

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The New Mexico Department of Public Safety will hold a public hearing at the Law Enforcement Academy Auditorium, 4491 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, NM, 87507, on June 2, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment and input on the proposed new Rule 10.24.1 NMAC *Certification for Search and Rescue Persons* providing a process for certification, maintenance of certification, and decertification for Search and Rescue (SAR) persons. All sections within the rule are new provisions.

Provisions in this new rule include, and are not limited to: definitions for terms involving SAR which are referenced within the new rule; a system of certification for field coordinators, incident command system general staff, and SAR persons or volunteers; maintenance of certification for field coordinators, incident command system general staff, and SAR persons or volunteers; a provision clarifying that the new rule does not prevent the Department of Public Safety from entering into an agreement for Search and Rescue certifications and trainings through an outside certifying entity; provisions for denying, suspending, and revoking a certification; procedures for requesting an informal meeting regarding a decision to deny, suspend or revoke a certification; provisions for the SAR Review Board's review of a decision to deny, suspend, or revoke a certification, and to make recommendations to the agency administrator prior to the agency administrator making a final decision; and other additions as allowed by applicable law.

Interested persons may comment at the public hearing or submit written statements to the Department c/o Bob Rodgers, 4491 Cerrillos Road, P.O. Box 1628, Santa Fe, NM 87504, or by electronic mail to [Robert.Rodgers@state.nm.us](mailto:Robert.Rodgers@state.nm.us). All written statements must be received no later than June 2, 2017 at the public hearing. Early submission of written statements is encouraged.

Copies of the proposed rule may be obtained prior to the hearing by contacting Bob Rodgers by telephone at (505) 841-9297 during normal business hours, by email at [Robert.Rodgers@state.nm.us](mailto:Robert.Rodgers@state.nm.us), or at the following website: <http://www.dps.state.nm.us> on the home page.

Individuals with disabilities who need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in the public hearing are asked to contact Bob Rodgers. The Department of Public Safety requires at least ten calendar days advance notice to provide special accommodations.