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Congratulations Graduates!

By: Lead Academy Instructor - Lt. Jim Lovell

All we can say isWhew! We had two academies going on at the same time. The Cadet Academy and the Volunteer Academy have concluded with 6 paid and 19 volunteers ready to hit the streets and put their hard work into practice. The Training Division spent a lot of hours with these members and feel very confident that they all will be a strong and positive addition to the department as a whole and the districts in which they serve. As a part of the Volunteer Academy the first regional volunteers participated and are well on their way to getting out there and responding to those in need. The dedication all of these members showed is remarkable to say that least, and I think I can speak for Capt. Ehl on how proud we are to be a small part of the beginning of their firefighting careers.

We would like to thank all those that helped and made these academies work, we hope we haven't forgotten anyone but there are so many that your name may not appear here; believe me your participation was instrumental and appreciated.

Thank you to all the Admin. Staff, **Chief Holden, Chief Sperling, Chief Moya** and of course the Academy's director **Chief Holland**. The ladies of Admin., **Karen, Lorie, Elvia, Bett, Erin, Diana and Donna**. Special thanks go out to Agua Fria Fire District for the use of their station and equipment and as well as La Cienega Fire District for the use of their equipment. The Med 61 crews and Squad 62 crews were, as always, a huge help during live burns and other activities **Captain Jaffa, Captain Mestas** gave their assistance and instruction, administrative duties and were there to help.

We look forward to the next Volunteer Academy scheduled to begin in August and continue to work with paid and volunteer members of this department. As always the training division is here to assist you and your district with any Fire/Rescue and EMS trainings, just give a call with anything you need. Until next time...take care and be safe out there.

Check out the graduation pictures on page 10.

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Money is tight, even for firefighters.

A variety of factors is causing trouble for a long-planned fire station in Edgewood, but what it comes down to is the almighty dollar. The fire department is looking into funding sources to pay for a \$3.2 million fire station in Edgewood, off N.M. 344 north of the freeway.

Paperwork for a loan from the New Mexico Finance Authority has been submitted, according to Santa Fe County Fire Chief Stan Holden, but it comes with an estimated annual payment of \$240,000. When asked where that money might come from, Holden is playing his cards pretty close to the chest.

That's because Holden isn't the only one in the county looking for funding.

"Things are so fiscally tight right now in the county," he said. "... I think the economic situation has impacted everyone so significantly. Not only in our private lives, but in our professional lives ... it's killing us." The department is down some \$1.5 million to \$1.7 million per year since the defeat of a quarter-cent gross receipts tax in 2009; money that paid for equipment for the fire department. That has squeezed the department's budget, and it means that the renovation of a training facility will be put on hold.

The fire department still plans to buy the property for the training facility, what was a New Mexico Laborers Union training facility on Martin Road, north of Interstate 40. The building is an industrial building and 20 acres that costs about \$830,000. That funding comes from a general obligation bond for the purpose of buying a training facility, Holden said. Holden said the fire department became aware of the facility when it was under consideration as a possible animal shelter for Edgewood. It moved to buy it after Edgewood abandoned the location as a possibility a few years ago.

Phase one of the plans for remodeling the building, replacing heating and air conditioning units and the water pump run about \$525,000 he said. It's money the fire department can't spare if it plans to move forward with a fire station in Edgewood.

"I'm pushing real hard," he said, "Trying to get this thing (the Edgewood fire station) up and out of the ground this year." The planned 15,000 square foot station will have six doors for engines, basically three drive-through bays capable of housing up to nine engines. It will also have the advantage of being designed for firefighters to bunk down for the night, unlike the existing facility, which is off the frontage road north of Interstate 40 and east of N.M. 344. Part of the garage area is being used for bedrooms in that station, Holden said.

Meanwhile, the bond issues in Edgewood were killed, which may lead the town to back off of its plans to build on Section 16, near the planned location of the fire station, at least for a while. Holden said that may affect the joint plans for piping in water and building a roadway near the station.

