

## Message from the Chief

I have the honor and privilege of being the Fire Chief of this great department and am grateful for all of the support given to me from both members of the department and the public. On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Torrance County Fire & EMS Department, I would like to say welcome and thank you for taking the time to visit our website to learn more about our department.

As the Fire Chief, it is my goal to create an organization that prioritizes competent emergency operations, sustainable leadership, and systemic collaboration. Torrance County Fire & EMS values the relationships that have been developed and fostered in the community and we look forward to strengthening those relationships.

We are constantly working to keep the citizens, businesses and visitors to our community safe. We accomplish this through focusing on the mission first and applying our core values in all we do to enable us to reach our vision of providing the highest level of service to our communities and the people we serve by protecting life, property, and the environment. This is brought to pass through the success of our people and with a focus on creating a department that has tactical equality; which is to have both career and volunteer components have an equal role in the department, promotional equality; which means that both career and volunteer components have an equal standard of knowledge, skills, and abilities, and developing diversification strategies that recognize the great talents of our people and their individual contributions to the department and our community. We hold ourselves to a standard of taking pride in all we do, conducting ourselves with a high degree of professionalism, being proficient in our delivery of service, and remaining personally accountable for our actions.

We consider ourselves fortunate to have the support of our citizens and elected leaders, as they remain committed to providing us with modern equipment and functional facilities. Our combination system of career and volunteer members provides an efficient and effective emergency service to our citizens and one that the community can take pride in knowing that the dedicated men and women of the Torrance County Fire EMS Department stand at the ready to respond in any time of need.

If you'd like to comment on or inquire about any of the services that we provide please feel free to contact me at 505-620-0518 or by e-mail at [jwinham@tcnm.us](mailto:jwinham@tcnm.us).

Yours in Service,



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