



**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**BRIEF FOR THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**DHSEM Homeland Security Bureau / Fusion Center Intelligence Sharing Partnerships**

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Fusion centers are a key element of our homeland security because they build, maintain and improve partnerships at the state, local, and federal levels and help ensure better coordination of vital counterterrorism and threat information. As threats to our state continue to evolve, we must take the necessary steps to mitigate gaps in threat detection, intelligence sharing, reporting and coordinated responses. Through critical local partnerships, the New Mexico All Source Intelligence Center (NMASIC), housed with the DHSEM Homeland Security Bureau, strives to collect and report on criminal intelligence to inform coordination, collaboration, resource mobilization and decision making regarding threats, risks and vulnerabilities in our state.

The Homeland Security Bureau at DHSEM is at present almost entirely funded by grant money from FEMA. The stagnant level of funding for New Mexico – almost unchanged for the past five years – has resulted in a no-growth status, which is not aligned to the significant increase in partnership engagement and demands for service. The draft budget for staffing for FY2020/21 provides for a significant increase in staffing – recognizing the demands for service and support, but does not provide for the general operating costs, or for the expansion required to adequately provide for the physical workspace and partnership collaboration to make best use of this staffing.

DHSEM has submitted draft legislation to help address these resource gaps, with the hope that through proof-of-concept and growth of the gains made thus far, FEMA will recognize the successful maturation of the bureau and fusion center and provide additional funding.

The NMASIC has evolved from a largely ineffective “pass-through” office to a fully engaged fusion center. The ineffective and costly approaches to intelligence collection and analysis using a “remote” approach have been replaced with effective regional outreach and engagement processes; the next evolution in the maturation of the NMASIC is to refine this partnership arrangement by maintaining the regional outreach and building a co-located coalition of partners to ensure 24/7 access and responsiveness and to collaborate on collection and assessment operations. This co-located fusion center approach is in-line with national best practices within the most successful fusion centers. As an example, the nearest similar center is the El Paso MATRIX; it maintains co-located space for approximately 20 partners, enabling direct and

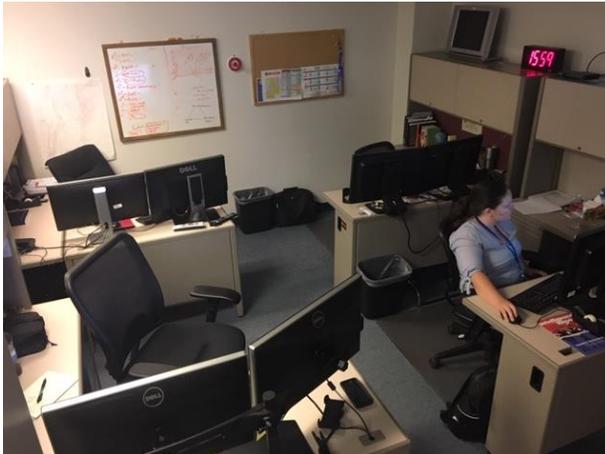
continuing intelligence collection, sharing and analysis and has helped make the El Paso region a safer community, lowering crime and providing effective support to a wide variety of federal, state, local and private sector partners. In all of the surrounding states co-located approach has proven to be successful and a “force multiplier” to the mandate and effectiveness of fusion centers.



**DHSEM Fusion Center**  
Partnership Working Space



**El Paso Matrix**  
Partnership Working Space



**DHSEM Fusion Center**  
Analyst/Operational Space



**El Paso Matrix "Bridge"**  
Operational Working Space

The DHSEM Homeland Security Bureau is also engaged in various working groups and represents the state within the National Fusion Center Association and the National Network of Fusion Centers, and closely collaborates with the US Department of Homeland Security's Intelligence and Analysis Office – including a co-located Intelligence Officer, ensuring direct and continuing engagement with the national intelligence community.

This partnerships list does not include “virtual partnerships” via the various contact/distributions lists for in-state and out-of-state Law Enforcement/Intelligence Community partners, Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources and the School Security Information Network, nor recurring meetings with FBI-Joint Terrorism Task Force (and JTTF Executive Board meetings), the US Attorney's Office Analyst Working Group, the Albuquerque and Las Cruces HIDTA meetings

(and HIDTA Executive Committee meetings), the Spaceport Intelligence and Security meetings and similar routine intelligence/information sharing efforts.

Additionally the Homeland Security Bureau maintains an extensive partnership across the southern border, particularly in those areas adjacent to Mexico. Through a new initiative DHSEM and the Homeland Security Bureau, and our in-house US DHS Intelligence Analysts have supported the piloting and temporary assignment pending recruitment, of a dedicated intelligence analyst from US DHS to the border area. This has resulted in almost a 10-fold increase in intelligence products addressing transnational crime and regional threats.

