



- The bill also provides for at least twenty hours of board-approved “advanced training” for certified telecommunicators, to be taken once every two years.

Significant Issues

- Those working in this capacity in New Mexico’s safety agencies are the frontline response to emergencies, both individual and public. This training is key to ensuring the most timely, appropriate responses.
- The current training, standards and procedures are not consistent. They are not consistent throughout the state’s various agencies, and are not consistent with the Public Telecommunicator Training Act.
- This bill is the result of a collaborative project, undertaken by the Department of Public Safety/Law Enforcement Academy Board, the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, and the National Emergency Number Association.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

SB 386 contains no appropriation. There will be some costs to the Department of Public Safety, Law Enforcement Academy Board, for the basic training and the advanced re-certification. The department has indicated it can absorb any such costs into existing budget and FTE resources.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The Law Enforcement Academy Board will be required to undertake building the program, and has indicated it is capable of doing so within its current budget and FTE levels.

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