It is also the mood of voters, tea party activists specifically, that seem to have altered the county's financial landscape. At least part of the issue goes back to the quarter-cent gross receipts tax, Holden said. "I understand the mood of people, everybody is struggling right now, I understand what transpired," he said. "I just wish they had come to me and asked some questions ... before the tea party campaign."

Holden said he spoke to some of the campaigners after the tax was defeated. Apparently there was a misunderstanding about how the gross receipts tax funding could be used, he said. Some of those who campaigned against the tax thought the money could be used to pay for other projects. While Holden can't hold up signs and urge people to vote for a tax hike, he said he'd like to get the facts out to voters.

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Just a few quick words of thanks:

First of all to **Jay Rought**, Instructor / Trainer for the **Waterous Company**. His professionalism, courtesy, knowledge and experience and his ability to schedule 3 days of Fire Pump Operation and Maintenance training for all Santa Fe County Fire Department fire personnel which covered:

Classroom and hands on demo training, to include:

Single and Two Stage Pumps PTO Pumps Pressure Control Systems
Compressed Air Foam and Foam Management Systems

I would also like to thank all the volunteers from Pojoaque, La Puebla, Tesuque, Madrid, Agua Fria, La Cienega, El Dorado and (regional personnel C shift and **BC Montoya**) that participated with great enthusiasm, numerous questions and valuable input. **Captain Jaffa**, **Captain Ehl** and **Lt Lovell**, also thanks for your assistance and input.

I appreciate all that took the time away from family and friends and those that traveled out of their fire districts to attend Saturday March 13th @ Pojoaque VFD, Sunday March 14th @ Agua Fria VFD and again Monday March 15th @ Agua Fria VFD.



Junior Firefighter Committee Update

A committee has been assembled to develop and design a safe Junior Firefighter Program for Santa Fe County Fire Department. A lack of direction for the program in the past has resulted in a great deal of confusion about what Junior Firefighters can and cannot do. This committee will work to develop a mission, directions, rules and policies for the Junior Firefighter Program which can be implemented County wide.

Members of the committee are:

- Asst. Chief Martin Vigil – Emergency Management
- District Lt. Hersch Wilson – Hondo District
- District Lt. Tim Solinski – Edgewood District
- Asst. District Chief Keith Henry – Stanley District
- Captain Mike Jaffa – Admin. – Recruitment & Retention

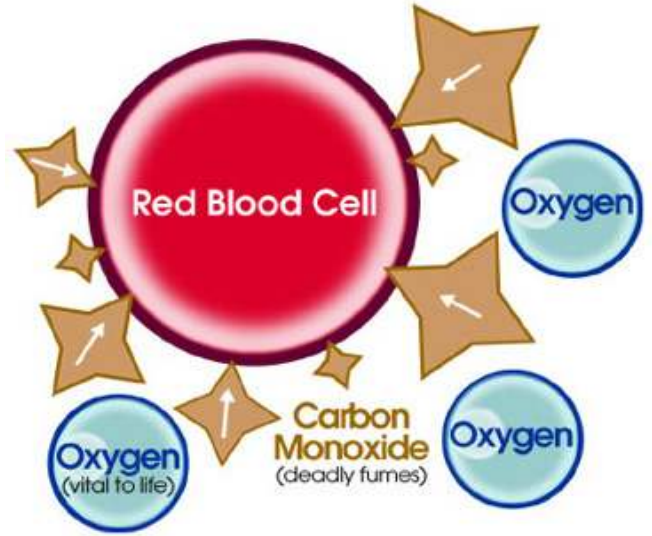
We look forward to getting input from as many of you as possible in order to build a great Junior FF Program.



