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Message from the Associate Vice President

Welcome!

NMSU Facilities and Services is a professional service organization that supports New Mexico State University in its mission of instruction, research, public service and extension education by providing support and service to students, faculty, staff and the community. The NMSU Las Cruces campus is much like a small city, and through the efforts of 350 staff, Facilities and Services is responsible for the physical environment, the fire protection, and the environmental health and safety of the students, faculty, visitors and staff.

The Fire Department senior leadership team of Chief Carrillo, Deputy Chief Huber, and Captains Tarkington and Guerin bring a wealth of experience to our department. In addition to having the capability of extinguishing any type of fire, the Fire Department provides medical response, emergency planning, plan review, and building code oversight. I am most proud, however, of their prevention efforts through safety inspections.

There have been many exciting changes and accomplishments in the NMSU Fire Department this year, and we are proud to share them with you!

Glen Haubold
Associate Vice President Facilities & Services
Message from the Fire Chief

2016 proved to be a challenging year for New Mexico State University and its Fire Department. Faced with another year of budget cuts, we had to evaluate how we do business and streamline our processes as we also searched for alternate funding sources to compliment our shrinking budget.

The Fire Department Administrative Staff answered the challenge, we were awarded a grant by the New Mexico Fire Protection Grant Council for $100,000. The Fire Department utilized these funds to purchase needed general firefighting equipment, personal protective equipment and rescue gear. Our goal is to be able to continue serving our community to the same high level at the same time being able to provide our firefighters with the training, equipment and personal protective equipment so they could safety do their jobs.

We increased our presence in the community by developing partnerships with the Dean of Students Office, Housing and Residential Life, NMSU Police Department and Sodexo. By doing so, we were able to accomplish more and ultimately save on costs. Some of our joint ventures include: the “After the Fire” safety presentation, Halloween Extravaganza at the Fire Department and our escort of Santa Claus through family housing in December.

We are committed to excellence and continue to look for ways to better serve our community. Responding to fire and medical emergencies is only a small part of our service. You will also see us throughout the year providing fire safety inspections, firefighter training, fire safety and CPR classes, medical standbys at many sporting events and at concerts or special events.

It is with great pleasure and honor that we continue to serve our NMSU community.

Johnny Carrillo
Fire Chief
Meet Our Staff


Bottom Row, L to R: Administrative Assistant Mary Ann Ventura, Fire Chief Johnny Carrillo and Deputy Fire Chief Louis Huber.
Funding

The Fire Departments budget for FY 2016/17 was $625,191.

NMSU  $ 524,951  Salaries and operating costs.

NM State Fire Fund  $91,599  Used to purchase firefighting equipment, fuel, vehicle maintenance, uniforms, personal protective equipment, communications and firefighter training.

EMS Fund  $8,641  EMS equipment, medical supplies, EMS training

Additional grant support:

The 2017 New Mexico Fire Protection Grant was extremely competitive this year—there were over $28 million in needs and only $10.1 million to distribute. NMSU was awarded $100,000 to purchase in-mask communication equipment, personal protective equipment which includes 20-full sets of bunker gear, forcible entry training equipment, fire hoses and a PortaCount face mask fit tester. The grant required a 20% match. Pictured are a few of the items received.
NMSU Fire Department at a Glance
In 2016, we responded to 994 calls for service.

Over half of those responses were for rescue and emergency medical service, followed by good intent (cancelled en route or nothing found) and false alarms. Fires accounted for less than 5% of the total call volume. Our average response time on NMSU campus was 3:50.
Call Volume by **Month of the Year**
May and September were our busiest months in 2016.

Call Volume by **Day of the Week**
Friday and Saturday were our busiest days in 2016.
Call Volume by **Hour of the Day**

Between 8am—7pm were the peak hours for emergency responses.
In Support of Our Neighbors

Otherwise known as Dona Ana Fire District 3, NMSU FD is one of 16 fire districts in Dona Ana County who are all financially supported by the State of New Mexico.

