

27th Annual New Mexico Fire Service Conference

September 23 – 27, 2026 ♦ Ruidoso, New Mexico

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM-AT-A-GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

7:30 – 8:30 am
**EXRICATION COMPETITION
REGISTRATION**

9:00 am – 4:00 pm
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

9:00 am – 6:00 pm
REGISTRATION

9:00 am – 6:00 pm
VENDORS SET-UP

11:00 am – 5:00 pm
**LINDA GAUME JARAMILLO
MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

1:00 – 4:00 pm
**TOPIC: FUND ACT & EMS AGENCY
CERTIFICATION**

- Rachel Marquez, Fund Act Coord.
NMDOH - EMS Bureau

6:00 – 8:00 pm
**WELCOME RECEPTION, VENDOR
SHOW & DINNER**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

7:30 am – 5:00 pm
**REGISTRATION /
EXHIBIT HALL OPEN**

8:00 – 8:30 am
OPENING CEREMONIES
Class A Uniforms or coat and tie

WELCOME

- T.J. Cathey, NMFA President
- James Salas, NMFA Dir III & Past President
- Mayor Lynn Crawford

8:30 – 8:50 am
KEYNOTE ADDRESS

TOPIC/SPEAKER: TBA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH – Cont.

9:00 – 11:30 am
MORNING GENERAL SESSION

**TOPIC: FULLY INVOLVED
LEADERSHIP: BIG 4 PRINCIPALS**

- Mark Von Appen Captain (Retired)
Palo Alto Fire Department, CA

11:30 am – 1:00 pm
LUNCH

1:00 – 4:00 pm
AFTERNOON GENERAL SESSION

1:00 – 4:00 pm
**TOPIC: BATTALION CHIEF
STRATEGY AND TACTICS**

- Daniel Sheridan, Battalion Chief (Ret.)
FDNY - Mahopac, NY

2:45 – 3:00 pm – **BREAK**

5:30 – 10:00 pm
DINNER & MUSIC ON THE PATIO
Entertainment: FR Classic Country

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

8:00 am – 12:00 pm
REGISTRATION

8:00 am – 1:00 pm
EXHIBIT HALL OPEN

9:00 – 11:30 am
MORNING GENERAL SESSION

TOPIC: COMMON SENSE CHIEF'N'

- Jonah Smith, Battalion Chief
Charlotte, NC Fire Department
Hornet Fire Training

11:30 am – 1:15 pm
VENDOR TIME

12:00 – 1:15 pm
LUNCH & VENDOR DOOR PRIZES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH - Cont.

1:15 – 4:00 pm
AFTERNOON GENERAL SESSION

1:15 – 4:00 pm
**TOPIC: FIRE DYNAMICS CORE
CONCEPTS**

- Daniel Sheridan, Battalion Chief (Ret.)
FDNY - Mahopac, NY

2:45 – 3:00 pm – **BREAK**

4:15 – 6:00 pm
**NMFCA ANNUAL BUSINESS
MEETING & BOARD ELECTION**
(Directors 2, 4 & Secretary)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

9:00 – 11:00 am
CLOSING GENERAL SESSION

**TOPIC: MAKING A CAREER CHOICE
IN THE FIRE SERVICE**

- Jake Canavan, Fire Chief
Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department
Eddy County Fire Services

**CLOSING REMARKS FROM NMFA
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- Door Prize Drawings

11:30 am
CONFERENCE ADJOURNS

