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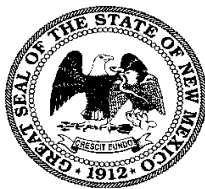
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NEWS RELEASE

Commission Appoints Ambulance Advisory Committee Members

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC) on Wednesday, November 9 appointed nine members to the Ambulance Advisory Committee (AAC).

The AAC serves as a forum for discussing any matter involving the ambulance and medical rescue industry. In addition, the AAC provides a medium for the review of Commission rules involving ambulance regulation as well as complaints or concerns from EMS providers.

The resolution establishing the advisory committee set the term for each Commission-appointed member at two years, and the option of being re-nominated to serve additional terms.

The Ambulance Advisory Committee is comprised of nine members, including Joaquin Graham of American Medical Response (AMR), an urban-based certificated ambulance service; Karen Burns of the Clovis Fire Department, and AAC Chairman Mike Ristom of the Carlsbad Fire Department, representing two rural-based ambulance services; Mark Nason of the New Mexico State Firefighters' Association; Charles Schroeder, Operation Manager of the New Mexico Department of Health's EMS Bureau; Kyle Thornton, Bureau Chief of the New Mexico Department of Health's EMS Bureau; John Standefer, New Mexico State Fire Marshal; and Gregg Kotila of Ruidoso, and Don McNutt of Silver City, the two at-large AAC members. NMPRC Transportation Division Director Avelino Gutierrez serves as a non-voting member.

The Commission believes the work of the AAC continues to be relevant and useful to the Commission in a number of ways, including updating the Ambulance Rule (18.3.14 NMAC), amending rules outside of the ambulance rule in the Motor Carrier Act (NMSA 1978, § 65-2A-1 and 3), and to make other recommendations to the Commission on matters involving the ambulance and medical rescue industry.

About the NMPRC

The NMPRC regulates public utilities, telecommunications companies and motor carriers operating in the State of New Mexico. It also administers the State Fire Marshal's Office, the New Mexico Firefighters Training Academy in Socorro, N.M., and the Pipeline Safety Bureau.

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