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NEWS RELEASE

## 4th Annual NM Fire & EMS Expo Set for Sept. 10-16 at Firefighters Training Academy

### *'Diamond Jubilee' Theme Celebrates 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NM Annual Fire School*

**SANTA FE** – The State Fire Marshal's Division of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission announces the Fourth Annual New Mexico Fire & EMS Expo, to be held at the New Mexico Firefighters Training Academy in Socorro, N.M., September 10-16. Over the course of seven days, emergency responders will be able to select from the most comprehensive offering of fire, rescue and emergency medical courses in the state, with more than 150 classes offered. This year's theme is "Diamond Jubilee," celebrating the 60th anniversary of the New Mexico Annual Fire School.

The Expo is a combination of the State Fire Marshal's Annual Fire School, the New Mexico EMT Association's Annual Conference, the New Mexico Chapter International Association of Arson Investigator's training symposium, and the New Mexico Fire Marshal's Association's training symposium.

The week's activities will include a special salute to six decades of New Mexico firefighter training at the opening ceremony Thursday, September 10, and the New Mexico 9/11 memorial ceremony on Friday, September 11, both of which are open to the public.

The opening ceremony will also honor two individuals for their exemplary service. Mike Tooley, retired Truth or Consequences Fire Chief, will receive the New Mexico Fire Service Career Award for over 40 years of service with the Truth or Consequences Fire Department. Dr. William Boehm, who serves as medical director for 16 volunteer fire departments, will receive the EMS Career Achievement Award. He has over 30 years of emergency medical service and also serves as the Assistant Fire Chief of the Dungan Fire Department.

The following people will be recognized at the New Mexico EMT Association luncheon Sunday, September 13:

- Sally Mayeux – EMS Provider of the Year, Hillsboro Fire Department
- Cynthia Osborne – EMS Instructor of the Year, NMSU (Alamogordo)

The following people will also be recognized at the awards banquet Tuesday, September 15:

- Ron Munn – Fire Chief of the Year, Mayhill Fire Department

- Justin Grider – Fire Officer of the Year, Los Alamos Fire Department
- Chris Padilla – Fire Instructor of the Year, Socorro Fire Department
- William Farmer – Fire Investigator of the Year, New Mexico Fire Marshal Division
- Ted Sweester – Code Inspector of the Year, Las Cruces Fire Department
- Andrew Valencia – Firefighter of the Year, Grants Fire Department
- Eddy Coleman – Special Recognition, Mayhill Fire Department

The media is invited to attend all of the activities of the Expo. Access may be obtained for interviews and close ups of fire and rescue activities, and arrangements can be made for live feeds of fire 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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