



New Mexico Fire Service Council



P.O. Box 27111, 13 Bataan Blvd., Santa Fe, NM 87508

Members of the council represent the following organizations:

- Metro Fire Chiefs Association*
- New Mexico Fire Marshals Association*
- New Mexico EMT Association*
- Fire and Emergency Managers Affiliate of NM Counties*
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- New Mexico Professional Fire Fighters Association*
- New Mexico State Fire Fighters Association*
- NM Governor's Office*
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Meeting Minutes

July 30th, 2024

10am to 12noon

Location: State Fire Marshals ABQ Office, Oso Grande Building, 725 6th street NW Albuquerque, NM 87102

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85329145259?pwd=bfHUKapPwnFkNrrRWs0zYttl99L0rV.1>

I.	<p>Call to Order by Vice-Chair Lambert at 10:02am</p> <p>Roll Call</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greg Perez, Council Chair—Metro Fire Chiefs Association - Absent 2. Milo Lambert, Vice-Chair – NM Fire Marshals Association - Present 3. Jaime Gonzales – Fire & Emergency Managers Affiliate of NM Counties - Present 4. Tomi DeSoto – NM EMT Association – Present 5. Kevin Hope – NM Fire Chiefs Association – Present via Zoom 6. Bert Quintana – NM Professional Fire Fighters Association – Present via Zoom 7. John Standefer – NM State Firefighters Association - Present 8. David Vega – Governor’s Appointee - Present via Zoom 9. Carla Williams – Senate Appointee – Present via Zoom at 10:17 hrs. 10. Ramon Vilorio—House of Representative Appointee - Absent
II.	<p>Approval of agenda for July 30th, 2024</p> <p>Motion to approve agenda for July 30th, 2024, meeting made by Councilor Jaime Gonzales and a second by Councilor John Standefer. All members voted in favor of approval of the agenda. Agenda approval passed.</p>
III.	<p>Approval of minutes from June 11th, 2024</p> <p>Motion to approve the minutes from the June 11th, 2024, meeting was made by Vice-Chair Milo Lambert and a second by Councilor Jaime Gonzales. All members voted in favor of approval of the minutes. Minutes approval passed.</p>
IV.	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>No public comment</p>
V.	<p>Old Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussion/Action - Subcommittee Updates on Proposed Rules on Policies and Procedures <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Complaints – Councilor Quintana and Councilor Gonzales <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Councilor Gonzales stated they need more work and stated the issue of what the council can hear needs to be defined. It was agreed by the council that any HR issues are to be directed to State Fire Marshal’s Office and agreed the council does not hear issues on personnel performance. Stated the statute state’s the council can only offer their recommendations to the State Fire Marshal’s Office. Stated a form and process for submitting and receiving complaints needs to be established. b. Hearings/Appeals – Councilor Lambert and Councilor Hope <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Councilor Lambert stated minimum revisions are needed. Stated time constraints are bound by legislation. Stated a process of receiving appeals needs to be established. c. Line of Duty Deaths – Chair Perez and Councilor Standefer <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Councilor Standefer stated their draft needs more work. Stated who is eligible needs to be established along with the definition of a firefighter. Stated individuals must be part of a state



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	<p>certified fire department by the State Fire Marshal's Office. Also stated State Forestry and Tribal Fire departments need to be further looked at for eligibility.</p> <p>d. AG Leslie Padilla stated she would like to meet with the subcommittees to finalize drafts.</p> <p>e. Motion made to continue work on policies and procedures by Vice-Chair Lambert and seconded by Councilor Standefer. All members voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.</p>
VI.	<p>New Business</p> <p>1. Update on NM Fire Recruitment and Retention Grant – Councilor Lambert</p> <p>a. SFM Randy Varela stated recruitment awards will be announced in August. Stated 63 departments were awarded employing 353 personnel.</p>
VII	<p>Announcements</p> <p>1. Council Member Announcements</p> <p>a. Greg Perez, Council Chair—Metro Fire Chiefs Association – N/A</p> <p>b. Milo Lambert – NM Fire Marshals Association – stated NM Fire Marshal's Association conference this August in Ruidoso.</p> <p>c. Jaime Gonzales – Fire & Emergency Managers Affiliate of NM Counties – stated Affiliate is looking at adding seasonal firefighters to return to work bill.</p> <p>d. Tomi DeSoto – NM EMT Association - none</p> <p>e. Kevin Hope – NM Fire Chiefs Association – stated NM Fire Chief's Conference is being planned for the end of September.</p> <p>f. Bert Quintana – NM Professional Fire Fighters Association - none</p> <p>g. John Standefer – NM State Firefighters Association – stated 2024 NM Fire and EMS Expo award nominations are open for submission.</p> <p>h. David Vega – Governor's Appointee - none</p> <p>i. Carla Williams – Senate Appointee – none</p> <p>j. Ramon Vilorio—House of Representative Appointee – N/A</p>
VII	<p>Adjourn -</p> <p>1. Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Councilor Gonzales and seconded by Councilor Standefer. Meeting adjourned at 11:53am.</p> <p>2. Next meeting scheduled for September 17th, 2024 at the State Fire Marshals ABQ Office, Oso Grande Building, 725 6th street NW Albuquerque, NM 87102.</p>