NMSU FD, like the other fire districts in Dona Ana County offer and receive aid upon request. In 2016, NMSU FD responded to 440 calls for aid. Our average response time to the County was 10:49.
Fire Prevention & Codes Enforcement

In 2016, NMSU’s main campus had several of its buildings undergo renovation as well as new construction.

The Fire Department ensured that the construction followed the latest iterations of the International Fire Code and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards to include fire alarm and/or suppression sprinkler systems.

- Jett Hall
- Rentfrow Gym
- Coca Cola Gym
- Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Dona Ana Community College
- Cotton Gin
- Club 27
- Women’s Swim Team Locker Room

Another major project that occurred was the decommissioning of Monagle Hall. The area is currently being converted to green space.
Community Outreach

Public Outreach Focus

Our partnership with NMSU’s Dean of Students, Housing and Residential Life, Police Department and Sodexo continued to flourish as we once again hosted fire safety presenters Shawn Simons and Alvaro Llanos. They spoke of their life changing experience at the infamous Seton Hall Fire of 2000. The Fire Department has noticed a significant decrease in false alarms from previous years since we started hosting fire safety awareness presentations.

Halloween Extravaganza!

There was a great turnout at the 1st Halloween Extravaganza event held at the NMSU Fire Station. Over 300 NMSU community youths stopped by to enjoy the festivities.

CPR and Fire Extinguisher Training

The number of people receiving CPR training more than doubled as compared to previous years.
2016 was a busy year for us!

Here are some of the events we participated in throughout the year:

- New Employee Orientation
- Student Orientation
- Young Achievers Forum
- Halloween Extravaganza
- Tortugas Annual Pilgrimage
- Tough Enough to Wear Pink
- Career Expo
- Faculty Orientation
- Move-In Day
- Student Employment Fair
- Aggie Memorial
- Southern NM Fallen Peace Officer Memorial
- Facilities and Service Picnic
- Spring Wellness Fair
- Myrna’s Children’s Village Carnival
- Tours at the Fire Station
- Facilities and Service Safety Blitz
- After the Fire Safety presentation
- Founder’s Day
- Finals Late Night Breakfast
- Aggie Athletic Games
- Santa’s Escort through NMSU
- Graduation Day
NMSU has a Very Unique Student Firefighter Program

We employ 14 full-time students from either the NMSU main campus or Dona Ana Branch. This comprises 70% of our firefighting team. As part of the program, each student firefighter must maintain their GPA and meet the same qualifications and standards as professional firefighters. This includes obtaining their New Mexico Emergency Medical Technician Basic license and Firefighter I / II certification.

Our students graduate with a degree and experiences that few jobs can offer! In 2016, Patrick Armijo, Tyler Aguirre and Angelo Pacheco received their diplomas.

NMSU’s 2016 Firefighter of the Year

Patrick Armijo and Tyler Aguirre

Mario Pacheco joined the Fire Department in March of 2015. His most recent accomplishment includes attaining the rank of Lieutenant and completing his Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate certification. Mario has shown himself to be a genuine leader that pushes himself and his crew to perform to their upmost capability. Mario is currently pursuing a degree in Kinesiology at NMSU.

Angelo Pacheco

Our Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT)

We employ approximately 10 part-time EMT’s to staff sporting events and concerts throughout the year.
Training

Training plays a vital role in the development and preparation of our firefighters to respond to the many emergencies that arise.

In 2016, we logged 4,837 hours of in-house firefighter and emergency medical training. A few categories we train on include: building familiarization, fire pre-planning, emergency medical, hazardous materials, technical rescue, vehicle extrication, driver / operator, company officer and basic firefighter skills.

NMSU student firefighters train to NFPA Fire Training Standards to achieve the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) certifications. Our goal is that each firefighter reaches the Fire Fighter II level along with the NM Emergency Medical Technician Basic level or higher in their first year. Many of our firefighters seek and specialize in other areas of firefighting such as Confined Space Rescue, Hazardous Materials, Rope Rescue, Vehicle and Heavy Machinery Extrication. Others expand on their emergency medical skills by obtaining their Intermediate or Advance level licensure.
For more information about NMSU Fire Department and other community outreach and public education programs, please call:

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