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# Advocating for the Mesilla Valley Insights from Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe

event, has been rallying voices from the advocate for policies that benefit their the hope is to Mesilla Valey to advocate for the region community. Through collaboration create a more at the state capital. This initiative aims not only to amplify the concerns and aspirations of the local community but also to educate participants in the legislative process and how they can effectively support it.

emphasized the importance of year after year increasing involvement and communication among community members. "Our goal is to enrich the Mesilla Valley and stimulate economic development by uniting various stakeholders," he remarked. This inclusivity extends to key players such as Dona Ana County, Sunland Park, Las Cruces Public Schools, New Mexico State University, Dona Ana Community College, the City of Las Cruces, and the Greater Las Cruces region.

Commerce Ambassadors are proud to their voices are heard, and their stories

n a vibrant display of grassroots host this significant event, providing are told in Santa advocacy Shawn Martin, the chair a platform for these diverse voices to Fe. Through this ▲of the Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe come together, share their visions and collective effort, and understanding, Shawn believes interconnected that they can bridge gaps and create a cohesive approach to addressing the needs of the Mesilla Valley and beyond.

"We are so appreciative of the Chamber's Ambassadors dedication During our recent interview, Shawn & commitment to the planning & implementation of the 2025 Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe," says Rico Gonzales, 2025 Chair of the Board of Directors. "With an exceptional amount of participants, our expanded relationship with NMSU & other business partners, we are proud of its success & look this without our amazing sponsor. forward to the 2026 event."

the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of to participate actively, ensuring that Broadcasting, and Dona Ana County.

and prosperous future for



**SHAWN MARTIN** 

the Mesilla Valley, with the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors leading the way.

The purpose of Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe is to empower the Mesilla Valley fellowship to participate actively in shaping the region's future, driving initiatives that lead to sustainable economic development and improve quality of life for all. We could not do

Thank you to all our 2025 Las Cruces As the event comes to an end and Day in Santa Fe sponsors: Platinum Sponsors: Virgin Galactic, Memorial Commerce Ambassadors gear up for Medical Center, MountainView next year, the excitement is profound. Regional Medical Center, Comcast, Citv Community members are encouraged of Las Cruces, Adams Media, Hutton

# **Public Safety/First Responders Day 01/17/25**

The LLC32 Public Safety/First Responders Day committee offered participants a comprehensive understanding of the roles and responsibilities of first responders and their official and administrative staff. The event also provided opportunities for attendees to engage with officials, learn about their priorities, goals, and objectives, and assess the performance of public officials. Additionally, the day highlighted

the importance of proactive citizen involvement in improving the economy and enhancing quality of life.

The day began with valuable insights from Chief Jeremy Story of the Las Cruces Police Department, where we learned about the challenges of handling complex cases and the various situations the department

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## **Executive Committee**

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Say hello to our new & renewing members for February 2025. Take a few minutes to visit or call these wonderful businesses.

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LA Services LLC 5102 Los Nogales Dr. Carlsbad, NM 88220 575-725-5090 laservicesllc.com Anniversary Date: 3/1/2025

Las Cruces Academy 1755 Avenida de Mercado Mesilla, NM 88046 575-521-9384 LasCrucesAcademy.org Anniversary Date: 2/1/2025

Richard Haas + Architects Las Cruces, NM 88001 575-649-9880 Anniversary Date: 2/1/2025

V2 Beauty & Hair Salon 2109 N. Álameda Suite 1 Las Cruces, NM 88005 575-313-9537 facebook.com/profile. php?id=61563973584492 Anniversary Date: 3/1/2025

**United Theranostics** 4391 E. Lohman, Suite A Las Cruces, NM 88011 575-323-9123 unitedtheranostics.com/las-cruces Anniversary Date: 3/1/2025

#### **RENEWING MEMBERS**

American Linen & Uniform Company 550 N. Church Las Cruces, NM 88001-3440 575-526-6641 yourlinencompany.com Anniversary Date: 1/1/1949

Blue Halo 1300 Britt St. SE Albuquerque, NM 87123-3353 505-767-1200 Anniversary Date: 11/10/2010

#### Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces 330 W. Las Cruces Ave Las Cruces, NM 88005-2516 575-526-1519

bgclascruces.org Anniversary Date: 3/22/2007

#### Camino Real Abstract & Title Company

230 S. Alameda Bldg 2 Las Cruces, NM 88005-2619 575-523-0688 caminorealtitle.com Anniversary Date: 7/1/2017

#### Comcast Cable

2750 Mall Drive Suite 300 Las Cruces, NM 88012-8704 575-523-2531 comcast.com/default.cspx Anniversary Date: 11/12/1974

#### Comfort Keepers

755 S. Telshor Blvd. Suite C-101 Las Cruces, NM 88011-4681 575-521-4400 comfortkeepers.com Anniversary Date: 1/12/2011

#### Dawson Dinsmore Anniversary Date: 8/1/2019

Del Valle Physical Therapy 2445 Missouri Ave. Suite A Las Cruces, NM 88001-5111 575-523-8080 delvallept.com

