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2026 State Tribal Collaboration Report – Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

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STATE TRIBAL COLLABORATION ACT 2026 AGENCY REPORT



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New Mexico State Tribal Collaboration Act
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report highlights our continued commitment to building and strengthening government-to-government relationships with New Mexico's Tribal Nations and Pueblos while advancing a shared vision of resilient, prepared, and secure communities throughout our state.

The State Tribal Collaboration Act provides an important framework for meaningful consultation and collaboration between state agencies and Tribal governments. At DHSEM, we recognize that strong partnerships are the foundation of effective emergency management. Every emergency is local, and successful preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts depend upon trusted relationships, open communication, and mutual respect.

Throughout Fiscal Year 2026, DHSEM continued to expand engagement with Tribal Nations and Pueblos across all phases of emergency management. Through preparedness planning, training and exercises, emergency operations, disaster recovery, hazard mitigation, fire service support, and homeland security information sharing, our staff worked alongside Tribal leaders, emergency managers, first responders, and public safety professionals to strengthen capabilities and improve coordination before, during, and after emergencies.

This year, DHSEM conducted 29 documented engagements with Tribal Nations and Pueblos, including 15 on-site visits and 14 virtual meetings, representing partnerships with 13 Tribal Nations and Pueblos across New Mexico. These engagements supported emergency planning, capability development, recovery coordination, mitigation planning, wildfire preparedness, public safety initiatives, and information sharing while respecting the sovereignty, traditions, and priorities of each Tribal community.

Significant accomplishments include continued enhancement of the Tribal Liaison Program, expanded participation in preparedness workshops and exercises, strengthened coordination through the State Emergency Operations Center, increased collaboration with tribal fire departments, technical assistance for recovery and mitigation programs, and broader information sharing through the New Mexico Fusion Center. These efforts demonstrate DHSEM's commitment to delivering coordinated, whole-community emergency management services that are responsive to the needs of Tribal governments.

This report reflects the dedication of DHSEM staff and the invaluable partnerships we share with Tribal Nations, Pueblos, local governments, state agencies, federal partners, and many others who contribute to the safety and resilience of New Mexico.

DHSEM remains committed to strengthening these relationships through continued consultation, collaboration, and innovation. Together, we will continue building resilient communities that are better prepared for the challenges of tomorrow while honoring the unique cultures, traditions, and sovereignty of New Mexico's Tribal Nations and Pueblos.

Fiscal Year 2026 at a Glance

The following summary highlights DHSEM's collaboration with Tribal Nations and Pueblos during Fiscal Year 2026. These accomplishments reflect the Department's commitment to meaningful government-to-government relationships and continuous improvement across all phases of emergency management.

Key Metrics

Performance Measure	FY2026 Result
Tribal Nations and Pueblos Engaged	13
Documented Tribal Engagements	29
On-Site Tribal Visits	15
Virtual Meetings / Coordination Calls	14
DHSEM Bureaus Supporting Tribal Communities	7
Emergency Management Mission Areas Supported	Preparedness and Training, Response, Recovery, Mitigation, Grants
Specialized Programs	Training & Exercise, State Fire Marshal's Office, New Mexico Fusion Center

FY2026 Department Highlights

- Expanded government-to-government engagement with Tribal Nations and Pueblos.
- Strengthened preparedness through planning assistance, workshops, and technical support.
- Supported HSEEP-compliant training and exercises, including tribal participation.
- Coordinated emergency operations through the State Emergency Operations Center.
- Provided recovery and mitigation technical assistance and grant support.
- Enhanced wildfire coordination and fire service partnerships.
- Expanded homeland security information sharing through the New Mexico Fusion Center.
- Continued development of the Tribal Liaison Program and whole-community partnerships.

DHSEM Overview

The New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) serves as the state's lead agency for coordinating emergency management, homeland security, and disaster support activities. DHSEM works with Tribal Nations and Pueblos, local governments, state agencies, federal partners, private-sector organizations, and non-governmental organizations to build resilient communities and protect the people, property, and critical infrastructure of New Mexico.

