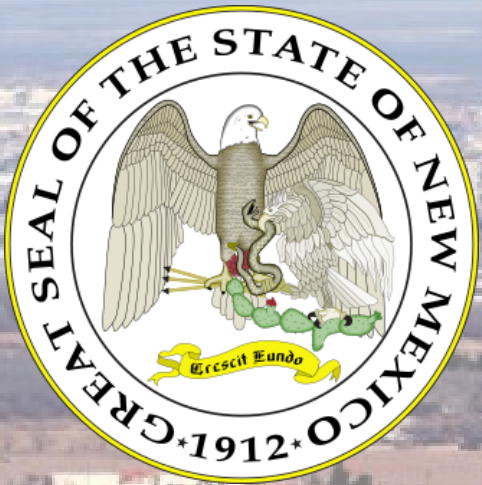




New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) and State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO)



October 18th, 2022

What we don't do

- We are **not** a branch of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- We are **not** border patrol agents or customs officials
- We are **not** first responders
- We are **not** fire fighters
- We do **not** have fire suppression assets
- We are **not** involved in every emergency
- We are **not** allocated federal grant money without “strings”



What we do

DHSEM

- Conduit between federal programs and localities/Tribes
- Financial and training resource for NM Fire Service and Fire Prevention Specialists
- Information hub and clearing-house
- Grant funding opportunity for localities/Tribes
- State point of contact for DHS, including FEMA, border patrol, and customs
- Planning, training, and recovery specialists
- Mitigation and recovery specialists

SFMO

- Financial funding through Fire Protection Fund and Fire Grant Fund
- Training resource for NM Fire Service through Academy and statewide classes
- Provide inspection and investigation services to NM fire departments
- Provide fire prevention outreach information to fire departments and the general public

Our Partners

- New Mexico National Guard
- State agencies
 - Health, Public Safety, Indian Affairs
- Local governments
 - Cities, counties, special districts, fire departments
- All 23 of New Mexico's Pueblos, Tribes, & Nations
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
 - FEMA, Border Patrol, Immigration & Customs
- Non-Governmental Organizations
 - American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, International Association of Fire Fighters
- The U.S. Department of Energy, the FBI, and other federal agencies



DHSEM In Action: FY22

○ COVID-19

- § Processed more than \$172 million dollars in FEMA Public Assistance funding
- § Operated a warehouse and helped distribute more than 15 million units of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) throughout the pandemic
- § Regularly partnered with IAD, CYFD, DOH, DOT, NMDA, and the National Guard to provide food and water distributions to COVID-positive communities across New Mexico's tribes, pueblos, and nations.

○ Natural Disasters

- § Collaboratively coordinated efforts to respond to and recover from the state's largest recorded wildfires in history by integrating federal, state and local efforts
- § DHSEM is actively administering 15 state emergency declarations in up to \$750,000 increments across the state for fire-related, flooding, and snow squall events



DHSEM In Action: FY22

- **Homeland Security**

- § **Conducted real-time threat monitoring and cyber threat analysis in advance of the primary, general, and special elections in 2020 and 2021**
- § **Established secure virtual environments to coordinate and deconflict cybersecurity efforts across the Secretary of State, National Guard, DHS Intelligence & Analysis, and various law enforcement agencies**

- **Finances**

- § **Reconciled State executive orders on our balance sheet which had never been done since the creation of the department. This allowed DHSEM to revert \$6.7 million to the General Fund**
- § **Following accounting and administrative improvements in FY22 our standing with FEMA drastically improved to such an extent that the department is no longer on any controlled draws for federal funding**



DHSEM In Action: FY22

○ Programmatic

- § The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant makes federal funds available for natural hazard risk mitigation activities with an emphasis on promoting climate adaptation and resilience. For the federal fiscal year 2022, there is \$2.29 million available nationwide for the BRIC grant. The set-aside for New Mexico is \$2 million
- § DHSEM is moving our preparedness coordinators out of Santa Fe and into the regions they serve. We are also working with our federal and tribal partners to establish tribal emergency operations centers in the northern and southern parts of the state. The state will receive \$3 million in federal funding to support this effort and it is also anticipated that DHSEM will receive \$0.9 million in federal funding to upgrade the State EOC at our headquarters
- § To date, DHSEM administers 20 State Emergency Declarations for calendar year 2022, and increasing



DHSEM in Action

State Fire Marshal's Office

- **Code Enforcement:** Ensure the state's public buildings comply with national fire codes and are safe for occupancy. Code Enforcement will adopt IFC (International Fire Code) on November 1, 2022.
- **Service Support:** Conduct fire prevention outreach and education, coordinate with Insurance Service Office on risk ratings, and oversee the Fire Protection Grant Fund - which aims to distribute \$29 million+ to local fire departments in FY23. Fire Support Bureau, in partnership with Red Cross and local fire departments, installed 200 smoke alarms (for approximately 100 homes) for FY 21 and FY22 combined. Fire Support has added a fire prevention specialist.
- **Investigation:** In 2020, SFMO established a first-of-its-kind Arson Task Force to investigate large fire incidents, combining firefighting, insurance, law enforcement, and legal experts to identify and convict arsonists investigated 220 fire in 2021. In 2022 investigations added a K-9.
 - ➔ Led to more calls for assistance (from NM locals and surrounding states), a 51% increase in fire investigations from FY20 to FY21, and more arson prosecutions thanks to working relationships with DAs
- **Academy:** 2021 Provide high-quality fire service training to roughly 4,000 first responders every year
 - Completed construction of new burn building in April at NM Fire Training Academy



DHSEM FY24 General Fund Request

FY22 Actual: \$3,279.6

FY23 Operating Budget: \$3,444.9

FY24 Budget Request: \$3,444.9

(thousands of dollars)

Recommendation:

Remain Flat from FY23 → FY24



**Thank you
for your time**

