

Biographies for NMSARC Board Candidates

Term 2016-2019

Aimee Adamek

Appointed to NMSARC Board July 2015; Served as Membership Chair
Atalaya Search and Rescue

Aimee has been with Atalaya Search and Rescue for 9 years. She has had experience with all facets of team management holding all officer positions on the board. She maintains her CPR/BLS certification, has taken a Wilderness First Responder course, Lost Person Behavior, Avalanche I course, and will have two separate weeks of Rigging For Rescue courses under her wing by this year's ESCAPE. Her commitment to her team's well-being on so many levels remains a top priority. Last summer she joined the NMSARC Council as Membership and has enjoyed getting to know more about her fellow SAR colleagues. She is very excited to be working on a new website for the NMSARC to be launched soon. She looks forward to continuing an open dialog amongst teams and assisting in any way to better our SAR community.

Michaela Buenemann

Appointed to NMSARC Board 2014, 2015; Served as Mapping Program Chair
Dona Ana County Search and Rescue
Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad

Michaela has been active in NM SAR for the past five years and is currently a member of two teams in southern New Mexico: Dona Ana County Search and Rescue (DAC SAR) and Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad (OMTRS). She has served as NMSARC Mapping Program Chair for the past two years. She has also supported NM SAR from the local to state level by offering trainings on map, compass, and GPS use for land navigation.

Terry Morton

Appointed to NMSARC Board July 2015; Served as Communications Chair
Santa Fe Search and Rescue Group
New Mexico Working K9s

Terry served in the U.S military 1973-1982 and has worked as an electronics technician doing alarms, access control and surveillance television. His emergency communications experience began at the start of Cerro Grande Fire in 2000. He has trained with K9 Correctional Officers as well as Laguna K9 unit and certified his first dog, Abbey, with American Man training Police Work Dog Association and American Work Dog Association . In addition to K9 SAR, he routinely provides communication support for NM SAR missions.

Eric Roybal

New NMSARC Board Candidate
Sheriff's Posse of Santa Fe County

Eric has > 10 years of experience in SAR, including horses, tracking, 4x4, ATV, snowmobile and ground pounder. He also has experience in organizing large events and a willingness to do what he can to improve NM SAR. He is a Field Certification Evaluator, has provided multiple training opportunities to team members, and participated in Regional Mock Training activities. His training includes but is not limited to (1) SAR Plans Section Chief, (2) Lost Person Behavior, and (3) Wildland Fire Fighting.

Verena Weissenborn

Appointed to NMSARC Board January 2016
Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council

Verena is a Nurse Educator for Emergency and Trauma at University of New Mexico Hospitals. She has ten years of experience in nursing with main clinical background in adult and pediatric emergency care. She received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Georgia State University and is a Certified Emergency Nurse. She has completed the Diploma in Mountain Medicine at the University of New Mexico EMS Academy and is currently working to complete her Master of Science in Nursing Education degree at American Sentinel University. She is a member of the Wilderness Medical Society and currently serves as the President-elect of the Emergency Nurses Association, New Mexico State Council. She has been an operational member of the Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council since 2015 and joined the Board of the New Mexico Search and Rescue Council in January of 2016. Verena Weissenborn lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico.