

# New Mexico Law Enforcement Certification Board

Courts, Corrections & Justice Interim Committee  
*Sen. Joseph Cervantes, Chair*

*By Sen. Antonio “Moe” Maestas*

*July 1, 2025*

## POWERS & DUTIES; §29-7-4.3 (E-I)

- **Deny, suspend, or revoke:** peace officer's or telecommunicator's certifications for just cause - as provided in the Law Enforcement Training Act (LETA) and Public Safety Telecommunicator Training Act (PSTTA), respectively.
- **Conduct investigations,** administer oaths, and subpoena witnesses, records or other evidence relevant to an investigation.
- **Appoint a chief executive officer** to assist the board in carrying out its functions. CEO shall employ necessary personnel as necessary.
- **Adopt, publish and file rules,** in accordance with State Rules Act, concerning the implementation and enforcement of the LETA & PSTTA.
- **Issue or renew certifications to graduates** from approved basic law enforcement or telecommunicator training programs, who satisfy the qualifications

# CERT. BOARD – COMPOSITION; §29-7-4.3(C)

## **11 Members appointed by the Governor to serve staggered 5-year terms.**

1. Retired **district** judge, who serves as chair of the board;
2. Current or retired New Mexico state-certified municipal law enforcement manager in a command position;
3. Retired sheriff who was certified or a current sheriff who is certified as a law enforcement officer;
4. Current or retired state or local New Mexico state-certified law enforcement officer who has law enforcement management command experience;
5. Current or retired tribal law law enforcement officer;
6. Certified public safety telecommunicator;
7. Attorney in private practice who practices as a plaintiff's attorney in the area of civil rights or who represents criminal defendants;
8. Attorney in private practice who represents public entities in civil rights claims;
9. Attorney who is employed by the public defender department;
10. Professor of criminal justice at a public post-secondary educational institution in New Mexico; and
11. Citizen-at-large who has knowledge and interest in law enforcement training.

# IN-SERVICE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- In-service law enforcement training is required.
- A minimum of forty hours of academic instruction during each 24-month period
- Each police officer shall provide proof of completing in-service training requirements to their agency and the executive director of the LEA no later than March 1
- Failure to complete in-service training requirements or failure to report completion to the board may be grounds for suspension
- Failure to complete in-service training may result in the state withholding the agency's law enforcement protection fund distribution.
- Certification may be reinstated by the board when the police officer presents the board with evidence of satisfying in-service law enforcement training requirements.
- The Law Enforcement Certification board shall audit in-service law enforcement training compliance.

## 9-1-7. ADMINISTRATIVELY ATTACHED AGENCY; RELATIONSHIPS

A. An agency attached to a department for administrative purposes only shall:

(1) exercise its functions independently of the department and without approval or control of the department;

(2) submit its budgetary requests through the department; and

(3) submit reports required of it by law or by the governor through the department.

B. The department to which an agency is attached for administrative purposes only shall:

(1) provide, if mutually agreed, the budgeting, record-keeping and related administrative and clerical assistance to the agency; and

(2) include the agency's budgetary requests, as submitted and without changes, in the departmental budget.

C. Unless otherwise provided by law, the agency shall hire its own personnel in accordance with the Personnel Act [Chapter 10, Article 9 NMSA 1978].

**History: 1953 Comp., § 4-29B-7, enacted by Laws 1977, ch. 248, § 7.**

## LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATION BOARD

§ 29-7-4.3 (A). The "law enforcement certification board" is established and administratively attached to the department of public safety, and the department shall provide administrative services for the board and the law enforcement certification office.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS & TRAINING COUNCIL

§ 29-7-4. The "New Mexico law enforcement standards and training council" is created and is administratively attached to the New Mexico law enforcement academy of the department of public safety, which shall provide staff support for the council.

# CERTIFICATION BOARD AUTHORIZED FTE

<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	VACANT
EXEC SEC& ADM ASST III	VACANT
COMPLNCE OFFICER II	FILLED
BUS OPS SPEC III	FILLED
STATE INVESTIGATOR	VACANT
COMPLNCE OFFICER III	VACANT
DATA ANALYST I	VACANT
STAFF	VACANT
STAFF	FILLED
A/O II	VACANT
LAW CLERK	VACANT
ATTORNEY SUPERVISOR	VACANT





# STANDARDS & TRAINING COUNCIL AUTHORIZED FTE

<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
NM LEA INSTRUCTOR MANAGER	VACANT
GEN I	FILLED
LAW ENFORCE INSTRUCTOR PST MGR	FILLED
STAFF	FILLED
STAFF	VACANT
TRAIN & DEV SPEC III	FILLED
TRAIN & DEV SPEC III	FILLED
TRAIN & DEV SPEC III	FILLED
EXEC SEC& ADM ASST III	FILLED
EXEC SEC& ADM ASST III	VACANT
EXEC SEC& ADM ASST III	VACANT