DHSEM also administers the disbursement of over \$3 million I supplemental funding through Operation Stonegarden; a project that addresses non-immigration border area enforcement of Drug, human and arms trafficking in coordination with US Customs and Border protection/Border patrol. Much of this funding, in goods and services is spent in the border region.

### **PARTNERSHIPS**

#### **LE/Public Safety Partners who have expressed an interest in supporting or possibly co-locating personnel at the proposed Albuquerque Partnerships Center of the DHSEM Homeland Security Bureau**

Albuquerque Police Department (RTCC/Homeland Security Office/SID-Intelligence/CID/IMPACT teams)

Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department (Intelligence/GRIP)

Bernalillo County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Office

Metropolitan Detention Center (Intelligence)

Albuquerque Fire and Rescue (Arson Investigations/Homeland Security)

University of New Mexico Police Department

Albuquerque Public School Police Department

Rio Rancho Police Department

Edgewood Police Department

City of Albuquerque Aviation Police (APD)

Second Judicial District (Investigations)

Federal Bureau of Investigation

US Border Patrol

Albuquerque/NM High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area ISC

Office of the Superintendent of Insurance (Office of Special Investigations)

Laguna Pueblo Police Department

Isleta Police Department

Santa Ana Police Department

Sandoval County Sheriff's Department

Valencia County Sheriff's Department

Los Lunas Police Department

CNM Office of Security

US Federal Protective Service (Contractor based security and intelligence)

NM Gang Task Force

Non-Profit/faith-based organizations with a security element, private security companies, the Albuquerque area hospitality industry's security and safety group and private schools have also expressed an interest in utilizing the resources of an Albuquerque based partnerships center. This direct community engagement and the ability to host private sector partnership meetings is intended to increase Suspicious Activity Reporting within the community and to provide a more direct link to support for the non-profit security grant program managed by DHSEM.

Additionally, both the Albuquerque Police Department Real-Time Crime Center and the Albuquerque Public School Police have expressed interest in partnership and sharing of real-time video feeds to an Albuquerque based fusion center to ensure continuity in situational awareness and responses.

### **Enchanted Circle Intelligence Group**

Taos Police Department  
Taos County Sheriff's Office  
Bureau of Land Management  
Internal Revenue Service  
US Forest Service  
US Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
New Mexico State Police  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
Department of Game and Fish  
San Luis Valley, Colorado State Patrol  
Angel Fire Police Department  
Taos Pueblo Police Department  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Questa Police Department  
New Mexico Corrections Department  
Espanola Police Department  
Colfax County Sheriff's Office  
Santa Fe Police Department  
US Department of Homeland Security

### **Artesia Regional Intelligence Group**

Artesia Police Department  
Carlsbad Police Department  
Roswell Police Department  
US Border Patrol  
New Mexico State Police  
US Department of Justice  
New Mexico High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

New Mexico Corrections Department  
Department of Game and Fish  
US Department of Homeland Security  
Lovington Police Department  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Hobbs Police Department  
Eddy County Sheriff's Office  
Town of Tatum Police Department  
Lea County Sheriff's Office  
Chaves County Sheriff's Office

**Alamogordo Area Intelligence Group**

Alamogordo Police Department  
US Border Patrol  
US Department of Homeland Security  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
New Mexico State Police  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations  
Otero County Sheriff's Office  
WSMR Police Department

**SE NM Intelligence Group**

Ruidoso Police Department  
Lincoln County Sheriff's Office  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Ruidoso Downs Police Department  
New Mexico State Police  
US Department of Homeland Security  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Village of Capitan Police Department  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

**Albuquerque Metro Area**

Albuquerque Police Department  
Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office  
Rio Rancho Police Department  
Sandoval County Sheriff's Office

**Clovis/eastern NM Intelligence Group**

Clovis Police Department

Curry County Sheriff's Office  
Portales Police Department  
Texico Police Department  
Tucumcari Police Department  
Cannon Air Force Base – Office of Special Investigations  
New Mexico Administrative Office of the District Attorneys  
Quay County Sheriff's Office  
Roosevelt County Sheriff's Office  
New Mexico Corrections Department

**East Mountain Area Intelligence Group**

Edgewood Police Department  
Moriarty Police Department  
Estancia Police Department  
Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office  
Torrance County Sheriff's Office  
New Mexico State Police  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New Mexico Administrative Office of the District Attorney  
US Department of Homeland Security  
Mountainair Police Department

**Oil Field Crime Commission Group (+ Private Sector Oil/Gas Industry Partners)**

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Artesia Police Department  
Roswell Police Department  
NM State Police  
Border Patrol  
NM Game and Fish Law Enforcement  
US Department of Homeland Security  
Texas Oilfield Commission (TXDPS)