

PRESS RELEASE

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SANDOVAL COUNTY NOW MANAGES AMBULANCE OPERATIONS AND FIRE AND RESCUE RESPONSES ON SITE IN CUBA, NM

Bernalillo, NM, July 2, 2026—**Sandoval County Fire and Rescue** (SCFR) announced today that starting July 1, 2026, all ambulance operations and fire and emergency responses for the Village of Cuba and the northwestern portion of Sandoval County, including parts of the Navajo Nation and Jicarilla Apache Nation, will be managed on-site by paramedic and firefighter personnel of Sandoval County. Local volunteer fire stations will continue to work with SCFR on calls. For medical, fire, rescue, or other emergencies, residents should call 911.

In making the announcement, Fire Chief Christopher Bagley said, “SCFR now provides on-site 24/7 emergency response coverage to the Cuba area. It offers Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance service, fire suppression, vehicle extrication, wildland fire response, technical rescue, and other emergency services for this region.”

PMS Healthcare’s Cuba clinic continues to offer primary care and clinic services. According to SCFR, its expanded role in Cuba is the result of the closure of the *Cuba Emergency Medical Services*. “We extend our sincerest appreciation to staff and volunteers for their critical care and emergency support to the residents and visitors throughout northwest Sandoval County for almost 40 years,” Chief Bagley shared.

These expanded operations in northwestern Sandoval County are funded in part by a Medicaid program. Also, Sandoval County and the Jicarilla Apache Nation have entered into an intergovernmental agreement to support staff positions for this station. In addition, a mutual aid agreement between Sandoval County and Rio Arriba County is in place so that if help is needed and SCFR has available resources, SCFR may assist with those calls.

The SCFR Cuba team is currently operating out of the La Jara Fire Station. The new fire station is located at the Sandoval County Fairgrounds and will open later this summer.



Sandoval County Fire and Rescue now operating in Cuba, NM.

Sandoval County, one of the fastest-growing counties in New Mexico, encompasses 3,714 square miles of diverse geography and has a population of more than 160,000 people. It includes the incorporated municipalities of Bernalillo, Cuba, Corrales, Jemez Springs, Rio Rancho, San Ysidro, the Town of Cochiti Lake, numerous unincorporated communities, and all or portions of 12 Indian Pueblos and Tribal Nations. For more information, visit www.sandovalcountynm.gov.

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