Mission Statement

The New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) works to protect the people of New Mexico through comprehensive and coordinated programs of mitigating hazards, preparing for emergencies, preventing attacks, and recovering from disasters. DHSEM carries out this mission through six bureaus: Preparedness, Operations, Recovery, Mitigation, Fusion Center, and Grants.

- i. Our department prepares for a wide variety of emergencies, including wildfires, flooding, health crises, and domestic attacks. When necessary, the state assists localities whose capabilities are overwhelmed, and DHSEM serves as the conduit for federal assistance. Our work in emergency management is coordinated around the five mission areas of the National Preparedness Goal: prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery.
- ii. DHSEM also coordinates with state and local law enforcement, as well as federal partners like the FBI and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, to obtain, analyze, and distribute intelligence on possible threats to public safety. Additionally, our department facilitates and distributes tens of millions of dollars in federal grants to New Mexico communities every year. DHSEM also works closely with customs and border officials to secure our nation's borders.
- iii. The New Mexico State Fire Marshal's Office became a part of DHSEM in 2021. The mission of the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) is to protect the lives and property of New Mexico residents and guests from the devastating effects of fire. This goal is accomplished through promotion of public safety and fire prevention programs, as well as resources distributed to the New Mexico fire departments for fire protection services. The SFMO carries out its mission through four bureaus: Code Enforcement, Fire Investigations, Fire Service Support, and the Fire Training Academy.

Tribal Liaison Program

Mission

To lead New Mexico's comprehensive emergency management program through collaboration, coordination, and innovation while supporting Tribal Nations and Pueblos before, during, and after disasters.

Vision

A resilient New Mexico where Tribal Nations, local communities, state agencies, and federal partners work together to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the impacts of disasters.

Core Values

Respect: Honor tribal sovereignty and foster meaningful government-to-government relationships.

Collaboration: Work across jurisdictions and disciplines to strengthen statewide resilience.

Service: Provide responsive, professional support to all communities.

Integrity: Operate with transparency, accountability, and trust.

Preparedness: Promote planning, training, and continuous improvement.

Innovation: Embrace new ideas and technologies to improve emergency management.

State & Federal statutes applicable to DHSEM's Tribal Liaison Program

DHSEM complies with federal and state laws and regulations, Executive Orders, and Presidential Memoranda governing interactions with Nations, Pueblos and Tribes including those listed below:

- iv. [DHSEM STCA Collaboration and Communication Policy](#)
- v. [National Historic Preservation Act of 1966](#)
- vi. [National Environmental Policy Act of 1970](#)
- vii. [The American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978](#)
- viii. [The Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979](#)
- ix. [Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990](#)
- x. [New Mexico State Tribal Collaboration Act \(STCA\)](#)

Government-to-Government Partnership

DHSEM recognizes Tribal Nations and Pueblos as sovereign governments and is committed to fostering meaningful government-to-government relationships. Guided by the New Mexico State Tribal Collaboration Act, DHSEM works collaboratively with tribal leadership to strengthen emergency management capabilities through consultation, coordination, mutual respect, and shared responsibility.

Commitment to Tribal Sovereignty

DHSEM values the sovereignty, cultures, traditions, and decision-making authority of New Mexico's Tribal Nations and Pueblos. The Department's approach emphasizes early engagement, open communication, and collaboration to ensure emergency management programs and services align with the priorities and needs of each tribal community.

Areas of Collaboration

- Preparedness planning and technical assistance.
- Training, exercises, and capability development.
- Emergency operations and State Emergency Operations Center coordination.
- Disaster recovery and FEMA program support.
- Hazard mitigation planning and grant assistance.
- Fire service coordination and wildfire preparedness.
- Critical infrastructure protection and homeland security information sharing.

Looking Forward

DHSEM remains committed to expanding government-to-government partnerships by increasing collaboration, strengthening communication, and supporting Tribal Nations and Pueblos across all phases of emergency management. These relationships form the foundation for a coordinated, whole-community approach that enhances the safety, resilience, and security of all New Mexicans.

1. Preparedness Bureau

The Preparedness Bureau strengthens New Mexico's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of disasters by working collaboratively with Tribal Nations and Pueblos, local jurisdictions, state agencies, and federal partners. Through planning, outreach, technical assistance, and capability development, the Bureau helps build resilient communities while supporting meaningful government-to-government relationships.

