Resolution 035-2014

FIRE BASED EMS “PROPOSED PILOT PROJECT” FOR QUEMADO FIRE AND QUEMADO EMS

WHEREAS, the Catron County Board of Commissioners has a vested interest to protect and enhance the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the County of Catron; and

WHEREAS, Section 59A-53-5 NMSA 1978 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 is the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) for county fire districts; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desire to begin the process of a pilot project Fire based EMS with Quemado Fire and Quemado EMS; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners approved this trial in their Special Meeting on February 11, 2014.

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

A. The name of the Pilot project Fire based EMS Service will be Quemado Fire based EMS.

B. The current Quemado EMS Director will become the Assistant Chief of Medical Operations, reporting to the current Quemado District Fire Chief for all operations. The Quemado District Fire Chief reports to the current Catron County Fire Chief for all operations.

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C. The Assistant Chief for Medical Operations will continue to report to the Catron County Fire and EMS Medical Director for all medical protocol issues.

D. Quemado’s Fire District will remain the same.

E. Quemado’s EMS response area will remain the same.

F. There will be one page/tone for “Quemado Fire” when either a fire is reported or an ambulance is requested.

G. An appropriate fire vehicle will respond to all requests for an ambulance with a minimum of two fire fighters aboard, and the ambulance will respond with a full crew.

H. Quemado Fire and EMS personnel will respond together on every call, Fire or Ambulance.

I. All fire vehicles will be equipped with an AED and an EMS jump bag.

J. The Quemado Assistant Chief over Training will be at least an Emergency Medical Responder.

K. There will be a designated Fire Trainer and an EMS Trainer working with the Assistant Chief over Training.

L. Some training will be company specific (i.e. Medical Company vs. Engine Company) and some trainings will be held together.

N. All business meetings will be combined.

M. All Drills will be Fire/EMS.

O. Firefighters are not required to become Emergency Medical Responders, nor are EMT’s required to become trained as Firefighter 1.

P. Quemado’s Fire Dept. Medical Operationss Company will continue to receive EMS Fund Act monies. Supplies will continue to be purchased with that money. If there is something that the Medical Operations Company needs that cannot be funded through EMS monies, it may be considered as a budget item under the State Fire Protection Funds if statutorily permissible, but will need the District Fire Chief’s approval.

Q. This pilot project will be for six months, beginning with the date this Resolution is signed.

R. A re-evaluation will be conducted after six months.

S. The County Fire Chief will keep the County Manager, the County Fire and EMS Medical Director and the Board of County Commissioners apprised of the status of this pilot project.
APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 13th day of March, 2014.

ATTEST:

M. Keith Riddle, Clerk

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