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Ref: Fy' 2018 Fire Protection Fund Distribution

Dear Commissioners,

During the 2017 regular legislative session, House Bill 4 was enacted (Laws 2017, Chapter 1). Section 8 of House Bill 4 created requirements that the State Fire Marshal must follow in making a determination and certification of needs pursuant to Section 59A-53-3 NMSA 1978 and distributions pursuant to Sections 59A-53-4 and 59A-53-5.1, which pertain to the Fire Protection Fund (FPF). Specifically, the bill required the State Fire Marshal to coordinate with the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA), the Office of the State Treasurer (STO), the New Mexico Municipal League (NMML), and the New Mexico Association of Counties (NMAC) to:

- develop a schedule for making periodic allotments that takes into consideration documented financial hardship of county fire districts and municipalities as a result of transitioning from a one-time distribution to periodic allotments;
- ensure that any debt obligations of existing or previously existing fire departments or fire districts are met on a timely basis;
- ensure the ongoing operations of fire departments and fire districts by providing technical assistance to counties and municipalities on transitioning to an accrual accounting basis for the fire protection fund;
- submit the final determination and certification of needs and schedule for periodic allotments to the legislative finance committee by July 1, 2017; and
- by June 30, 2018, ensure that county fire districts and municipalities have fully transitioned to operating on an accrual accounting basis.

The House Bill 4 Task Force included the NMPRC State Fire Marshal's Division as well as representatives from DFA, NMFA, STO, NMML, and NMAC. The Task Force also consulted with staff of the Public Regulation Commission (PRC), the Office of the Superintendent of Insurance (OSI), the Association of Counties Fire Chiefs & Emergency Manager Affiliate and Municipal League New Mexico Fire Chiefs Association.

The total Distribution for Fy' 2018 in the amount of \$2,347,765.00 will be made in periodic allotments to your respective fire districts. The allotment distributions are anticipated to be made through quarterly disbursements as revenue is received. The periodic amounts and schedule is subject to fluctuation based on actual revenue received.

Such funds are to be expended at the direction of the Chief of each fire district in accordance with the provisions of the Public Purchases Act, the Fire Protection Fund Act, and the State Fire Marshal's Rules and Regulations to the Act.

The total amount allocated to each fire district covers the period from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, and shall be expended only for the maintenance of each fire district, the purchase, construction, repair and operations of fire stations, fire apparatus and equipment, the payment of insurance premiums on fire stations, substations, fire apparatus and equipment, and insurance premiums for injuries or death of firefighters as otherwise provided by law.

This Office is committed to work with your county fire districts throughout the entirety of Fiscal Year 2018 to ensure they have the technical assistance necessary to transition to operating on an accrual accounting basis.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, at 505-470-1044 or vernon.muller@state.nm.us

Respectfully,



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**Santa Fe County
Fiscal Year 2018
Fire Protection Fund Distribution**

Department	First Periodic Allotment	Total Funding to Department	Total NMFA Amount
Agua Fria	\$0.00	\$166,802.00	\$0.00
Chimayo	\$0.00	\$120,933.00	\$0.00
Edgewood	\$0.00	\$227,966.00	\$0.00
El Dorado	\$0.00	\$287,742.00	\$0.00
Galisteo	\$0.00	\$83,401.00	\$0.00
Glorieta Pass	\$0.00	\$175,144.00	\$0.00
Hondo	\$0.00	\$175,144.00	\$0.00
La Cienega	\$0.00	\$166,802.00	\$0.00
La Puebla	\$0.00	\$175,144.00	\$0.00
Madrid	\$0.00	\$83,401.00	\$0.00
Pojoaque	\$0.00	\$120,933.00	\$0.00
Santa Fe Co. Admin.	\$0.00	\$87,572.00	\$0.00
Stanley	\$0.00	\$197,384.00	\$0.00
Tesuque	\$0.00	\$134,832.00	\$0.00
Turquoise Trail	\$0.00	\$144,565.00	\$0.00
Santa Fe County Fire Protection Fund Distribution	\$0.00	\$2,347,765.00	\$0.00

