

National Cyber Security Awareness Month a Success at NMSU

National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM), recognized every October, is a collaborative effort between government, education, and industry to raise public awareness about cyber security. During the month of October, ICT held six presentations on NMSU Main Campus, one of which was available online, to



inform the NMSU Community about safe online practices and privacy in computing. This year, in addition to the Las Cruces Campus, the ICT Security team traveled to all of the Community Colleges, presented to approximately 500 attendees around the state on cyber security. ICT's Student Technology and Planning held several information tables, where student received tips and best practices. For more information, visit: infosec.nmsu.edu.

Photo caption: John Roberts, NMSU Chief Information Security Officer, speaks about cyber security to a packed house at the NMSU Grants campus.

Sweets for Trick or Treat

On Monday, October 30th, Student Family Housing held a successful Trick-or-Treat night. Forty-nine families residing in the Student Family Housing area volunteered to hand out candy. Residents were provided with door signs and candy to distribute. As dusk approached, residents lit their porchlights and placed welcoming signs on their doors to signal that trick-or-treaters were welcome. One resident estimated giving candy to over 100 children during the course of the evening. Additionally, entertaining activities were available for children living in Family Housing. This event provided a safe and enjoyable evening for children who live in campus housing and their families.



NMSU Student Firefighters receive NM Emergency Medical Technician – Basic (EMT-B) licensure



Congratulations to student firefighters Ross Chavez (left) and Thomas Ontiveros (right) who both recently received their NM EMT-B licensure. Students must acquire their license within their first year of being employed at the NMSU Fire Department. In addition to being students at NMSU, they train and perform to the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAAC) Firefighter II standard. Over 50% of our emergency calls for service are for medical aid. By adding these licensed EMTs to the department, they benefit the Fire Department's medical response capability and demonstrate the EMTs commitment and dedication to serve.

PB by the Pound

A total of 425 pounds of peanut butter (PB) was delivered to Aggie Cupboard food bank on Monday! The Parking for Peanut Butter campaign collected peanut butter as payment for 85 citations during Homecoming Week in support of Aggie Cupboard.

NMSU Fire Department Hosts Forcible Entry Training with Dona Ana Community College

NMSU Fire Department (NMSU FD) welcomed students from Dona Ana Community College (DACC) Fire Science Program on October 25, 2017. Ten students and three instructors from DACC participated in hands-on training utilizing forcible entry hand tools which is the first time they have had the opportunity to do this type of training at DACC. The NMSU FD recently acquired the Multiple Force Entry Door training prop through the 2017 NM State Fire Protection Grant. The prop allows students to grasp the actual force it takes to accomplish a forced entry. The NMSU FD has hosted and supported the DACC Fire Science Program for the last three years through practical hands-on training.



Homecoming Preparations

Grounds Shop personnel have been preparing campus for Homecoming. They have been trimming trees, refurbishing planters, and painting boot prints into campus. They have performed detailed maintenance in the Engineering Complex Courtyard, triangle east of Gerald Thomas Hall, and the Traders Plaza to support scheduled events for Homecoming. Go Aggies!

NMSU Fire Department Participates in Night Rescue Drill at A Mountain.

NMSU Fire Department (NMSU FD) along with members of the Mesilla Valley Search and Rescue Team participated in a night rescue drill on Thursday, October 26, at A Mountain. The drill consisted of locating an injured hiker, assessing injuries, and transporting the hiker off the mountain using rope rescue techniques that the NMSU firefighters have been working on this past month.

NMSU FD Captain Kellen Tarkington, a certified rope rescue technician, led the group of NMSU firefighters on the drill. Each year NMSU FD is called out approximately six times for actual rescues like this in the Organ Mountains, A Mountain and surrounding areas.



Snapchat Picnic

Over the weekend, residents were invited to attend a "Snapchat Picnic," where residents were invited to follow the "South Side Housing" Snapchat in order to find clues to answer questions about diversity. Students snacked on pizza and candy, played football, and lounged on picnic blankets while making new connections with their neighbors. The area's Faculty Fellow, Winnie Lee from the College of Business attended the event, and engaged with NMSU and Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine students in a relaxed environment.