Carbon Monoxide Poisoning By: Wayne C. King - Galisteo District

Early in the morning on December 26, a couple visiting relatives in Galisteo for the holidays woke up experiencing shortness of breath, severe headaches, dizziness and lack of coordination. Recognizing these symptoms, the people managed to escape their bedroom and run out doors for fresh air. A visit to St. Vincent's emergency room resulted in blood tests confirming CO poisoning and treatment in a hyperbaric oxygen tent. This couple was lucky. Many CO poisoning victims do not wake up in time to save their own lives.

What is CO and CO poisoning? CO is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas that is one of the products produced from burning fuel. When it is inhaled, the CO molecules replace the oxygen molecules in the bloodstream. By driving away the oxygen in the blood, the body's cells become starved for oxygen and vital organs shut down. The CO molecule is extremely tenacious in the bloodstream and brain damage can occur before the normal breathing of fresh air can displace the CO with a new supply of oxygen.

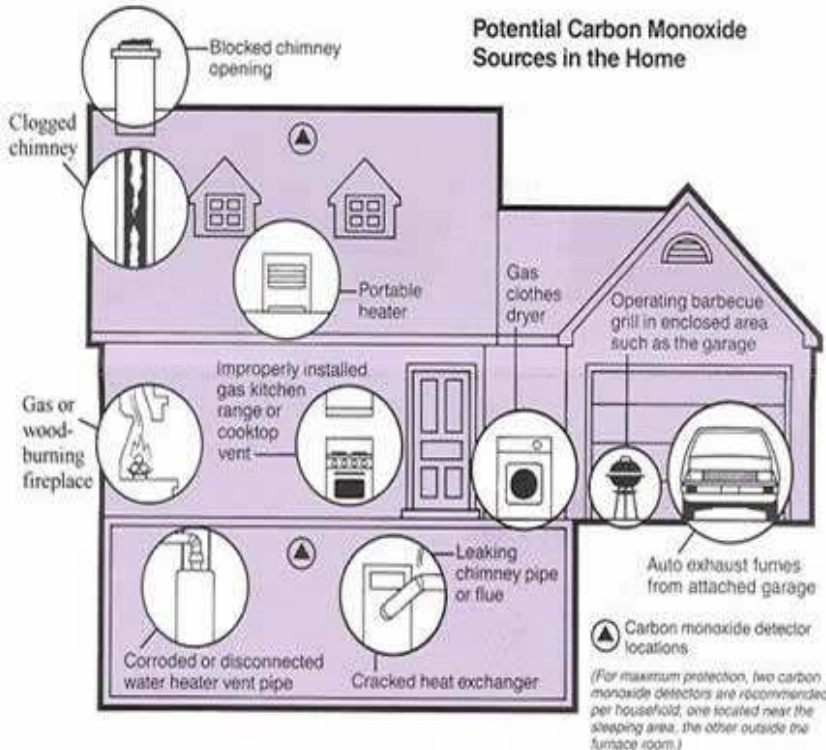


CO gas or fumes should not be confused with a natural gas or propane leak in the heating system. Natural gas and propane have strong odors that warn people that there is a leak of unburned fuel. CO results from the burning of any fuel: gasoline in a car engine; propane in a furnace or wall heater; charcoal in a bar-b-q grill; and, wood in a fireplace or stove. If the appliance and its exhaust pipes are properly installed, CO and other combustion products should simply pass into outdoor air and dissipate away. However, if the exhaust system is not correctly installed or is deteriorated, combustion gases can leak into occupied spaces and poison anyone there. In the December incident, exhaust gases from a wall heater vented into a semi-enclosed porch and then seeped back into occupied spaces.

Mild CO poisoning mimics the symptoms of flu or food poisoning: shortness of breath, mild nausea, mild headache, sore eyes, runny nose. The best clue for CO poisoning is everyone in the room or vehicle becomes sick at the same time, rather than sequentially as would be the case with the flu. Still, blood tests would be necessary to distinguish between CO and food poisoning.

The best way to guard against CO poisoning is to install CO detectors near fuel burning appliances. Similar to smoke and heat detectors they can be purchased at hardware stores at different price ranges. They come with instructions for locating them in the best locations for CO detection and they can simply be plugged into a wall outlet.

