



RESOLUTION # 97-8

WHEREAS, State Law, at Section 59A-53-5, NMSA, 1978 Compilation, authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to establish and govern fire districts by Appropriate resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is the fiscal agent for fire protection funds for each fire district and the board and each commissioner is personally liable for such expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires closer supervision and control of each fire district than it can accomplish in bi-monthly commission meetings, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 59A, NMSA, authorizes and recognizes County Fire Marshals,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Torrance Board of County Commissioners:

- A. There is hereby created the office of Torrance County Fire Marshal.
- B. The Torrance County Fire Marshal shall have the following duties:
 - 1. Serves as liaison to the five volunteer fire districts. Coordinate and implement fire protection and prevention program. See that fire fighters attend training schools.
 - 2. Work on fire prevention and control throughout the County.
 - 3. Inspect the fire apparatus. Work with the fire chiefs on service and repairs.
 - 4. Attend schooling and training in fire prevention and protection and emergency procedures, practices and techniques to meet standards and other needs that exist.
 - 5. Coordinate training for Torrance County Fire Personnel in current standards of fire protection, prevention and fire suppression techniques.
 - 6. Acts as supervisor for Fire District Chiefs and has authority to impose discipline after providing due process.
 - 7. Direct and coordinate the county fire districts to ensure an efficient and uniform level of services throughout the County.
 - 8. Keeps abreast of new or changed legislation developments and advances in technology by attending technical conferences and seminars. Conducts public relations campaigns to present change in policies and laws to encourage fire prevention and protection practices.



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9. Insures compliance with federal, state and municipal codes, National Fire Protection Association codes, county ordinances, rules and procedures, procurement contract clauses etc. Interprets, selects and applies guidelines to specific situations, including modifications and adaptations when necessary.
10. Has authority to oversee fire district elections to ensure fair and democratic process.
11. Nothing herein shall preclude Fire District chiefs from direct contact or communication with the Board of County Commissioners.

DONE, at Estancia, Torrance County, New Mexico, this 22nd day of January, 1997.

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