Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Vision
To protect New Mexicans and the citizens and visitors of the United States through a comprehensive, coordinated all hazard, all threat Homeland Security and Emergency Management program that maximizes the ability of New Mexico to be responsive to changing and emerging threats, regardless of cause.

History
The Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management was created as a cabinet level agency during the 2007 legislative session. With a staff of over 60, DHSEM leads the State’s response to emergencies and disasters while providing for the safety and welfare of its citizens. Emergencies and disasters can be defined as something caused by natural or human-made events or any other circumstance as determined by the Governor. When necessary, the State assists local jurisdictions whose capabilities are overwhelmed serving as the conduit for assistance from the Federal government. The Department follows the principal of emergency management: preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery.

Goals
Expand regional collaboration to prevent, protect, respond to and recover from a terrorist incident, disaster, or emergency.

Ensure state and jurisdictions have an All Hazard Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) that addresses local vulnerabilities.

Improve border security at the US/Mexico international border.

Procure proper equipment necessary for jurisdictions to enable response to natural disasters or terrorist incidents.

Train state and local jurisdictions to be ready for emergencies.

Implement an exercise program for state and local jurisdictions to follow for local preparedness.

Develop a common operating system throughout the state for response and recovery from a terrorist incident, disaster, or local emergency.

Develop and enhance statewide interoperable communications capability.

Improve health and medical response capacity consistent with the state’s established emergency management infrastructure.

Enhance the ability of the state and local jurisdictions to recover from a terrorist incident, disaster, or emergency.

Increase public/private sector awareness and participation in emergency preparedness.

Identify and protect critical infrastructure and key resources.

Top Initiatives
Border Security
Interoperable Communication
Information Sharing and Analysis
Specialized Equipment for Specialized Teams by Region
Training and Exercise

Programs and Abilities
Citizen Corps
Urban Search and Rescue
Hazardous Material Capabilities
Intel Fusion
Response and Recovery
Mitigation
Training and Exercise