During Fiscal Year 2026, the Preparedness Bureau documented 29 engagements with Tribal Nations and Pueblos, including 15 on-site visits and 14 virtual meetings. These engagements focused on emergency planning, preparedness coordination, Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshops (IPPWs), technical assistance, and strengthening local emergency management capabilities.

The DHSEM Training and Exercise Program continued to strengthen government-to-government partnerships with Tribal Nations and Pueblos during Fiscal Year 2026 by delivering emergency management training, facilitating exercises, and building whole-community preparedness capabilities. Through collaboration with tribal governments, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), county partners, and federal agencies, DHSEM supported professional development and operational readiness across tribal communities.

Training staff worked directly with Tribal Nations and Pueblos to identify training needs, deliver nationally recognized courses, and conduct exercises tailored to local priorities. These efforts enhanced emergency management capabilities while respecting tribal sovereignty and fostering long-term partnerships.

Major Accomplishments

Preparedness

Focus Area	Outcome
Emergency Planning	Provided planning assistance and supported updates to emergency management programs.
Preparedness Outreach	Conducted meetings, consultations, and relationship-building with Tribal Nations and Pueblos.
Integrated Preparedness Planning	Supported IPPWs to identify priorities, capability gaps, and future training and exercise needs.
Technical Assistance	Provided guidance on emergency management planning, preparedness initiatives, and grant opportunities.
Whole Community Partnerships	Strengthened collaboration among tribal, local, state, and federal partners.

Training and Exercise

Partner / Activity	FY2026 Support
Mescalero Apache Tribe	Delivered Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training to strengthen local volunteer preparedness and community response capabilities.
Navajo Nation	Conducted the National Emergency Management Basic Academy, hosted and supported by McKinley County, to enhance emergency management knowledge and professional development.
Santa Ana Pueblo Office of Emergency Management	Facilitated an Active Threat Tabletop Exercise to improve coordination, decision-making, and emergency response procedures.
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)	Delivered ICS-300 and G-402 (ICS for Executives and Elected Officials) courses to strengthen incident management and executive leadership capabilities within tribal communities.
Tribal Nations and Pueblos	Provided technical assistance, exercise planning support, HSEEP guidance, and emergency management training opportunities.

FY2026 Highlights

- Conducted 29 documented tribal engagements across New Mexico.
- Completed 15 on-site visits and 14 virtual coordination meetings.
- Supported emergency planning and preparedness initiatives.
- Facilitated preparedness workshops and capability development.
- Expanded whole-community partnerships through collaboration with tribal, state, local, and federal stakeholders.

- Provided technical assistance supporting emergency management readiness.

Looking Ahead – FY2027

The Preparedness Bureau will continue strengthening government-to-government relationships by expanding outreach, supporting emergency planning, facilitating preparedness workshops, providing technical assistance, and identifying opportunities to enhance emergency management capabilities across Tribal Nations and Pueblos.

The Training and Exercise Program will continue expanding opportunities for Tribal Nations and Pueblos by delivering nationally recognized emergency management courses, supporting tribal exercise programs, and strengthening partnerships that improve preparedness, response, recovery, and resilience.

2. Operations Bureau

The Operations Bureau serves as the operational coordination element of DHSEM through the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC). During Fiscal Year 2026, the Bureau worked closely with Tribal Nations and Pueblos to ensure tribal priorities were incorporated into emergency operations, Incident Action Planning (IAP), resource coordination, and situational awareness during significant incidents affecting tribal communities.

Throughout FY2026, the Operations Bureau maintained direct coordination with Tribal Nations and Pueblos before, during, and after incidents. Working through the SEOC, Tribal Liaison Program, county emergency managers, and federal partners, DHSEM ensured tribal leadership had timely situational awareness, resource coordination, and operational support while respecting tribal sovereignty.