P.S. After the above article was written for the local newsletter in Galisteo, a member of our fire department who had been feeling sickly and run-down for an extended period of time had her house tested for CO. Although the house is a modern one, significant levels of CO were found throughout the house, traceable to the improper venting of the furnace.



SFCFD RECEIVES ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT By: Bett Clark



In April we applied for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). Senator Bingaman announced Santa Fe County Fire Department was awarded the grant on April 30, 2010. This grant is funded through federal designation and does not require an 80/20 match. The department grant request is for \$272,275 with a \$54,455 match and meets the Operations and Safety Program requirements with three projects: Modify Facilities, Training, and Wellness/Fitness Programs. Under Facility Modification, \$80,000 will be utilized to purchase four fixed station generators to assist in response capabilities during power-outages. The stations designated to get the generators are Pojoaque Main, Agua Fria Main, Hondo Main and Eldorado Main. \$70,000 would purchase non-vehicle mounted Exhaust Removal Extraction Systems for Pojoaque and Agua Fria.

US Fire Administration is encouraging all members in all departments to meet NFPA 1001 standards. We currently meet this by IFSAC Firefighter 1 as mandated for all career members. However, fires do not make fire behavioral modifications based on status of a firefighter being volunteer or career so we should not have differing standards either. Although some of our volunteers have many years of experience and may have attended Firemanship Training in the past, we must strive for department standards in-line with new technology and trends and fire behavior. Besides, future federal and local funding and grants will require 100% NFPA 1001 compliance. This does not mean that volunteer members will have to attend IFSAC Firefighter Training. We will use this \$24,800 funding to provide every volunteer firefighter with IFSAC manuals and workbook, review sessions and IFSAC Firefighter I Challenge Exam.

The final project under this grant is to provide a Wellness/Fitness Program consistent with OSHA 1910.134 and NFPA 1001. This project totals \$96,475. Again, the career members are required to meet a higher medical physical standard than volunteers and that places higher risk exposure for injury or death on our volunteer firefighters. Therefore we will begin initial medical exams that are concurrent with OSHA requirements for wearing breathing apparatus. We can't complete 160 exams in one-year so we will strive to complete 50%. OSHA not only requires the initial exam but subsequent exams based on years of age or years passed since last exam. So we will continue to provide these exams on those members that are in need of them. We will provide exposure related immunizations to all responders that include influenza, hepatitis and tetanus. Firefighter fitness is paramount to not only decrease liability to injury or illness but to create a happier and healthier person in general. We are proposing to send five members (one per shift and two volunteers) to a Peer Fitness Trainer Certification Course. They will then work to draft our Fitness Program.

Chimayo Fire District Receives Fire Protection Grant

Chimayo Fire District received grant monies from the NM State Fire Marshal-Fire Protection Grant in April 2010. The monies will be used to purchase equipment to better the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule from a Class 9 to a Class 8B, or better. To be eligible for Class 8B, a district must meet the fundamental requirements for a classification better than Class 9. Communities must have: an adequate number of well-organized and properly trained firefighters, reliable fire alarm facilities, adequate fire station facilities, and operational records. To compensate for limited water supplies, many communities have improved their firefighting equipment, training, and management techniques, as well as their fire alarm systems. Class 8B will recognize those improvements.

The approved grant includes the following purchases: 7 sets of Morning Pride Structural Firefighting Gear; 8 MSA SCBAs; 17 MSA Spare Bottles; Motorola CDM 1250 45 Watt, 64 Channel VHF Mobile Radio compatible w/ Regional Emergency Communications Center Operations w/ Antenna Kit and Installation; 12 Motorola HT 1250 VHF Portable Radios w/ Speaker Mic; 12 Minitor V Pagers w/ Charger plus Extended Warranty.

