

**24th Annual New Mexico Fire Service Conference
September 28 – October 1, 2023 ✦ Ruidoso, New Mexico**

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM-AT-A-GLANCE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

8:00 – 11:00 am

EMS FUND ACT UPDATE

- Rachel Marquez
Fund Act Coordinator
NMDOH - EMS Bureau

9:00 am – 6:30 pm

REGISTRATION

10:30 am – 6:30 pm

VENDORS SET-UP

11:30 am – 6:00 pm

**LINDA GAUME JARAMILLO
MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

6:30 – 8:30 pm

WELCOME RECEPTION & DINNER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

7:30 am – 5:00 pm

REGISTRATION

8:00 – 8:30 am

**REFRESHMENTS/VENDOR TIME
EXHIBIT HALL OPEN**

8:30 – 9:30 am

OPENING CEREMONIES

Class A Uniforms or coat and tie

WELCOME

- James Salas, NMFCA President

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- *Senator William Burt
NM State District 33
- *Diego Arencon, Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the Governor
- A.J. Forte, NMML Executive Director

9:30 – 11:30 am

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**TOPIC: Facing Today's Challenges
to Frame the Future for New
Mexico's Fire Service**

- Greg Perez
Fire Chief/Deputy County Manager
Bernalillo County

11:30 – 1:00 pm - **LUNCH**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH Con't.

12:00 – 4:30 pm

EXHIBIT HALL OPEN

1:30 – 5:00 pm

AFTERNOON GENERAL SESSION

1:30 – 4:00 pm

**TOPIC: Fireground Strategies:
Strategic Decision Making**

- Anthony Avillo, MS
Deputy Fire Chief (Ret.)
North Hudson, New Jersey

2:45 – 3:00 pm - **BREAK**

4:00 – 4:30 pm

**TOPIC: NM State Fire Marshal's
Office Updates, Q & A**

- Randy Varela
NM State Fire Marshal

4:30 – 5:00 pm

**TOPIC: PERA Volunteer Firefighters
Retirement Program Update**

- Christina Gauthier
Public Relations Coordinator
Public Employees Retirement Assn.

5:30 – 10:00 pm

DINNER & MUSIC

Entertainment: THUNDERKATZ

Classic Country – Fabian Romero

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

REGISTRATION

8:00 – 9:00 am

REFRESHMENTS & VENDOR TIME

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

EXHIBIT HALL OPEN

9:00 – 11:30 am

MORNING GENERAL SESSION

TOPIC: Left Seat Tips and Tactics

- Nick Peppard
Firefighter/Paramedic
Oshkosh Fire Department, WI

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH - Con't.

11:30 am – 1:30 pm - **VENDOR TIME**

12:00 – 1:30 pm - **LUNCH**

1:30 – 4:15 pm

AFTERNOON GENERAL SESSION

1:30 – 4:00 pm

**TOPIC: A Best Practices Approach:
Engineering Comprehensive
Operations/Water Mapping**

- Seth Barker
Deputy Chief of Operations
Big Sky Fire Department, MT

2:45 – 3:00 pm – **BREAK**

4:15 – 6:00 pm

**NMFCA ANNUAL BUSINESS
MEETING & BOARD ELECTION
(President-Elect, D1 & D3)**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

8:30 am – 12:30 pm

CLOSING PLENARY

8:30 – 10:15 am

**TOPIC: The Role of the Public
Information Officer**

- Jason Fejer, Lt.
Public Information Officer
Albuquerque Fire Rescue

10:15 – 10:30 am -**BREAK**

10:30 am – 12:00 noon

**TOPIC: Theres a Snake in My
Bumper**

- Matthew D. Rush
The Gooder Guy-
Artist & AGvocate

- Door Prize Drawings
- SW Division – IAFC Business
Meeting & Election

12:30 pm

CONFERENCE ADJOURNS

**Invited*