



Torrance County

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Chair: Dr. Philip Terry-Smith

Vice-Chair: David Dean

Secretary: Maria Martinez

Information Coordinator: Amy May

Emergency Manager: Samantha O'Dell

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

FOR

**Tuesday, July 28, 2026 @ 9:00am
205 S. Ninth Street, Estancia, NM 87016**

1. Dr. Philip Terry-Smith called the meeting to order.
2. Dr. Philip Terry-Smith led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Dr. Philip Terry-Smith welcomed everyone and we each introduced ourselves.
4. There was no quorum.
5. The agenda nor the June Minutes could be approved.
6. The Presenters ran late due to traffic. Arrived at 9:10am.
7. Dr. Philip Terry-Smith spoke on the feedback from the Tabletop organizers.

SUGGESTIONS:

- * Stage around the McCall Farm for Mass Casualty training.
- * Storm preparedness
- * Mapping access points of remote areas
- * Considering family pets
- * Samantha suggested that there be exercises more often
- * Michell Fraire, Veteran Integration Center, has a food pantry and can deliver food in the event of a disaster.

8. Presentation: Veteran Integrated Center

Presented by: Michelle Fraire, Director SSVF, 505-347-1103

Craig Yazzie, Provider Outreach Specialist

CENTER:

- * There are forty-two beds on campus w/ 4 apartments available
- * There are eligibility requirements, one being a New Mexico citizen
- * There is a food pantry open daily
- * There are a breakfast area and a common area

SERVICES:

- * Can help w/ a downpayment and/or rent for up to 9 months
- * Can help w/ vehicle repair
- * Can help w/equipment needed for work
- * There are scholarships for colleges for veterans, to include for Their spouse

HOUSING:

- *There are a Housing Navigator and a Housing Care Navigator
- * After the Veteran finds a job and an apartment the Center can help for another 2 years

MENTAL HEALTH:

- *Phoenix Rising addresses specific mental health needs and provides counseling services.
- *The Center works with the VA.
- *Craig Yazzie created a flyer for law enforcement and first

responders

to use when they encounter a veteran who needs assistance. The flyer requires the veteran's full name, phone number, and a brief note; the QR code on the flyer may also be used. Law enforcement and first responders are encouraged to carry a few flyers with them. Information can be forwarded to the Center at www.nmvic.org.

- *The Director for Pheonix Rising: Lisa Martinez, 505-265-0512

TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE

THERE IS CAPACITY FOR THE VETERAN'S FAMILY

“THE VETERAN INTEGRATED CENTER IS VETERAN CENTERED AND ALWAYS LOOKING OUT FOR VETERANS OF ALL AGES AND SITUATIONS”

QUORUM WAS MET

9. David Dean made a Motion for the approval of the agenda. Chief Tom Carter second and the agenda was approved.

10. Chief Tom Carter made a Motion for the approval of June Minutes. David Dean second and the Minutes for June were approved.

11. The HazMat Horizon Newsletter:

- *Dr. Philip Terry-Smith mentioned the training opportunities and encouraged everyone to take advantage of them.
- *Grants, Firehouse Subs. Will close when full or spent.
- *Samantha O'Dell spoke on the LEPC Leverage article.
- *Albuquerque Road Runner, FEMA 2-day course for Donation Management
- *Prepare New Mexico @ preparingnewmexico.org

12. Agency Update:

- *Red Cross, the Zuni flooding. VOAD is looking for another agency for feeding and helping the Community. Salvation Army has been serving the community thus far. They are looking at Wednesday and Thursday for cleanup.
- *211 has no updates
- *Tessa Snyder, State Emergency Response Committee: Emergency Response Training August 11th, 1-3pm at the Juan Tabo Library
- *Torrance County Emergency Management is hosting the National Night Out August 11th
- *Torrance County Fair is August 11th through the 15th
- *Dr. Philip Terry-Smith suggested getting our agencies here to the Meeting
- *Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith says that their department is getting fully staffed. They have seen an uptick on fires this season. The department is willing to work with Torrance County citizens on fire mitigation on their property.
- *David Dean suggested we do training on the dos and don'ts of fire Safety
- *Estancia Police Chief Tom Carter, his department, is fully staffed. He is working on building a training range for multi-department use. Chief Carter mentioned that rural areas are not immune to active shooter/mass casualty events and would be open to the use of McCall's Farm for training.

13. Events:

14. Public Forum:

- *Commissioner Linda Jaramillo thanked the Torrance County

Emergency Management for hosting the National Night Out

15. The next Meeting will be August 25th, 2026.

16. Chief Tom Carter made a Motion for Adjournment. David Dean Second. The meeting was adjourned at approx. 10:00am.