



NM BUREAU OF MINE SAFETY

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Zero accidents at mine sites is not only possible, it is the only acceptable goal.

- Terence Foreback, State Mine Inspector



Mine Safety

Accomplishments and Goals

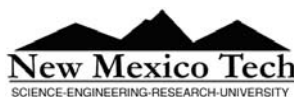
The theme for the 2010 New Mexico Mine Health and Safety Conference is “**Go the Distance**”. We chose this theme to recognize the accomplishments of the past and to realize the distance we have yet to go. In 2009 the mining industry set a record for fewest mining fatalities ever recorded at 34. This beat the previous record of 53 from 2008. We are accomplishing great improvement in our industry in the reduction of mining fatalities. This can be attributed to numerous factors including:

- Better miner training
- Mining laws and regulations
- Increased enforcement of laws and regulations
- Advancements in mining methods and technology
- Recognition of moral responsibility to provide safe workplaces
- Realization of cost attributable to accidents and fatalities in the workplace

While we have improved dramatically, we must continue to work toward a workplace that not only is fatality free but accident free. This is the distance we must travel. For even with our record in 2009, there are still 34 families without a son, father, husband returning home. I know there are those that say fatality free, much less accident free can't be done. I plan to continue my dedication to making it happen. How about you?

Theodore Roosevelt had a great comment that we should bring out of the closet as we “**Go The Distance**”;

"It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself for a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."



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News***New Mexico Mine Health and Safety Conference***

We continue planning our 2010 conference that will be held May 3, 4 and 5. Save the date! Our 2010 theme will be “**Go the Distance**”. A conference brochure that includes registration information for 2010 is attached. We are emphasizing health issues at our conference in 2010. Our next planning session will be held in Socorro, NM on February 18th at 9:00 AM. If you would like to help plan our 2010 conference, give me a call for the meeting location in other information.

Training

The current Training Schedule through January can be found on our web site:

<http://www.bmi.state.nm.us/navTrng.htm>

Please take time to look it over. To schedule a class, please call Chris at (505) 553-1535.

Going the Distance in New Mexico,

Terence Foreback
State Mine Inspector
Bureau of Mine Safety

Registration Form

Name _____

Company Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail address for confirmation and receipt _____

Complete one form per person. Copy form as needed for additional persons.

Registration Fees (includes meals):

Early Conference Fee only \$75 (before 4/19)

Regular Conference Fee \$90 (after 4/19)

Golf Outing \$60

Golf Skill Level:

Never Played Played a Few Times Play Regularly

CPR certification (limit 36) \$25

VLA Tour no additional cost

**Registration available through May 4, 2010.
Some special offerings on a first come basis.**

Conference Cancellation Policy:

Cancellation must be received before April 16th for a refund to be issued. A \$15 handling fee will be applied to all cancellations.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

New Mexico Bureau of Mine Safety

MAIL TO:

New Mexico Bureau of Mine Safety
801 Leroy Place
Socorro, NM 87801
Attn: Mine Safety Conference

Socorro Hotels

<u>*Comfort Inn and Suites</u> 1259 Frontage Road NW	575-838-4400
<u>*Best Western Hotel and Suites</u> 1100 N. California St.	575-838-0556
<u>*Holiday Inn</u> 1040 N. California St.	575-838-4600
<u>*Super 8 Motel</u> 1121 Frontage Road NW	575-835-3988
<u>Howard Johnson</u> 1009 California Ave.	575-835-0276
<u>Econo Lodge</u> 713 N. California St.	575-835-1500
<u>Motel 6</u> 807 S. U.S. HWY 85	575-835-4300
<u>Days Inn</u> 507 N California St.	575-835-0230

*Blocks of rooms at these hotels have been reserved at a special rate. Be sure to mention "Bureau of Mine Safety" when making your reservation to qualify for the special rate.

Go the Distance!

**Our conference is for all Partners in
Safety,
including management,
labor, regulators,
educators, and supervisors.**

***The conference is sponsored by the
New Mexico mining industry, Mine Safety
and Health Administration, and the
NM BMS.***

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New Mexico Mine Health and Safety 3rd Annual Conference



May 3, 4, and 5, 2010

**Macey Center
New Mexico
Institute of Mining
and Technology
Socorro, NM**



Our conference theme, *Go the Distance*, recognizes that our quest for zero incidents at our mining organizations is not easy to accomplish in a short time frame. As *Partners in Safety*, we must continually *Step Up and Do the Right Thing* for the long haul. The conference will focus on how all groups involved in New Mexico mining must share ideas, experiences and reinforce our common commitment to zero. Demonstration of this commitment requires us to *Go the Distance!*

Monday, May 3, 2010

9:00 a.m. — Registration, Macey Center

Special Activities

11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. — Golf at the New Mexico Tech Pro Shop (Lunch at 11:30/Tee Time at 12:30)

\$60 per player. Cost covers greens fee and cart.

Format — 4-man scramble best ball

Players — Receive customized score cards

Events — Closest to pin and longest drive

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. — CPR Certification
\$25.00 fee

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. — Tour of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) Very Large Array (VLA) Macey Center Entrance

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. — Miners' Dinner Backstage at the Macey Center. Speaker — Joe Main (invited)

Tuesday, May 4, 2010 — Opening Day

7:00 a.m. — Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. — Spouse Tour — Bosque del Apache and El Camino Real

\$20.00 fee if not registered for conference (covers lunch and entry fee)

8:00 a.m. — Opening Session: Keynote Speaker — Eddie Lopez (invited)

9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. — Break-out Sessions

Planned Session Topics:

- Leadership in Safety
- Hearing Conservation
- Substance Abuse I
- Developing your Supervisor
- The Future of Occupational Health in Mining
- Substance Abuse II—Going The Distance through Policy

11:45 a.m. — Lunch: *Safety Fun* — Bertha Cassingham

1:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. — Breakout Sessions

Planned Session Topics:

- *Going the Distance - Sustaining a Positive Safety Culture in the 21st Century*
- *Rigging for Safety*
- *Current State of NM Mine Safety Regulation*
- *Safety as a Career, Panel Discussion*
- *Preparing to be Prepared for an Emergency I*
- *Supervisor Responsibilities—Agent of the Operator*

3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. — You Can Go the Distance! - Best Practices

4:30 p.m. — Mineralogical Museum Tour

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. — Cocktail Hour

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. — Dinner and a Guest Speaker

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

7:00 a.m. — Registration and Formal Breakfast

8:00 a.m. — Opening Session: Keynote Speaker — Carl Metzger

9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. — Breakout Sessions

Planned Session Topics:

- National MS&H Academy Training
- Preparing to be Prepared for an Emergency II
- Safety Training Ideas
- Critical Lift
- Fall Arrest and Rescue

11:45 a.m. — Evaluations and Certificates

12:15 p.m. — Adjourn

THOUGHTS ON THE 2009 NM MINE HEALTH & SAFETY CONFERENCE FROM AN ATTENDEE



Kathy Quick, Chevron Mining, Inc – Questa, NM, attended the 2009 New Mexico Mine Health and Safety Conference. This was her second trip to attend the conference. As a Safety Professional, Kathy has been to a variety of conferences. She commented, “The 2009 NM Mine Health and Safety Conference allowed me to interact with various agencies and professional people. The variety of topics that were covered gave me the opportunity to select those that suited my needs best. A couple of the things that made this conference so successful for me were the focus on Safety issues without a lot of other topics that could have diluted the conference’s purpose and the availability of many knowledgeable vendors.”