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March 31, 2007

Dave Kenneke, Chair  
New Mexico Emergency Services Council  
17 Deer Run Road  
Cimarron, NM 87714

Dear Dave,

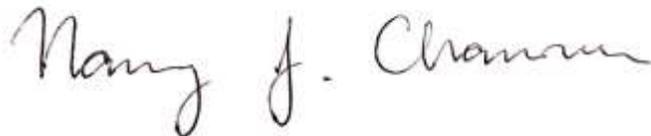
I am writing to nominate **Mr. Richard Swartz** as a New Mexico Emergency Services Council (NMESC) Board Member. Richard has been a member of Mesilla Valley Search and Rescue for nearly three years, and during that time he has demonstrated his commitment to SAR both through his response to missions and by his attention to training and mentoring.

Richard has responded to over a dozen missions since he joined MVSAR, which is a large percentage of the missions conducted in southern New Mexico over the past three years. He has worked a variety of jobs on missions, including searching as a ground team member, serving on a 4WD vehicle search team, leading an ELT team, serving as a communications team member, and helping out with planning and logistics at base camp. Richard has thus acquired a thorough understanding of the *complete picture* of SAR, and would make valuable contributions to the NMESC based on this perspective.

Richard has participated in a large number of trainings and certifications, including getting PACE certified, getting his ham radio operator's license, participating in a statewide ELT training, and, most recently, becoming certified as a Planning Section Chief. In addition to participating in these trainings and certification processes, Richard has also developed a mentoring system for newer members of MVSAR. He has offered orientation courses for new members of the team, and has been a strong advocate for ESCAPE, urging all members of MVSAR to attend, participate, and learn. Richard's commitment to SAR in the state of New Mexico is unfailing, and his experience and leadership make him an excellent candidate for the NMESC Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy J. Chanover".

Nancy J. Chanover  
Dog Team Leader  
Mesilla Valley SAR