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Governor Bill Richardson Names Tim Manning to Head New Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today named Tim Manning the Director of the new Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department. The Department was created during the recent legislative session and will go into effect July 1, 2007. Manning has served the dual role as Governor Richardson's Homeland Security Director and the Department of Public Safety's Deputy Cabinet Secretary of Emergency Services since March 2005.

"Tim is a professional with a strong background in homeland security and emergency management," Governor Richardson said. "Tim has strong relationships with Homeland Security and Emergency Management officials at every level of government. Tim has also crafted national policy on homeland security, giving him unique credentials that make him the best person to lead this new department."

Manning has been with the Department of Public Safety's Office of Emergency Management since early 2001, serving as the Chief of the Emergency Operations Bureau and as the Director from 2003-2005.

Through his work in emergency management, Manning has been involved with the response to large emergencies and disasters for many years, including coordinating New Mexico's response to the attacks of September 11th and the following anthrax mailings. He led the Office of Emergency Management for three Presidential disaster declarations for flooding and tornadoes and managed state emergencies such as large wildfires, flooding, and hazmat incidents.

During his tenure he has overseen the interstate mutual-aid response to three other national disasters, 15 federally declared fire emergencies, and coordinated response to more than 25 emergencies and disasters declared by Governor Richardson, including drought, fire, winter storms, and border security.

Manning will continue to coordinate the state's efforts, and serve as the bridge between the State and Federal government and the cities and counties of New Mexico for the prevention, preparedness, and response to acts of terrorism and natural disasters. He will continue to coordinate the distribution of federal homeland security assistance to local government first responders.

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