Anniversary Date: 4/29/2011

Dona Ana Community College MSC-3DA, Box 30001 Las Cruces, NM 88003 575-527-7500 dacc.nmsu.edu/

Anniversary Date: 12/20/1984

Edward Jones - Bruce Ball 3880 Foothills Rd. Ste 2 Las Cruces, NM 88011-5143 575-522-5583 www.edwardjones.com/bruce-ball Anniversary Date: 2/1/2022

#### Memorial Medical Center 2450 S Telshor Blvd

Las Cruces, NM 88011-5069 575-522-8641 mmclc.org Anniversary Date: 2/13/1981

McGinley Construction, Inc. PO Box 370 Mesilla, NM 88046-0370 575-523-9140 mcginley-construction.com Anniversary Date: 12/17/1997

#### New Mexico Department of Agriculture 973 Agriculture Way

Las Cruces, NM 88003-8005 575-646-1551 nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/ Anniversary Date: 4/2/1973

### Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts 108 Spencer Rd. Alto, NM 88312-9559

575-336-4800 spencertheater.com Anniversary Date: 3/25/2011

Sport Air Racing Council Corp. 610 Wingspan Drive Las Cruces, NM 88001

623-275-0413 sportclass.com Anniversary Date: 1/1/2024

#### Transforming Life with Heidi 1180 Commerce Dr Box 13122

Las Cruces, NM 88013-4605 720-245-1211 transforminglifewithheidi.com Anniversary Date: 11/1/2023

#### Warren & Law Dental

4141 Camino Coyote, Suite A Las Cruces, NM 88011-3001 575-524-5812 warrenlawdental.com Anniversary Date: 3/9/2011

# Winsupply Las Cruces NM Co. 1844 W. Amador Ave, Ste B

Las Cruces, NM 88005-4009 575-523-7401 Anniversary Date: 4/2/2008



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## IMPORTANT DATES

For more information contact Cyndi, carmijo@lascruces.org or call 575-527-5546

#### March 14 - 8:00-9:00am

with: TERRA WINTER Community Foundation of SNM **Las Cruces Convention Center** 

#### March 18 - 4:00 -5:00 pm

**Business After Hours with Memorial Medical Center** 2450 S Telshor Blvd

## March 26 - 5:30pm

Chamber U: Maximizing Your Investment **GLCCC Conference Room** 

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

#### April 10

2025 Annual Chamber Celebration & Choice Awards

Details to come

#### June 6

2025 Golf Classic Tournament

Details to come



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## **RIBBON CUTTINGS**



The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce joined Nusenda Credit Union, 4161 White Sage Arc, to celebrate the Grand Opening of their new location on Saturday, February 8. Joe Christian, retired President/CEO, holds the proclamation, while Michelle Dearholt, President/CEO is cuts the ribbons.



FirstLight Federal Credit Union, 522 E. Idaho, held a ribbon cutting on Thursday, February 20, to celebrate the Grand Opening of their newest Engagement Center. Margie Salazar, CEO, is joined by Dania Angeles-Community Engagement Manager, Gary Bruner, Supervisory Committee, Miguel Cheng- Board Member, and Jim Huff- Chief Retail Officer as she cuts the ribbon.

Public Safety continued from 1A

manages within the community. We then visited the Drug Enforcement Agency Office, where Archie Morales from US Customs & Border Protection discussed the impact of border crime on the local area. Michelle Rincon, a Community Outreach Specialist, shared important information on the "One Pill Can Kill" campaign and how to raise awareness about the dangers of drugs. particularly for teens. The group also participated in a Q&A with DEA Task Force Agents, gaining a deeper understanding of their roles and how they collaborate with other law enforcement agencies to tackle crime. The day concluded with a tour of the East Mesa Public Safety Complex, led by Officer Charlie Velasco, where we explored the facility's resources, including tactical vehicles and drones, and toured the Las Cruces Fire Department

Station 8 to learn more about their

Leaders in law enforcement play a crucial role in guiding and shaping the effectiveness of public safety efforts. They are responsible for setting the direction, priorities, and policies of law enforcement agencies, ensuring their teams are well-trained, and fostering collaboration with other community organizations. These leaders also focus on improving public safety, building trust with the community, and tackling complex issues such as crime, drug abuse, and emergency response. Through strategic leadership, law enforcement leaders aim to enhance the safety, well-being, and quality of life for all citizens.

Many thanks to all our guest speakers who impacted our leadership group with their



insights and expertise. Their valuable contributions provided a deeper understanding of the challenges and responsibilities faced by first responders and law enforcement leaders. We appreciate their time, knowledge. and dedication to improving our community and enhancing our awareness of public safety.





# IN THE KNOW **LUNCHEON AND EGGS & CONVERSATION**

President Valerio Ferme, NMSU, was the guest speaker at the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce In the **Know Luncheon on February 13. He graciously shared** his vision for NMSU and insights into his approach to leadership and corporate management. President Ferme then offered a personal look into his upbringing and experiences during our Eggs & Conversation on Friday, February 14 at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

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