



**Senator Martin Heinrich's Actions to Support
Law Enforcement and First Responders
Across New Mexico**

Senator Heinrich has built an extensive track record in securing investments to support New Mexico's law enforcement and first responders. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Heinrich has leveraged his position to secure millions of dollars for New Mexico's police and fire departments.

Heinrich secured \$750,000 through the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Appropriations process to **redesign the Bernalillo County Emergency Operations Center and upgrade the information technology systems and displays.**

In addition to this investment, Heinrich cosponsored and helped secure passage of the **Fire Grants and Safety Act**, which has provided over **\$15.3 million to local fire departments in New Mexico.** **Specifically in Bernalillo County, this law has delivered:**

- \$2.4 million for Bernalillo County and its Fire and Rescue Department to recruit and retain firefighters.
- \$1.6 million for Albuquerque and its Fire Department to recruit and retain firefighters, in addition to new resources needed to better respond to emergencies.

The Fire Grants and Safety Act, which was recently signed into law by President Joe Biden, reauthorizes two federal grant programs at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). For a full list of investments from this legislation that have delivered funds across New Mexico, see [here](#).

Heinrich has long worked to secure investments to support the **Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office**. He delivered over \$650,000 through the [Fiscal Year 2023 \(FY23\) Appropriations process](#) and has secured Committee support for over \$1.5 million through the [Fiscal Year 2025 \(FY25\) Appropriations process](#). These investments include:

- **\$1,550,000 for the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office for equipment and staffing** for forensic analysis and crime scene reconstruction, and to establish a Violence Intervention Program.
- **\$416,000 for Bernalillo County's Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion** to continue the diversion program for nonviolent, drug-related offenders.
- **\$240,000 for Bernalillo County's Metropolitan Courts' Probation Assistance Program**, providing case management and linking defendants on probation or on the Competency Court Docket with critical resources.

Heinrich also secured nearly \$1 million through the Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations process for [a new Mobile Command Center](#) and [new radio and communications equipment](#) to improve response times and emergency coordination to help first responders in Eddy County keep New Mexicans safe. Heinrich met with public safety leaders at the Carlsbad Police Department in October to discuss this funding.

Heinrich is proud to have delivered millions of dollars in federal investments and championed legislation that are supporting local police departments and first responders with new tools and resources needed to keep New Mexicans safe.

Investing in New Mexico's law enforcement:

In the last year alone, Heinrich has delivered over **\$26.5 million dollars to help New Mexico's law enforcement** solve crimes, support survivor services, improve violence prevention, and keep communities safe, including:

- \$21 million for [35 grants to better equip New Mexico's law enforcement](#) with the tools and resources needed to keep our communities safe.

- \$5.5 million for [New Mexico's law enforcement agencies](#) secured through Congressionally Directed Spending requests.

Specifically, as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, through Congressionally Directed Spending grants, Heinrich delivered **\$48.9 million in funding for law enforcement or first responders** with the FY22, FY23, and FY24 Appropriations processes.

In the current FY25 process, Heinrich has secured **Committee support for \$11.5 million in funding for law enforcement and first responders** across New Mexico.

Notably, Heinrich [announced over \\$1 million he secured in the FY24 Appropriations Bills](#) to purchase new National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (**NIBIN**) **ballistics testing machines for law enforcement agencies in Roswell, Las Cruces, Farmington, and Gallup.**

The intelligence gathered by these machines will help law enforcement agencies to improve identification of suspects and support successful prosecutions. Through the FY24 Appropriations Bills, Heinrich also [secured language directing the expanded use of NIBIN for state and local agencies in the Southwest Border region.](#)

Keeping our border communities safe, Heinrich pushed for a [\\$400 million investment in state-of-the-art scanning technology, supporting Customs and Border Protection with their work to stop the deadly flow of fentanyl](#) into our communities. With this new technology, almost every truck and passenger vehicle will be scanned for illicit substances at New Mexico's Santa Teresa Land Port of Entry.

Legislative solutions:

Heinrich is working to build a safer New Mexico through legislation that works to equip law enforcement with the tools needed to solve crimes and support survivors. Public safety in New Mexico and across our nation requires work to advance and pass bipartisan policies that save lives, protect public safety, and reduce gun violence.

Heinrich authored and secured passage of legislation to increase criminal penalties for straw purchasing, and for the first time ever, make firearms trafficking out of the U.S. a federal crime through provisions in the **[Bipartisan Safer Communities Act](#)** — **the most significant gun safety law in nearly three decades**. Two years in, law enforcement have brought over 600 charges against straw purchasers and illegal firearms traffickers.

In addition, Heinrich led the fight to pass his **[FEND Off Fentanyl Act](#)** **into law**. This legislation will help cut off the illicit supply of fentanyl before it crosses our borders and makes it into our communities.

Heinrich brought his **[Banning Unlawful Machinegun Parts \(BUMP\) Act](#)**, bipartisan legislation to ban bump stocks, to the **[Senate floor](#)** through a unanimous consent (UC) request. The effort directly follows a recent Supreme Court ruling to overturn a Trump-era ban on bump stocks, devices designed to indiscriminately kill the highest number of people in the shortest amount of time. U.S. Senator Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.), objected to Heinrich's UC request, blocking passage of the legislation. Since the Supreme Court ruling, **[over 20 senators have signed onto Heinrich's BUMP Act](#)**, bringing support up to over a quarter of the Senate.

In addition to investments delivering state-of-the-art technologies at our border, which are working to stop fentanyl before it infiltrates our communities, Heinrich **introduced [legislation to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to increase its use of nonintrusive inspection systems](#)** to scan passenger and commercial vehicles at all land ports of entry.

Last November, Heinrich introduced [the Gas-Operated Semi-Automatic Firearms Exclusion \(GOSAFE\) Act](#), legislation to protect communities from gun violence, while safeguarding Americans' constitutional right to own a firearm for legitimate self-defense, hunting, and sporting purposes. In addition to regulating the sale, transfer, and manufacture of gas-operated semi-automatic weapons, the GOSAFE Act

would prevent unlawful modifications of permissible firearms, including bump stocks. **Earlier this month**, Heinrich announced that his GOSAFE Act has been introduced in the House by U.S. Representative Lucy McBath (D-Ga.).