Major Accomplishments

Focus Area	Outcome
SEOC Operations	Maintained operational readiness and coordinated statewide response activities.
Tribal Coordination	Expanded collaboration with Tribal Nations and Pueblos.
Situational Awareness	Provided timely information to support operational decision-making.
Operational Communications	Strengthened interoperable communications with response partners.
Resource Support	Coordinated requests and resource management across jurisdictions.

FY2026 Highlights

- Maintained SEOC readiness to support all-hazards incidents affecting Tribal Nations and Pueblos.
- Strengthened the Tribal Liaison Program and government-to-government coordination.
- Enhanced situational awareness through daily operational reporting and GIS support.

- Improved resource coordination and collaboration among emergency support partners.
- Supported Unified Command and multi-agency coordination during emergency incidents.
- Expanded whole-community partnerships across tribal, local, state, and federal organizations.
- Participated in Incident Action Planning meetings supporting tribal incidents.
- Coordinated SEOC support for incidents affecting Tribal Nations and Pueblos.
- Supported Santa Clara Pueblo during the Riverside Fire.
- Coordinated with the Mescalero Apache Tribe during wildfire operations.
- Supported Unified Command for the Pueblo of Acoma Independence Day event.
- Supported operations during the McCauley Fire.
- Coordinated with FEMA, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Forest Service, State Forestry, county emergency managers, and tribal partners.
- Provided GIS products, situational awareness, emergency communications, and resource coordination.

Incident Action Planning (IAP)

Operations personnel participated in Incident Action Planning meetings for significant wildfire incidents affecting tribal communities. DHSEM coordinated with Incident Management Teams, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Forest Service, New Mexico State Forestry, FEMA, county emergency managers, and tribal representatives to ensure operational objectives reflected tribal priorities, resource needs, and public safety considerations.

Wildfire Support to Tribal Nations

During FY2026, the SEOC coordinated operational support for incidents impacting or threatening Tribal Nations and Pueblos. Support included coordination for the Riverside Fire affecting Santa Clara Pueblo, coordination with the Mescalero Apache Tribe during wildfire operations and recovery, support during the McCauley Fire, and Unified Command coordination for the Pueblo of Acoma Independence Day celebration. Operations personnel provided resource coordination, situational reporting, GIS support, emergency communications, and liaison support.

Unified Command and Interagency Coordination

Operations Bureau personnel coordinated with tribal emergency managers, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Forest Service, New Mexico State Forestry, FEMA Region 6, county emergency managers, and other state agencies to strengthen Unified Command, information sharing, and coordinated decision-making.

Situational Awareness and Resource Coordination

The SEOC maintained situational awareness through operational reports, GIS products, incident monitoring, and resource coordination. Tribal partners received timely information to support protective actions, operational planning, and emergency response.

Looking Ahead – FY2027

The Operations Bureau will continue strengthening government-to-government partnerships by enhancing Incident Action Planning, situational awareness, Unified Command coordination, and SEOC support for Tribal Nations and Pueblos.

3. Recovery and Mitigation Bureau

The Recovery Bureau works collaboratively with Tribal Nations and Pueblos, local governments, state agencies, FEMA Region 6, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and other federal partners to support communities recovering from disasters. During Fiscal Year 2026, the Bureau emphasized government-to-government collaboration by providing technical assistance, coordinating disaster recovery resources, and assisting tribal communities with Public Assistance, long-term recovery planning, and resilient rebuilding.

Recovery staff maintained regular communication with tribal leadership, emergency managers, FEMA Region 6, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to ensure recovery activities reflected each community's priorities. Through consultation and technical assistance, DHSEM supported Tribal Nations and Pueblos in navigating disaster recovery programs while respecting tribal sovereignty and decision-making authority.

The DHSEM Mitigation team partners with Tribal Nations and Pueblos to reduce the long-term impacts of natural hazards through planning, technical assistance, grant coordination, and resilience initiatives. During Fiscal Year 2026, the Bureau continued strengthening government-to-government relationships by assisting tribal communities with hazard mitigation planning, project development, and access to federal mitigation funding opportunities.

The Mitigation team worked directly with Tribal Nations and Pueblos to identify community risks, prioritize mitigation projects, and strengthen long-term resilience. Through ongoing consultation with tribal governments, FEMA Region 6, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and other partners, DHSEM supported mitigation strategies that reflected local priorities while respecting tribal sovereignty.

