



State of New Mexico

Department of Public Safety

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Joint Law Enforcement Training

Roswell — Thursday October 30th and Friday October 31st, New Mexico State Police and the Motor Transportation Division will instruct emergency response training. The training will provide instruction on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, also known as CPR, in conjunction with instruction of the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) units.

An AED is a portable device used to provide definitive care for people who go into cardiac arrest due to specific changes in the electrical rhythm of their heart. According to the American Heart Association (AHA), there is information to indicate about 166,200 incidents of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur annually in the United States. In a study presented to the AHA in 2007, when CPR and AED were both used during out-of-hospital cardiac arrests, the survival rate more than doubled when compared to performing CPR without and AED.

Recently, DPS acquired 228 of the AED devices through a very generous legislative grant. The AED's will be placed throughout the state inside State Police / MTD units and offices. This training represents the first step in an effort to implement an AED program department-wide at the practical level.

Upon completing the four-hour training session, participants will receive a Course Completion Certificate from the American Heart Association and a Pocket Mask barrier device for giving breaths provided by Elite Medical Transport of Deming, New Mexico. Course participants will also be eligible to receive college credit from Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell.

When: October 30th & 31st Thursday & Friday 9:00 to 4:00
Where: Daniels Leadership Center, New Mexico Military Institute.
Contact: Agent Chris Boor, NMSP 575-703-0452

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The media is invited to attend.