

**SANTA FE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 173**

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**A RESOLUTION TO CONSOLIDATE FIRE DISTRICT IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS  
(FDIDS) FOR INSURANCE SERVICES OFFICE (ISO) EFFECTIVENESS WHILE  
MAINTAINING FIRE DISTRICTS - FOUR REGIONS**

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**WHEREAS**, emergency services in Santa Fe County have been rendered by volunteers dating back to 1959 when the Pojoaque Department was formed; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than three decades, in Santa Fe County, all fire protection and emergency medical services were provided by dedicated volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe County Fire Department was formed in 1997, combining the volunteer departments into one Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the 15 individual volunteer fire districts remained individual fire departments each with their own FDID within the Santa Fe County Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County Fire Department Administration has been assigned FDID 49000, which is an average of all FDIDs within the County and has been used for County wide funding, grant applications, and projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Penitentiary Fire Department was dissolved along with its corresponding FDID, leaving fourteen (14) individual volunteer fire districts each with their respective FDIDs and one (1) FDID for Fire Administration, totaling fifteen (15) FDIDs within Santa Fe County; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County Fire Department and corresponding volunteer departments protects approximately 1,900 square miles of unincorporated area, requiring an efficient combination of paid staff and volunteer members; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County recognizes the importance of efficient emergency services, particularly in fire protection, to ensure the safety and well-being of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe County Fire Department recognizes the need for efficient management and allocation of resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the current system of fifteen (15) FDIDs has led to administrative complexities and challenges in resource allocation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Insurance Services Office (ISO) evaluates fire protection capabilities based on various factors, including fire department resources, water supply, emergency communications, and community risk reduction efforts, assigning a Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating that impacts property insurance premiums; and

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**WHEREAS**, the consolidation of FDIDs can streamline administrative processes, enhance data accuracy, and potentially improve ISO ratings, as well as stabilizing ISO ratings for the benefit of residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the fire districts within a geographical region rely on collaborative regional emergency response, which is not captured within current ISO evaluations; and

**WHEREAS**, while consolidating FDIDs can optimize administrative and operational efficiency, it is crucial to maintain the operational integrity and autonomy of existing fire districts to ensure effective emergency response tailored to the unique needs of different areas within Santa Fe County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners that:

1. Effective January 1, 2025, the following fourteen (14) Fire Department Identification Numbers (FDIDS) are hereby dissolved;

- Agua Fria – 49004
- Chimayo – 49007
- Edgewood – 4913
- Eldorado – 49019
- Galisteo – 49022
- Glorieta – 49025
- Hondo – 49031
- La Cienega – 49037
- La Puebla – 49043
- Madrid – 49049
- Pojoaque – 49055
- Stanley – 49067
- Tesuque – 49073
- Turquoise Trail – 49079

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

2. A fire district is hereby defined an area designated by the Board of County Commissioners based on a geographical boundary, which encompasses cultural identities and communities within Santa Fe County. The County’s existing fire districts are hereby recognized based upon the geographic boundaries in Exhibit A as follows:

- Agua Fria Fire District
- Chimayo Fire District
- Eldorado Fire District
- Edgewood Fire District
- Galisteo Fire District

- Glorieta Fire District
- Hondo Fire District
- La Cienega Fire District
- La Puebla Fire District
- Madrid Fire District
- Pojoaque Fire District
- Stanley Fire District
- Tesuque Fire District
- Turquoise Trail Fire District

3. Notwithstanding the consolidation of FDIDs described below, each of the above districts shall have a District Chief who is responsible for the day-to-day operational activities of the fire district's County-owned Stations, apparatus, and equipment, the supervision of volunteer personnel, and the allocation of the budget under the direction of the Fire Chief.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

4. Effective January 1, 2025, four (4) fire regions are hereby established within Santa Fe County, each encompassing a designated geographical region within the County, resulting in the establishment of four (4) new Fire Department Identification Numbers (FDIDs), and the current SFCFD Administration FDID is to be retained, as follows:
- Santa Fe County Fire Department – Administration - 49000
  - Santa Fe County Fire Department - Northern Region – New FDID
  - Santa Fe County Fire Department - Eastern Region – New FDID
  - Santa Fe County Fire Department - Western Region – New FDID
  - Santa Fe County Fire Department - Southern Fire Region – New FDID
- The boundaries of the new regions are set forth on Exhibit B hereto.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

5. Effective January 1, 2025, to support emergency operations and an efficient combination paid and volunteer department, the four (4) new regional FDIDs will include the following fire districts:
- Santa Fe County Fire Department - Northern Region:
    - Chimayo Fire District
    - La Puebla Fire District
    - Pojoaque Fire District
    - Tesuque Fire District
  - Santa Fe County Fire Department - Eastern Region:
    - Eldorado Fire District
    - Galisteo Fire District
    - Glorieta Fire District
    - Hondo Fire District

- Santa Fe County Fire Department - Western Region:
  - Agua Fria Fire District
  - La Cienega Fire District
  - Turquoise Trail Fire District
  - Madrid Fire District
- Santa Fe County Fire Department - Southern Fire Region:
  - Edgewood Fire District
  - Stanley Fire District

