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**NEWS RELEASE**

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual NM Fire & EMS Expo Set for Sept. 7-14 at Firefighters Training Academy

**SANTA FE** – The State Fire Marshal’s Division of the Public Regulation Commission announces the Fifth Annual New Mexico Fire & EMS Expo, to be held at the New Mexico Firefighters Training Academy in Socorro September 7-14. For seven days, emergency responders will be able to select from the most comprehensive offering of fire, rescue and emergency medical course in the state, with more than 130 classes offered.

This year’s theme is “Back to Basics,” and includes a fundamental training track about water application, or getting the “wet stuff on the red stuff.”

The Expo is a combination of the State Fire Marshal’s Annual Fire School, the New Mexico EMT Association’s Annual Conference and the New Mexico Fire Marshal’s Association’s training symposium.

The week’s activities will include the Opening Ceremony on Thursday, September 8, and the New Mexico 9/11 Memorial Ceremony on Sunday, September 11, both of which are open to the public.

### AWARDS BANQUET

The following people will be recognized at the Annual Awards Banquet on September 12:

- New Mexico Meritorious Service Award: Eldon Offutt, New Mexico Fire Marshal’s Division & White Sands Fire Department
- Fire Service Career Achievement Award: Travis Brown, Chief (retired), Las Cruces Fire Department
- Fire Chief of the Year: Preston Neff, Chief, Bluewater Village Fire Department
- Fire Officer of the Year: Mike Morrow, Ruidoso Fire Department
- Fire Instructor of the Year: Miguel Vigil, New Mexico National Guard
- Fire Code Inspector of the Year: Allan Silvers, Clovis Fire Department

## **MEDIA ACCESS**

The media is invited to attend all of the activities of the Expo. Access can be obtained for interviews and close ups of fire and rescue activities, and arrangements can be made for live feeds of fires suppression exercises at any time, including evening broadcasts. Special arrangements can be made for media personnel who wish to don protective equipment and participate in any of the live burns or rescue exercises. For more information please contact State Fire Marshal John Standefer at (505) 470-1227 or (505) 476-0173.

## **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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