

Preparing for a Public Health Emergency – It's Everyone's Job!

## vital statistics



# 12,500

### Emergency responders statewide

have been trained by the Department of Health to respond to a health emergency. They include: Public Health Professionals ■ Emergency Medical Technicians ■ Police & Fire Personnel ■ Local Emergency Managers ■ School Nurses ■ Pharmacists ■ Hospital Administrators ■ Emergency Room Doctors, Nurses & Technicians ■ Laboratory Staff Primary Care Physicians ■ Infectious Disease Specialists.

# 33

### Mass Casualty Incident Trailers,

ready to handle multiple injuries at the scene of an emergency, are being placed in every county in the state this year.

# 7,500

Health, hospital and emergency personnel statewide can receive vital emergency information within minutes via the Health Alert Network.

# 300

People are participating in emergency planning advisory groups. They work with the Department of Health to anticipate the needs of school children, Native Americans, border populations, and persons with special needs.

## Taking Advantage of Every New Breakthrough

**H**ow we keep ourselves safe has changed with the times.

Seat belts were not introduced until the 1950s. Smoke alarms appeared for sale in the 1970s. Both are now part of our everyday lives. We leave a phone number with the babysitter, check our tire pressure and always fasten our children's seat belts.

In the four years since 9/11, emergency preparedness has taken a new direction. The State of New Mexico has enhanced its response capability to protect everyone in a public health emergency. The Department of Health is working with thousands of your neighbors who are emergency responders to be prepared in every way possible.



## A Coordinated Response

**Epidemiology & Laboratory Capacity** In the event of bioterrorist attack or an epidemic, state health department epidemiologists use their expertise and vigilance to detect, investigate and intervene as quickly as possible. The department's Scientific Laboratory has expanded disease identification and chemical testing capacity.



**National Incident Management System** Health department physicians, nurses, educators and other staff have been trained to take on new roles at a moment's notice to manage health services in an emergency. They are ready to coordinate vaccinations, treatment, information and preventive measures in a swift, efficient response.



**Public Health Service Sites** The health department can launch emergency services statewide through preselected sites. At full capacity, each Public Health Service Site can serve up to 300 persons an hour, around the clock.



### find out more...

New Mexico Department of Health  
[www.health.state.nm.us](http://www.health.state.nm.us)

State Office of Emergency Management  
[www.dps.nm.org/emergency](http://www.dps.nm.org/emergency)

New Mexico Department of Health  
Office of Health Emergency Management  
[www.health.state.nm.us/ohem](http://www.health.state.nm.us/ohem)