Firefighter's safety is paramount concern and proper PPE must be provided. Breathing air is a must in all IDLH atmospheres to which a firefighter may respond and work. This is primary equipment and the SCBA packs and spare bottles must be on the apparatus for full credit.

Proper communications while dispatched, enroute and during operations ensures that all members are prepared, arrive and operate safely under one unified command. This will help to offset delays in decision, communication and assembly.



“NON-PATIENT” REFUSAL PROCEDURE

BY: CAPTAIN MIKE MESTAS

There obviously is still confusion on “Non-Patient” refusals. The procedure and justification is as follows:

There has been an “incident” and you responded to it.

There is a “person” there involved in the incident stating, “I’m fine or I’m just a little sore, I’ll go in later if I need to.”

The EMT obtains a “non-patient” refusal which is appropriate, the catch is ... we as EMT’s and healthcare professionals need to ensure the “person” being evaluated by you meets the following criteria:

Alert and Oriented

Non- suicidal

Vital signs with-in normal limits (the only way to truly do this is with two sets of vitals indicating he/she is hemodynamically stable and non-trending.)

No psychotic or behavioral concerns

Appropriate neurological assessment

Of legal age “18” or parent or guardian signature (unless otherwise emancipated by the state)

He/she understands the risks associated with refusal of care

Appears to be unimpaired and of sound state of mind and in your opinion, able to make such a decision.

Therefore, due to the legal implications we cannot assume these factors exist and they must be documented. The only appropriate place to document your findings... at this time is a PCR- Patient Care Report. It does not have to be a “Full” PCR, but should include all of the previously described criteria. If your patient/person refuses for you to even touch them, after your very professional and tactful persuasive attempts, you should be documenting on a PCR the minimum i.e. ... person was conscious, seems unimpaired, able to speak, ambulatory, no obvious visual life threats, is of legal age, good skin color (perfusion status), pupils equal (assessed as you were speaking with them), no obvious odor of ETOH or known mind altering drugs on board. Note that the person would not allow a physical assessment of any kind, have appropriate witnesses sign your document, as well e.g., law enforcement, family member (spouse, of age brother sister etc.), your partner, etc..



Reminder- All of our documents and records are kept on file and have been requested by lawyers, legal authorities and insurance agencies asking, “Why wasn’t that person treated or transported?”. A Non-patient refusal, in and of itself does not offer any proof or justification of your decision. Please remember, if for no other reason, cover your bases and protect yourself, and “yes” the PCR will be entered in Emergency Reporting (ER).

Any further question may be directed to me... Be safe and be smart and live long!



An additional clarification needs to be made about what should accompany your patient or what documentation should be left at the hospital with your patient upon transfer? During this time of transitioning to electronic reporting, it seems that some personnel have been under the impression that since the introduction of electronic reporting there is no need to leave any documentation for the hospital staff about our patients. Quite the contrary: we always have and will continue to leave hard copy documentation of our patient information at the receiving hospital. This information should include, but is not limited to:

- Personal Information: Patient name, age, DOB, sex, medical history, meds taken, allergies etc.
- Scene to which you responded such as MVC, fall, chest pain, trouble breathing etc. to include mechanism of injury, kinematics that induced trauma etc., safety devices such as seatbelts, airbag deployment, helmet usage, etc.
- Your “pertinent” assessment findings, positive or negative.
- Vital signs and times for HR, BP, RR, skin temp, perfusion status, glasgow coma scale, BGL, ECG findings and interpretation, etc.
- Treatment interventions that include, airway, splinting, IVs catheter and location, ECG electrical therapy, medication administration dosage, and route, and all invasive procedures.
- Patient’s response to interventions and treatments.

I know we have given some very good verbal patient transfer reports to hospital staff, but this is not sufficient. As we all know stories change throughout translation and facts get lost in the process. We need to have them written down and that information needs to be with the patient or in their patient file to ensure best possible care and treatment by hospital staff. If your report is incomplete, mark it as such and fax the completed report to the hospital at the designated fax numbers.