Major Accomplishments

Recovery

Tribal Partner	FY2026 Support
Acoma Pueblo	Provided technical assistance, recovery coordination, and Public Assistance support while coordinating with FEMA and federal partners.
Mescalero Apache Tribe	Supported ongoing recovery associated with DR-4795 and DR-4886, including Public Assistance coordination, watershed planning, project development, and long-term recovery.
Jicarilla Apache Nation	Assisted with closeout activities, recovery coordination, and grant management support for previously declared disasters.
Navajo Nation	Continued coordination with tribal and federal partners on recovery activities, technical assistance, and disaster program support.
All Tribal Nations and Pueblos	Provided FEMA Region 6 coordination, Bureau of Indian Affairs coordination, Public Assistance guidance, grant management assistance, and long-term recovery

planning.

Mitigation

Focus Area	Outcome
Hazard Mitigation Planning	Provided technical assistance for Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan development and updates to maintain FEMA eligibility.
HMGP Technical Assistance	Supported tribal communities with Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) project development and application guidance.
BRIC Program	Provided technical assistance for Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) funding opportunities.
Project Development	Assisted tribal governments in identifying mitigation projects to reduce future disaster risk.
Recovery Integration	Worked with the Recovery Bureau to identify opportunities to incorporate mitigation measures into rebuilding efforts following disasters.
Resilience Planning	Supported long-term planning focused on wildfire, flooding, infrastructure protection, and community resilience.

FY2026 Highlights

- Strengthened government-to-government partnerships through direct recovery coordination with Tribal Nations and Pueblos.
- Coordinated with FEMA Region 6 and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to support tribal recovery priorities.
- Provided Public Assistance technical assistance, project formulation, documentation, and grant management guidance.
- Supported Mescalero Apache Tribe with ongoing disaster recovery, watershed planning, and resilient rebuilding initiatives.
- Assisted Acoma Pueblo with Public Assistance coordination and technical support.
- Supported Jicarilla Apache Nation with recovery project closeout activities.
- Maintained coordination with Navajo Nation on disaster recovery and technical assistance.
- Promoted resilient recovery by integrating mitigation opportunities into rebuilding efforts.
- Strengthened government-to-government partnerships through direct engagement with Tribal Nations and Pueblos.
- Provided Hazard Mitigation Plan technical assistance supporting continued FEMA eligibility.
- Assisted tribal communities with HMGP and BRIC project development and grant guidance.
- Supported mitigation initiatives focused on wildfire resilience, flood risk reduction, and critical infrastructure protection.
- Integrated mitigation strategies into long-term disaster recovery planning.
- Coordinated with FEMA Region 6, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and state partners to advance tribal resilience initiatives.

Long-Term Community Resilience

The Recovery Bureau continued working with tribal governments to identify opportunities to incorporate hazard mitigation into recovery projects, strengthening infrastructure and reducing future disaster risk. Coordination with FEMA, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the DHSEM Mitigation Bureau promoted sustainable, resilient recovery solutions.

Mitigation activities focused on reducing future disaster losses by encouraging proactive planning, infrastructure protection, and sustainable mitigation investments. Through collaborative planning and technical assistance, the Bureau helped Tribal Nations and Pueblos strengthen resilience to future hazards while preserving community priorities and cultural resources.

Looking Ahead – FY2027

The Recovery Bureau will continue expanding government-to-government partnerships by supporting Tribal Nations and Pueblos through disaster recovery planning, technical assistance, Public Assistance program delivery, grant management, and coordination with FEMA Region 6, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and other recovery partners.

Mitigation will continue expanding partnerships with Tribal Nations and Pueblos by supporting hazard mitigation planning, strengthening grant assistance, identifying resilient infrastructure projects, and promoting strategies that reduce future disaster risk while enhancing community resilience.

4. Grants Management

Grants Management

During the FY2026 reporting period, the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) continued to support Tribal Nations through grant funding opportunities and outreach efforts. DHSEM remains committed to ensuring Tribal governments have equitable access to federal preparedness funding and technical assistance.

Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)

DHSEM awarded the Mescalero Apache Tribe a 2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) subaward to enhance Tribal emergency management capabilities. The grant provides \$45,000 in federal funding to reimburse salary and benefits for the Tribe's Resilience & Recovery Coordinator, with the Mescalero Apache Tribe providing a \$45,000 non-federal match. The period of performance spans two fiscal years to account for delayed FEMA award timelines. At the time of this report, the subgrant agreement has not yet been sent to the Tribe.

FY2026 Grant Opportunities

DHSEM distributed the FY2026 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) and FY2026 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) to eligible Tribal Nations through Local Preparedness Coordinators.

- Acoma Pueblo
- Isleta Pueblo
- Jemez Pueblo

- Jicarilla Apache Nation
- Laguna Pueblo
- Nambe Pueblo
- Navajo Nation
- Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo
- Picuris Pueblo
- Pojoaque Pueblo
- San Felipe Pueblo
- Santa Ana Pueblo
- Kewa Pueblo (Santo Domingo)
- Sandia Pueblo
- Santa Clara Pueblo
- Taos Pueblo
- Tesuque Pueblo
- Zia Pueblo
- Zuni Pueblo

FY2026 Applications Received

Tribal Nation	Grant	Status
Mescalero Apache Tribe	FY2026 EMPG	Submitted to FEMA – Pending Approval
Acoma Pueblo	FY2026 EMPG	Submitted to FEMA – Pending Approval
Acoma Pueblo	FY2026 HSGP	Submitted to FEMA – Pending Approval

Summary

DHSEM continues to support New Mexico Tribal Nations through grant outreach, technical assistance, and funding opportunities. The department remains committed to strengthening Tribal emergency management capabilities and assisting Tribal governments throughout the grant lifecycle.

5. New Mexico Fusion Center

The New Mexico Fusion Center (NMFC) serves as the State's primary information sharing and analysis center, supporting collaboration among Tribal Nations and Pueblos, local jurisdictions, state agencies, federal partners, and the private sector. During Fiscal Year 2026, the Fusion Center strengthened government-to-government relationships by enhancing situational awareness, supporting emergency operations, protecting critical infrastructure, and promoting timely information sharing that improved public safety across New Mexico.

The Fusion Center continued expanding trusted partnerships with Tribal Nations and Pueblos through regular coordination with tribal law enforcement, emergency managers, and public safety officials. These partnerships improved communication, supported informed decision-making, and enhanced the sharing of information before, during, and after emergencies while respecting tribal sovereignty.

Major Accomplishments

Focus Area	Outcome
Information Sharing	Provided timely situational awareness products and analytical support to tribal, local, state, and federal partners.
Critical Infrastructure	Supported coordination and information sharing related to critical infrastructure protection affecting tribal communities.
Cybersecurity Outreach	Shared cyber awareness resources and coordinated with state and federal partners to improve cyber resilience.
School & Community Safety	Supported collaborative school safety initiatives and outreach with tribal and public safety partners.
Emergency Operations	Provided intelligence and situational awareness support during SEOC activations and significant incidents affecting tribal communities.
Interagency Coordination	Worked with tribal governments, law enforcement, emergency managers, FEMA, DHS, and other partners to strengthen statewide coordination.

Major FY2026 Accomplishments

- Strengthened government-to-government relationships through trusted information sharing.
- Supported situational awareness for incidents affecting Tribal Nations and Pueblos.
- Enhanced collaboration with tribal law enforcement and emergency management partners.
- Promoted critical infrastructure protection and cybersecurity awareness.
- Supported school and community safety initiatives with tribal stakeholders.
- Provided intelligence support during State Emergency Operations Center activations.
- Expanded collaboration among tribal, local, state, and federal public safety partners.

Building Safer Communities

By integrating information sharing, threat awareness, and interagency coordination into emergency management operations, the New Mexico Fusion Center strengthened the ability of Tribal Nations and Pueblos to prepare for, respond to, and recover from incidents. These partnerships support a resilient homeland security network that benefits all New Mexicans.

