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**Press Release**

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Re: PNM Fire

At approximately 1:45 pm on August 1, 2012, a fire started in the back of an employee's truck at the Penitentiary of New Mexico's administrative building parking lot in Santa Fe.

An inmate first noticed the fire and notified staff immediately. PNM administrative staff was evacuated from the building and all PNM inmates were placed on lockdown. Inmates were allowed movement once the fire was put out at approximately 3:00 pm.

PNM staff attempted to extinguish the fire when the fire spread to a New Mexico State inmate transport van and another employee's vehicle.

Santa Fe County Fire Department, La Cienga Volunteer Fire Department, New Mexico State Police, Risk Management, and the State Fire Marshal responded to the incident and extinguished the fire.

The estimated damage is \$52-58,000 to include the three vehicles and the parking lot.

No one was harmed because of the fire. An Internal Standards investigation has been launched and the State Fire Marshal is investigating the cause of the fire.

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