6. The Santa Fe County Fire Department shall allocate resources, personnel, and equipment as necessary to ensure optimal coverage, response times, and emergency services within each of the four (4) regions and fourteen (14) fire districts.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

7. The Fire Chief and District Chiefs are directed to develop and implement a comprehensive transition plan to facilitate the establishment of the new regions and FDIDs to ensure a smooth transition effective January 1, 2025.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024.**

**SANTA FE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By: *Hank Hughes*  
Hank Hughes, Chair

**ATTEST:**

*Katharine E. Clark*  
Katharine E. Clark  
Santa Fe County Clerk



Date: 12/9/24

**Approved as to form:**

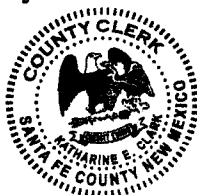
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Jeff Young  
Santa Fe County Attorney

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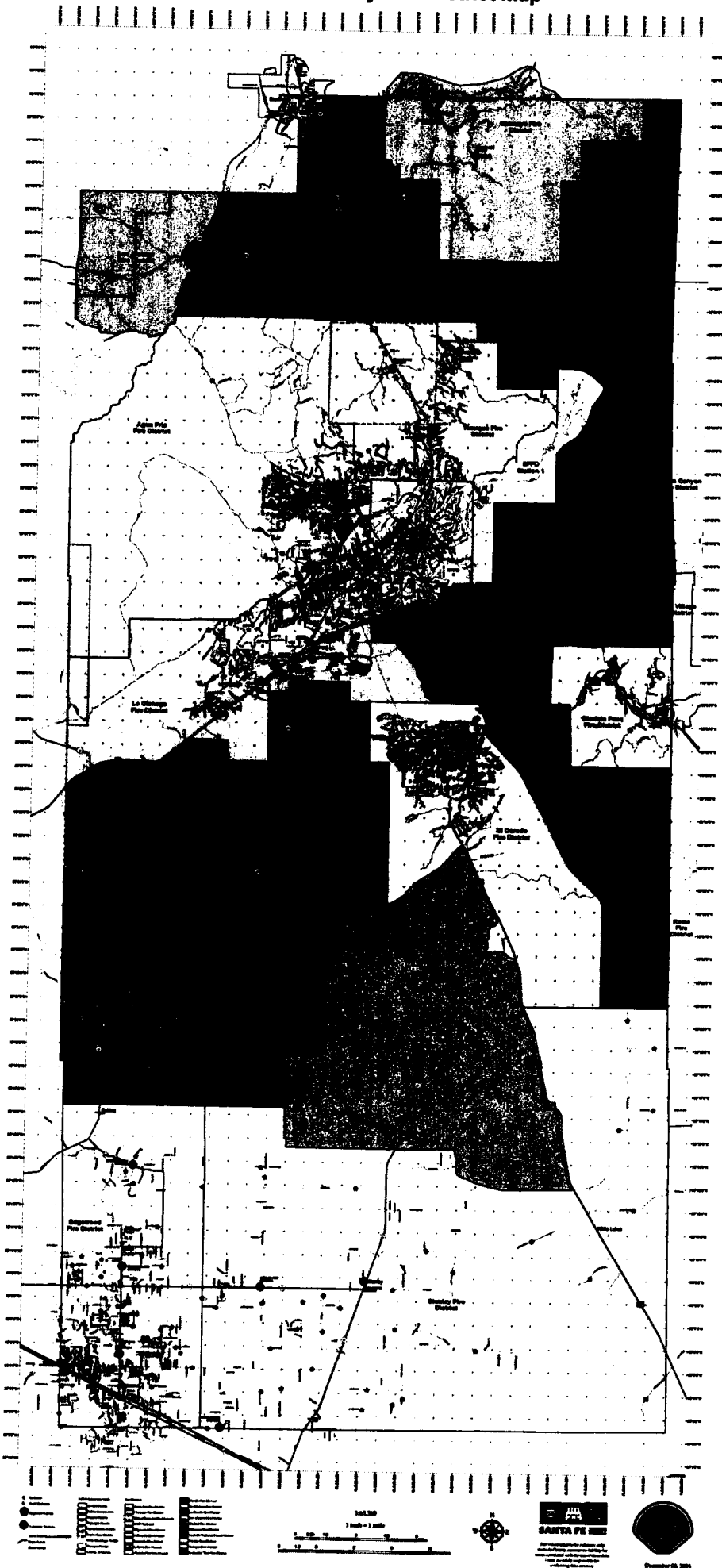
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Katharine E. Clark  
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Santa Fe County Fire District Map

Exhibit A



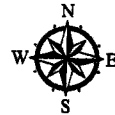
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# Santa Fe County Fire Department Regions

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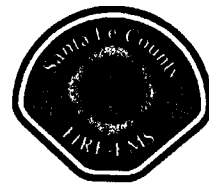
### Legend

- Volunteer Stations
- Regional Stations
- ~ Major Roads
- ▨ SFCFD Eastern Region
- ▩ SFCFD Northern Region
- ▧ SFCFD Southern Region
- ▦ SFCFD Western Region
- City of Santa Fe
- ▨ Santa Fe National Forest
- ▨ Incorporated Areas
- ▭ County Boundary



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1 inch = 1 mile



November 15, 2024

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