

# NEW MEXICO NATIONAL GUARD

## 2026 Legislative Session

### **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT):**

- Ready & trained response force for state-wide emergencies
- 2025 Initial funding: \$2.5M in non-recurring
- 2026: Requested \$2M through GF, received \$1.5M through non-recurring

### **Tricare Reserve Select (TRS)**

- 2026 Funding via HB376: \$541K
- 2027 Funding: \$1M
- Current funding covers 367 Guardsmen & family

### **State Active-Duty (SAD) Tax Exemption (2026 - SB116)**

- Parity for Guardsmen on SAD to Active-Duty counterparts
- FIR: \$1.8M/yr estimated reduction in General Fund
- Tax Expenditure Rule required more rigorous SFC review

### **NM Governor's Summer Challenge (NMGSC)**

- Expand Governor's Summer Challenge to 5 schools
- 2024 Initial funding: \$0 via GF; \$77K via at risk funds
- 2025 funding: \$750K non-recurring; 3 APS schools
- 2026 Funding: Requested \$1.5M, received \$1M non-recurring; 3 APS, 2 Rural schools

## 2027 Legislative Efforts

### **Request 1: CERT 1–2-year funding via Recurring General**

- Currently 2 FTE & 9 Seasonal, Increase provides 23 FTEs
- Proven concept: Ruidoso, Roswell, Mora, ABQ, Grant County
- Critical to sustained capacity to respond quickly & effectively

### **Request 2: Increase TRS Funding via Recurring General**

- Request \$2M Increase in Recurring General in FY28
- Secures healthcare for those who volunteer for NM disasters
- \$5.5M will cover all eligible drilling guardsman

### **Request 3: Increase NMGSC Funding via Recurring General**

- Request \$1.5M increase in FY28
- Secures funding to sustain 5 schools, potentially grow rural programs

### **Request 4: Help Keep Leaders in NM**

- NM is losing the NMMI recruitment battle: Syracuse leads way
- NM needs to incentivize leaders to stay in NM to lead forward
- Formal pathways for young officers to work in NM Government
- State Active Duty (SAD) Tax Parity – like SB116 & SB117
- Enable SAD to support youth programs – Leadership Lab
- NMMI-to-NM Universities Bridge – scholarships as incentives
- Graduate School Stipend: for guardsmen pursuing Master's/Doctorates in high-demand fields
- Statewide JEEP – Any New Mexican that helps recruit