KUDOS TO MED 60 CREW AND LA CIENEGA VOLUNTEERS

With deep
gratitude...
Valencia
Munoz

Dear Jeremy, Fritz & Eutimio,
Thank you again - deeply -
for your quick response for my
husband's incident that occurred
on Easter morning off 599 near
Allseps. I am deeply grateful
for the care & compassion you
gave my husband. I thank
God for you! My prayers are with
you.

CONTRATULATIONS go out to the Med 60 Crew of **Lt. Jeremy Renda, Firefighters Fritz Fuchs and Eutemio Ortiz**. The note pictured shows how grateful this citizen was when we rendered quality service in a professional manner to her husband.

Lt. Renda says, “It feels good to know we really do help people and know that they appreciate it.” He was also quick to point out the value of teamwork, stating, “I would like to recognize **Regional Chief Velarde** and the La Cienega volunteers who helped us that day and continue to help us every day.”

Thanks go out to: **Chief Valencia, Michael Barnes, Karen Donovan, Michael Small and Frederico Velazquez**.





S-215 Fire Operations in the Wildland / Urban Interface

Santa Fe County is made up of many different areas that are wildland and urban mix. This class offered a good insight of what could happen if a fire was to start from a highway or from a man made fire.

A step by step approach was taken to cover the information in the text.

The first step is awareness and size-up of the scene, and then forming a strategy for an action plan on how to triage the area. Class room exercise information was used in our day in the field. Driving the field case area was an eye opener to see who had completed a vegetation management plan and who had not around their homes. A range of experience of the attendees in class gave a wide range of ideas as to how to handle the scenario that Instructor Mullis gave the class to solve.



Santa Fe County Wildland division has been out to the locations that were used as the test cases for this class. The wildland division has pre-planned the area with information handed out to home owners. Check out the Wildland web site at: www.sfcfire-wildland.com as it is a great site for information.

Red Cards

April 1st was the deadline for pack tests, refreshers, and RMP paperwork. If you have taken the refresher and passed the pack test but did not get a red card let me know so we can figure out what might be missing.

Prescribe Burning

This is the season that other agencies like the USFS and Park Service conduct burns and the opportunity to participate in the burns is available to those who want. This is a good opportunity to work on task books and gain experience with live fire. If you want to get some experience on a prescribe burn let me know and we'll get you lined out.

New Wildland Crew Member

We just hired **Mike Feulner** as a crew member on the Wildland Fuels/Suppression crew. Mike came from Edgewood Fire District and brings with him some good experience and a desire to move this program forward. Together with **Walter Dasheno** and **Krys Nystrom** they will be working out of E-561. E-561 is a new Type VI engine available for local fires and RMP assignments. They also work on fuels reduction projects on State and County property operating chainsaws and chippers. If someone wants to gain more experience with chainsaws, chippers, fuel reduction, and Type VI engines they can tie in with the crew anytime.



New Wildland Fire Guide

Krys Nystrom has just completed a Wildland Fire Guide that is specific to Santa Fe County wildland fire operations and the new guide can be found at www.sfcfire-wildland.com. A lot of hard work on her part was spent on the layout, size, and format. This fire guide will be a "living document" that can be changed, updated, and improved as time goes on. If you have any suggestions or comments let Krys know and she can make the changes.



County Fire is in full swing for EMS training! There have been a lot of requests for more EMT classes by our members, and with a little help from the Santa Fe Community College and some very dedicated instructors, we have been able to meet the need thus far.

Instructor John "JJ" Arnold is leading an EMT Basic Class with the assistance and instruction from Terri Hickox for the southern districts. The class consists of twelve county volunteer firefighter members and three students from outside the county. Class began March 29th and is expected to be completed by mid June.

