

# Press Release

## Lea County Awarded Federal Grant

### Lea County Courthouse, Lovington, NM:

Lea County Emergency Management Director Lorenzo Velasquez reported to the Lea County Board of County Commissioners at the Friday, April 10, 2015 meeting that Lea County has been awarded a \$510,107.13 grant by the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management for the Communication Tower and Lea County Sheriff's Office equipment.

This grant is to be used to support activities essential to the ability of states, territories and urban areas to prepare for, prevent, and respond to terrorist attacks and other all-hazard events. Velasquez said "this funding will be utilized specifically to purchase Motor Data Terminals for the Sheriff's Department and the Communication Tower equipment for Lea County."

Lea County Sheriff Steve Ackerman commented that "receiving the Mobile Data Terminals, Unit cameras and Body cameras for the Sheriff's Office vehicles will assist Lea County deputies with requirements for updated communications equipment that will better protect the citizens of Lea County."

Lea County Manager Mike Gallagher said "Lea County department directors are very pro-active in applying for grants and funding that are a benefit to the entire county. We are pleased to receive this \$510,107.13 grant to update and provide equipment for our deputies and Communications Tower from the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security."