Looking Ahead – FY2027

The Fusion Center will continue expanding partnerships with Tribal Nations and Pueblos by improving information sharing, supporting critical infrastructure protection, increasing cybersecurity outreach, and strengthening coordination with tribal law enforcement, emergency management agencies, and homeland security partners.

6. State Fire Marshal's Office

The New Mexico State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) continued strengthening government-to-government partnerships with Tribal Nations and Pueblos by providing fire service assistance, technical guidance, emergency response coordination, training support, and wildfire preparedness

throughout Fiscal Year 2026. Working alongside tribal governments, local fire departments, state agencies, and federal partners, SFMO enhanced emergency response capabilities and community resilience across New Mexico.

SFMO maintained regular coordination with tribal leadership, tribal fire departments, emergency managers, and partner agencies to support wildfire preparedness, emergency response, mutual aid, and fire service capability development while respecting tribal sovereignty and local priorities.

Major Accomplishments

Tribal Partner	FY2026 Support
Mescalero Apache Tribe	Coordinated wildfire response support, resource requests, and interagency communications during fire operations.
Laguna Pueblo	Continued fire service coordination and technical assistance through existing partnerships.
Jicarilla Apache Nation (Dulce)	Supported fire service coordination and emergency preparedness activities.
Zuni Pueblo	Coordinated fire service support and emergency management collaboration.
Sandia Pueblo	Continued emergency response coordination and fire service support.
Zia Pueblo	Maintained fire service coordination and preparedness collaboration.
Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo	Expanded fire protection support through coordination with Rio Arriba County.
Picuris Pueblo	Established new fire protection support through the Peñasco Fire District during FY2027 planning.
Crownpoint	Continued coordination with tribal fire service partners within the Navajo Nation.

Major FY2026 Accomplishments

- Strengthened government-to-government partnerships with Tribal Nations and Pueblos.
- Expanded fire service coordination across tribal communities.
- Supported wildfire operations affecting tribal lands through Unified Command and interagency coordination.
- Improved coordination between tribal, local, state, and federal fire agencies.
- Expanded tribal fire protection by establishing service support for Picuris Pueblo through the Peñasco Fire District.
- Continued collaboration to identify fire service needs and strengthen statewide tribal emergency response partnerships.

Wildland Fire Coordination

During FY2026, SFMO coordinated with Tribal Fire Departments, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Forest Service, New Mexico Forestry Division, county fire departments, and the DHSEM Operations Bureau to support wildfire response, resource ordering, situational awareness, and Unified Command operations affecting tribal communities.

Looking Ahead – FY2027

The State Fire Marshal's Office will continue expanding partnerships with Tribal Nations and Pueblos by strengthening fire service capabilities, enhancing wildfire preparedness, supporting mutual aid coordination, expanding training opportunities, and improving operational readiness through collaborative emergency management.

Conclusion

The New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management recognizes that strong, respectful government-to-government relationships are essential to effective emergency management. Throughout Fiscal Year 2026, DHSEM remained committed to working alongside New Mexico's Tribal Nations and Pueblos to strengthen preparedness, enhance emergency response capabilities, support long-term recovery, reduce future risk through mitigation, improve fire service coordination, and expand homeland security partnerships.

The accomplishments highlighted throughout this report reflect more than completed projects—they represent the trust, collaboration, and shared commitment developed between Tribal governments, state agencies, local jurisdictions, and federal partners. Whether supporting communities during wildfires, delivering emergency management training, coordinating disaster recovery, advancing mitigation initiatives, or improving information sharing, DHSEM remains dedicated to ensuring Tribal Nations and Pueblos have the resources, partnerships, and support necessary to build resilient communities.

As we look toward Fiscal Year 2027, DHSEM will continue to strengthen these partnerships through meaningful consultation, open communication, and collaborative planning. Together, we will continue building a safer, more resilient New Mexico while honoring the sovereignty, cultures, and priorities of each Tribal Nation and Pueblo.

DHSEM extends its sincere appreciation to New Mexico's Tribal Leaders, emergency managers, first responders, community partners, state agencies, federal partners, and all those who contributed to the successes highlighted in this report. We value your partnership and look forward to continuing our work together to protect the people, communities, and shared future of New Mexico.

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