Pictured are (back row): **Bob Bone, Jaime Bliss, Marisa Calhoun, Annamarie Curtin, Marcos Montoya, Nathan Eavenson, Alan Wiengarten, Sean Glackman, Ralph Middleton** (kneeling): **Mike Bohannon, Paula Austin, Tia Gaylord, Jon Stern, (not pictured) Peter Kropf.** (standing right front) Instructors: **Terri Hickox and JJ Arnold.**



Agua Fria Fire District is hosting the EMT Intermediate Class which started March 29, 2010 and goes through May 6, 2010. **Lieutenant Smith** and **Lieutenant Holliday** are co-leading this class, with some adjunct instructor assistance from **Captain Mestas, FF Mark Archuleta** and Eli Frick.

Santa Fe County Community College is also playing host to a Saturday EMT Basic Class that started January 23, 2010 for two of our recent cadet graduates, **Nestor Garcia** and **Shannon Van Meir.** Instructors for that class were Dave

Huckabee and Catherine "Cat" Hyde. The class final testing is May 15, 2010

Santa Fe County Fire Department will be sending six members to this year's paramedic class! The class will be a very intense and accelerated program lasting six months, with the class beginning June 7, 2010. There was a very strong interest and great turnout from our department members for this paramedic class. Congratulations and good luck to **FF Adam Quinn, FF Steve Vogel, FF Samantha Ramirez, FF Daniel Meyer, FF Pedro Nandino and FF Jeffery Matchison.** This is a huge commitment and shows the dedication of all of our fire department members striving to increase their EMS knowledge and proficiency in skills that will ultimately provide better service and care to the citizens of Santa Fe County.

Keep up the strong work and be safe to all of our members!!



Intermediate Class

Left to right: Back row: **Amanda Barclay, Chris White (Hondo), Ryan Martinez, Grant Lundquist,**
Middle Row: **Gregory Bobick, Kyle Gregory, David Sanchez,** (Adjunct Instructor) **Eli Frick**
Bottom Row: (Instructor) **Lt. Brandon Smith and Stephanie Coulthard** (Madrid)





SANTA FE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER ACADEMY "FIRST CLASS" 2010

SPECIAL THANKS
 CHIEF S. BOGARD CAPTAIN K. ENL
 DEPUTY CHIEF D. SPRELLING CAPTAIN M. JAFFA
 ASST CHIEF K. MOLLAND CAPTAIN M. MESTAS
 ASST CHIEF S. WOOD CAPTAIN B. PATTY
 ASST CHIEF M. WHEEL LIEUTENANT J. LOVELL

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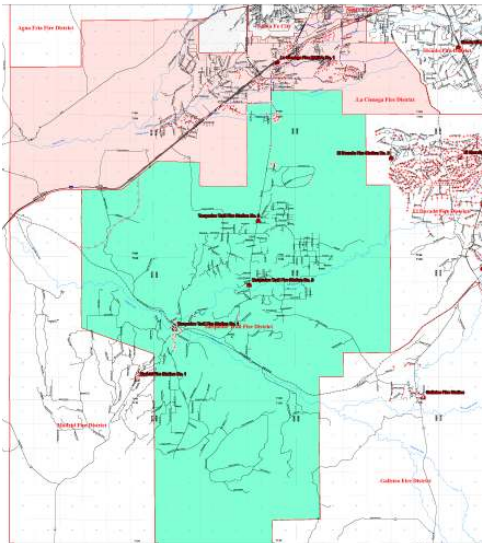
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ZACHARY BURRELL - BOVISO	MATTHEW MARRAS - BOGGSWOOD
CHRISTIAN CRUZ - REGIONAL	DERREY MIRAMONTES - LA CIELEGA
RAZU ENGEN - REGIONAL	MICHAEL ROMERO - POQUOSUE
KEVIN TRY - REGIONAL	MICHAEL ROMERO - REGIONAL
JONATHAN BALL - REGIONAL	JORHANNES ROSSIGNOL - REGIONAL
KEVIN KAMPLAIN - REGIONAL	BRIAN SALTER - BOVISO
ANDBEA LOVATO - LA PUERBA	OSCAR SUAREZ - LA CIELEGA
ADAM MARTINEZ - LA PUERBA	WILLIAM VAY BEERPE - BOVISO
	ZEBUDON TURNER - BOVISO



