

# NEW MEXICO

## Feed and Food Incident Rapid Response Team

INVOLVED

INFORMED

ENGAGED

COLLABORATING

SHARING

### Trainings for JULY – SEPTEMBER

#### FUTURE TRAININGS

Trace-back class

November 6 – 7, 2018

*More information to follow.*

### WHAT STATE'S HAVE RRT



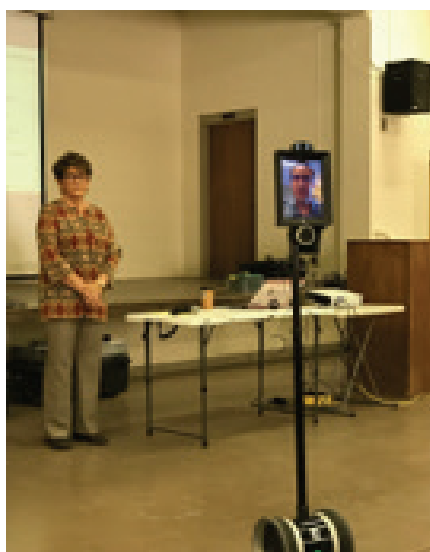
There are 20 Food and Drug Administration-funded RRTs and 3 volunteer states.

New Mexico is a volunteer state.

### EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT NMRRT

The Rapid Response Team (RRT) in New Mexico is important so that multiple agencies may establish best practices in their response and continuing follow up for any feed or food borne illness that might present itself in human and animal food contamination. It will help prepare for and effectively respond to foodborne illness outbreaks and other food emergencies.

On April 18 at the eighth Annual Food Protection Alliance, NMRRT gave its first presentation to an audience of those involved in the protection of food in the state of New Mexico.



Randy Treadwell, our mentor from Washington State, was unable to attend the meeting; so, instead, he sent RANDROID, his traveling self (a robot). Through RANDROID he spoke about Washington's RRT program and gave its history. He cited a few examples of activations. Randy is committed to assisting New Mexico with their RRT program.

## CORE AGENCIES OF THE NMRRT

- New Mexico Department of Agriculture
- New Mexico Department of Environment
- New Mexico Department of Health
- United States Department of Agriculture's Food Safety Inspection Service
- Food and Drug Administration
- Bernalillo County
- City of Albuquerque
- Albuquerque Area Indian Health Services
- Navajo Agricultural Products Industry
- Southwest Inter-tribal Emergency Managers Coalition

## OUTBREAKS

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### EGG OUTBREAK

April 2018

Salmonella

*Recalled 206 million eggs*

*35 reported illnesses*

*11 hospitalized in 9 states*



### ROMAINE LETTUCE OUTBREAK

March 13 – May 23, 2018

E. Coli contamination

*209 became ill in 35 states*

*89 hospitalized and 5 deaths*

*Multiple growers, harvesters, processors, and distributors in the Yuma area have made it difficult to trace back to origin of contamination.*

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#### MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of the New Mexico Rapid Response Team is to provide tools and resources to facilitate communications and expedite response among those agencies responsible for protecting public health during feed or food borne emergencies.*