



**New Mexico Fire Chiefs Association  
2014 New Mexico Fire Service Conference  
September 29 - October 2  
Ruidoso, New Mexico**

**To:** All Interested Fire Service Personnel  
**From:** Chief James Salas, NMFCA President  
**Date:** July 24, 2014

The New Mexico Fire Chiefs Association will host the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual New Mexico Fire Service Conference September 29<sup>th</sup> - October 2<sup>nd</sup> in Ruidoso. The conference program will offer dynamic and timely workshops presented by nationally known speakers. New this year, the EMS Bureau will present a session that will offer continuing education credit (CE's). There will also be an exhibit hall packed with the latest in fire service apparatus and equipment and valuable door prizes. A pre-conference golf tournament will be held on The Links at Sierra Blanca on Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. A registration form is enclosed and is also available on the New Mexico Municipal League website: [www.nmml.org](http://www.nmml.org).

**CONFERENCE SPEAKERS**

**Jerry Wells** is a Battalion Chief with the Lewisville, Texas Fire Department. With his 29 years of service, he has served at all levels from FF/PM to BC. He is a second generation firefighter and holds a bachelor's degree in emergency management from the University of North Texas. He has been a volunteer in his community and served as an adjunct instructor for a short time at Collin County Community College of Fire Science. He has been an FDIC instructor since 2010, and also speaks at FD graduations and banquets

**Mike Pietsch** is a Civil Engineer and ISO employee who has performed ISO PPC (Public Protection Classification) exclusively for over 28 years. He is a Technical Reviewer over the PPC program for 13 of the 28 years; Member of the ISO committee which wrote the Hauled Water Method of Crediting Alternative Water Supplies; Assisted with the development of the ISO Field Procedure Reference Guide, written from 1980 through 2002; Consultant over the past 13 years assisting over 400 communities improve their ISO PPC; and, Principal member of NFPA 1901 Committee (standards committee for fire apparatus) for over 20 years. Mike has a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and master's degree in Civil Engineering from SMU. He's currently pursuing his doctorate in Civil Engineering and is a member of the Chi Epsilon (Honorary National Civil Engineering Fraternity).

**Tom Aurnhammer**, EFO, CFO, MIFireE, IAAI-CFI®, is Deputy Chief of the Los Pinos Fire Protection District in Ignacio, CO. Chief Aurnhammer commenced his 38-year fire service career in 1976 and has served with fire agencies in New Jersey, New Mexico and Colorado. He is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program (EFO) and has received his Chief Fire Officer (CFO) designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence. He was also granted the grade of Member in the Institution of Fire Engineers (MIFireE). Chief Aurnhammer is an Adjunct Faculty member at the National Fire Academy and the New Mexico Fire Fighter Academy. Tom has taught at numerous regional, state, national and international programs and academic institutions and is widely published in the national trade journals in the areas of fire investigation, safety and the executive management of fire departments.

**Registration**

*Full Conference*

\$200 (by September 15<sup>th</sup>)  
\$250 (September 16<sup>th</sup> - September 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
\$300 (after September 22<sup>nd</sup>) on-site

*Golf Tournament (includes lunch)*

\$55 (by September 15<sup>th</sup>)  
\$65 (after September 15<sup>th</sup> & on-site)

Again this year, the Linda Gaume Jaramillo Memorial Scholarship is available. This scholarship will be awarded to an individual in the fire service field who requires financial assistance to attend the NMFSC. This scholarship will cover the cost of the registration fee only. For more information and to obtain an application, contact Jackie Portillo at [jportillo@nmml.org](mailto:jportillo@nmml.org).

**Lodging**

Call The Lodge at Sierra Blanca directly at 866-211-7727 and refer to the NM Fire Service Conference to receive the conference rates. Make your reservations prior to the September 14<sup>th</sup> cut-off date. After the cut-off date, the discounted rates are no longer guaranteed; rooms will be on a space and rate availability basis only. *Please note that rooms may sell out prior to the cut-off date.* Conference rates are as follows: Double Deluxe Queen - \$70.00, King Studio Suite - \$79.00, King One Bedroom Suite - \$89.00. All rates are subject to tax, based on single or double occupancy and include a breakfast buffet.

Don't forget your Class A's for Tuesday morning Opening Ceremonies! Hope to see you in Ruidoso!