BCC Consolidates State Pen Fire District Boundries



On April 27, 2010 the BCC approved a resolution for the consolidation of fire district boundaries of the NM State Penitentiary Fire District located at 4311 State Hwy 14, Santa Fe, NM 87508. The NM State Penitentiary fire boundaries will be re-districted along the Township 15 N, Range 8 E, Section 2-3 and Township 16 N, Range 8 E, Section 34-35 lines within boundaries for La Cienega Fire District and Turquoise Trail Fire District. Request will be made to the NM State Fire Marshal to transfer the NM State Penitentiary Fire District assets to the Santa Fe County Fire Department. The volunteer membership has declined to zero over the last two years due in part to the retirement of the District Chief. The Fire Department Administration building is located across State Hwy 14 and houses full time firefighters with 24-hour response; therefore, the State Penitentiary Fire District is no longer needed as a separate district. FDID # 49069 should not be used after 5-1-10.



Fiscal Year 2010 - Year End Deadlines

All requests for purchases must be submitted by the following deadlines in order to allow sufficient time for completion of Fiscal Year 2010 and preparation for Fiscal Year 2011.

- **Formal Requests for Proposals (RFP's)** **May 7, 2010**
This includes professional services over \$50,000.00; architectural and engineering services over \$50,000.00; surveying services and landscape services over \$10,000.00.
- **Invitation for Bids (IFB's)** **May 14, 2010**
Including all purchases for goods and applicable services, and construction over \$20,000.00.
- **Professional Services Agreements Requiring Commission Approval** **June 4, 2010**
This includes any contract for the purchase of tangible personal property, professional services or construction that exceeds the value of \$250,000.00.
- **Small Purchases of Professional Services** **June 11, 2010**
This includes professional services that do not exceed the sum of \$50,000.00 (except for the services of architects, engineers, landscape architects, or surveyors for public works projects). **ONLY** purchases using grant funds or special funds will be processed after June 11, 2010 in an effort to complete grant awards.

After June 11, 2010, ONLY EMERGENCY PURCHASE ORDERS will be processed. Any emergency purchase requests must be accompanied by a memo from the Director/Elected Official justifying the emergency and must have the approval of the Assistant County Manager.

- **Small Purchases of Items of Tangible Personal Property, Construction and Nonprofessional Services** **June 11, 2010**
This includes small purchases of nonprofessional services, construction or items of tangible personal property having a value exceeding \$5,000.00 but not exceeding \$20,000.00.
- **Small Purchases, \$5,000.00 or less** **June 11, 2010**
This includes the procurement of services, construction or items of tangible personal property less than \$5,000.00 based upon best obtainable price.

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May 16th - 22nd is EMS Week By: Deputy Chief Sperling

May 16-22, 2010 is National EMS Week in recognition of the dedication and commitment of Emergency Medical Service providers who serve all Americans by providing life saving care and transport to health care facilities 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Access to quality emergency medical care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or traumatic injury, including respiratory and cardiac arrest and many other medical emergencies. Nationwide, emergency medical service providers serve as the safety net of America's health care system.

Emergency Medical Service providers in Santa Fe County are volunteers and paid career staff who dedicate a tremendous amount of time and effort to upgrade their training and education in order to provide and improve emergency medical services to our citizens. The observance of emergency medical services week recognizes the accomplishment of all members of the emergency medical care team in Santa Fe County, including emergency dispatchers, first responders, firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics.

In 2009, Santa Fe County Fire Department's 82 career and 340 volunteer responders handled 4476 EMS calls. Their commitment to our citizens and dedication to the Department's mission are outstanding and very much appreciated.

