

Next Meeting: February 20, 11am-1pm

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“The Evolving Role of Emergency Medicine”

Albuquerque Fire Dept. Chief David Downey

"Para-" as a prefix comes from the Greek word "[para](#)", which means "beside" or "beyond". Thus a paramedic is someone who works "beside" those in the medical profession - i.e. doctors and other healthcare professionals.

[Paramedicine](#) provides advanced levels of care for medical emergencies and trauma situations. Most paramedics obtain a wide-range of skill sets, including [ACLS](#), spinal injury and fracture management, medication administration, obstetrics, management of burns, advanced airway management, wound management, triage of patients in mass casualty incidents and much, much more.

These often-times first responders provide invaluable support to our community's health and well-being. With all the changes in the healthcare landscape, this program will quickly get you on the inside of what's happening in Paramedicine now and in the future. Bring a guest and meet ABQ's new Interim Fire Chief!

About Chief David Downey...

[Mayor Richard J. Berry](#) appointed the [City's new Interim Fire Chief](#), beginning January 1, 2014 . With Fire Chief James Breen retiring at the end of January, Mayor Berry has announced Deputy Chief David Downey, will be the [department's Interim Chief](#). Downey is a career public servant; he has been with AFD for 20 years. While serving as AFD's Deputy Chief; he was in charge of all fire department operations, the emergency response division, along with all health and safety programs. As Deputy Chief one of his main priorities was to improve incident command and radio communications via the department's professional development program. During his time as Deputy Chief, Downey also completed the prestigious National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program.

Links on Paramedicine (we've done the work so you don't have to...):

- [Paramedicine - Wikipedia's take...](#)
- [KOB-TV - "Albuquerque's new class of paramedics hits the streets" 4/25/13](#)
- [Emergency Medical Services - Albuquerque Fire Department](#)
- [Albuquerque Ambulance Service](#)
- [Bernalillo County EMS Division](#)
- [Superior Ambulance Service, Inc.](#)
- [Want to go by air? AirCARE1 International](#)
- **"Emergency!"** [...For those of you nostalgic for the '70's...](#) (starring [Randolph Mantooth](#), one of the best acting names ever)

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NMACC Partypacks: (open houses, social gatherings, verified hearsay...)

Open House, Feb. 26 - [Sonic SEO](#) - Call Mark Livingston for more info... 505-504-8107. www.sonicseo.com.

NMACC Snacks: (non-profit events/causes...)



[American Heart Association - New Mexico. Go Red For Women Luncheon](#), Wed., Feb. 26, 11am.

[American Heart Month](#) - A statement from Secretary of Health of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius.

NMACC Sac: (fast links to helpful educational tidbits)

[SHSMD 1/2 Day Workshop "Is Your Brain Sabotaging You?"](#) - Shauna Rampley, Friday, Feb. 14, 8:30-noon.

Women Make A Difference Monthly Luncheon: ["The Art of Asking Great Questions"](#) - Keri Stewart, presenter. Friday, February 14, Tanoan Country Club, 11:30am-1:05pm. More? Val Romero @ 505-362-8546.

NMACC Almanac: (Upcoming Meetings)

NMACC member meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of each month. **Mark your calendar** with the following dates so you won't miss a meeting!

March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart."

- [Helen Keller](#)

"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to His heart. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart."

- [Nelson Mandela](#)

"Despite everything, I believe that people are really good at heart."

- [Anne Frank](#)



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