed Aug 31-2** NMML Annual Conference Albuquerque

**Mon Sep 12-16** Instructor Development T4T Las Cruces

**Tue Sep 13-14** 16-Hour De-escalation Training Taos

**Wed Sep 14** Legislative Initiatives Review w/ Legislative Committee 11AM NMC Santa Fe

**Sep** Gathering of Counties NM State Fair TBD

**Tue, Thu Sep** NM EDGE Classes Live Online 9/8, 9/13, 9/15, 9/20, 9/22, 9/27, 9/29

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