

Better Informed Public Officials Conference

December 6-8, 2022

with the NM EDGE Program in providing the curriculum for elected and non-elected officials. Newly elected county officials can get a strong start in their county leadership role by attending New Mexico's most comprehensive training opportunity.

First time newly elected officials attend free of charge. NMC provides special scholarships to cover the cost of enrollment and class fees for NM EDGE classes. [Register online](#) and when prompted enroll for the NM EDGE Program. Attendees must be enrolled in the NM EDGE Program to receive credit for the courses. **Veteran elected officials and county staff** are encouraged to register for \$200 with separate enrollment for NM EDGE classes. Please see the 'About & Fees' page for class fees and group discounts. NMC will provide a limited number of discounted audit registrations for those that attended 2020 BIPO virtually. Questions? Contact Talia Storch, tstorch@nmcountries.org.

NACo urges counties to participate in the FCC's broadband data collection process

For Commissioners, Managers, IT, GIS, Finance & Purchasing

- Counties can challenge location data and broadband availability data through the FCC's updated mapping process part 1, **by December 1, 2022**
- \$700 million in grant funds coming to NM to help providers connect unserved in counties
- Broadband expansion will help county online services reach unserved and underserved

Attend **NACo Broadband Bootcamp for Counties** 3-part series Thursdays Nov. 3, 10, & 17 1p.m.-3p.m. MT

[Register Free Here for NACo Broadband Bootcamp](#)

[Link for Mapping Participation Information](#)

[Link to Register to Receive Location Data](#)

2023 Legislative Priorities

The First Session of the 56th Legislature

HB 2 Appropriations

Detention Reimbursement Fund

Increase the County Detention Facility Reimbursement Act fund to reimburse counties for the cost of housing NM Corrections Department inmates. Currently the NM Legislature appropriates \$5 million. According to the NM Sentencing Commission, the five-year average to house NMCD inmates is \$7.5 million.

Prisoner Transport & Extradition

Create a line item in the NM Department of Finance & Administration budget of \$750,000 to reimburse counties that provide transportation for state prisoners. Statutes require the state to make such payments, however no money has been appropriated to counties for many years. Counties should not be responsible to pay for state prisoner extradition.

Emergency Medical Services

Create a \$10 million line item in the Department of Health Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Bureau budget to assist local government EMS services. Current state appropriations, taxes collected through local GRT increments, and other sources of revenue do not provide sufficient support to local governments to meet community needs, especially in rural areas of the state. EMS services are vital to the health and welfare of New Mexico citizens.

Public Safety Package

Return to Work

Local governments struggle to fill critical public safety positions. Allowing able and willing retirees to return to work would create a pool of qualified applicants to fill essential public safety positions.

Recruitment & Retention

Sufficient numbers of detention staff are essential to a safe and well-operated detention facility which is directly correlated to community safety. A public safety recruitment and retention fund would provide local governments with much needed resources to provide detention services to their communities.

Staffing Crisis in Fire & EMS

Create a \$50 million Fire and EMS fund to support volunteer and paid staff. Many New Mexico fire departments are volunteer, or combination departments and the number of volunteers has greatly declined. Call volume and large events continues to rise in New Mexico.

Courthouse Funding

Create a fund for construction and renovation of state district courthouses.

IPRA Election-Related Records & Data

Clearly define how IPRA relates to election records and data.

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Present NMC priorities for Commission support. Download the priorities [HERE#33StrongNMCounties](#)



NMCIA Pool Board supports Breast Cancer Awareness.

To view the visual outcomes of the strategic planning by the Board, plan to attend the Pool's membership meeting on **Tues. Jan. 17, 2023 at 9AM** during the NMC Legislative Conference in Santa Fe.

Tune in Thur. Nov 10, 9AM

Live streaming on GMCR.org

Host Grant County Assessor Raul Turrieta with NMC Government Affairs/Lobbyist Katherine Crociata chatting about NMC legislative priorities and pre-legislative session.

NMLR Website Training for All NM Counties

Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 14, or Jan. 11, 10AM-11AM

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83246044185?pwd=ZGNHQMlsdWhPY3NScW5CbWhlcWtUUTQ9>

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New Mexico
Wildland Urban Fire Summit

November 16, 2022 - November 18, 2022
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Community Recovery, Cultivating Resilience
The Lodge, Santa Fe

Book room by November 1st for special rate of \$141

Receive 10 CFE credits!

Registration open! \$75 fee
Click here: <https://cvent.me/yo9D9q>

Link to NMC Meetings 2022 [Annual Calendar](#)

Link to Loss Prevention Trainings [RSVP](#)

[2023 NMC Calendar of Events](#)

Thu Nov 3 NMC Executive Committee 2PM Santa Fe County

Fri Nov 4 NMC/NMML Joint Legislative meeting 9AM Santa Fe County

Wed Nov 9-10 Managers Affiliate meeting Hotel Santa Fe

Mon Nov 14-18 40-Hour First Line Supervisor training, Albuquerque, FREE to county members Register: lbarela@nmcountries.org

Wed Nov 16-18 New Mexico Wildland Urban Fire Summit Santa Fe County, The Lodge

Tue Dec 6-8 NMC Better Informed Public Officials (BIPO) Conference ABQ, Embassy Suites

Thu Dec 8 Advisory Council meeting 2PM ABQ Embassy Suites

Wed Dec 14 NMCIA Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM Santa Fe County

Mon Jan 17-19 NMC Legislative Conference Santa Fe Community Convention Center (SFCCC)

Mon Jan 16-18 NM EDGE Classes Santa Fe County

Tue Jan 17 60-Day Legislative Session begins

Tue Jan 17 NMCIA membership meeting 9AM

Eldorado Hotel

Tue Jan 17 NMC Board of Directors meeting 2PM Eldorado Hotel

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