

Local Emergency Planning Committee
General Membership Meeting

MINUTES

Thursday ~ December 19, 2013 ~ 9:00 A.M.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

5195 SPECTRUM BOULEVARD, RENO, NEVADA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - (Non-action item)

Chair Moore called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A quorum was established.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Alquist – Truckee Meadows Community College; Gary Beekman – Washoe County Technology Services; Julie Bender – Regional Public Safety Training Center; Chris Cenac - Truckee Meadows Water Authority; Richard Gammick – Washoe County District Attorney; Pat Hambright – KOLO, Channel 8; Dave Hunkup – Reno Sparks Indian Colony; Aaron Kenneston – Washoe County Emergency Management; Tim Leighton – Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District; Spencer Lewis – University of Nevada, Reno; Chris Magenheimer – North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District; Tracy Moore – Washoe County School District; Joe Nishikida – Reno Fire Department; Mitch Nowicki – Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority; Don Pelt – Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Kelley Odom – Reno Emergency Communications Center; Debbie Penrod – University of Nevada, Jim Reagan – NV Energy; Reno; Tim Spencer – Reno Fire Department; Eileen Stickney – Washoe County Health District; Dee Stueve – Associated General Contractors; and Jeff Whitesides – Washoe County Health District;

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brian Allen – Sparks Police Department; Kelly Boyd – American Red Cross; Mark Katre – Reno Police Department; Rob Kelley – Washoe County Department of Water Resources; Andy Koski – Sparks Fire Department; Robert McLaughlin – Veterans Administration Hospital; Teresa Long – Washoe County Health District; Phil Povey – Truckee Meadows Community College; Rob Reeder – Regional Transportation Commission; Frank Schumann – Washoe County Sheriff's Office; Keith Sheridan – Ormat Technologies; and Jim Wilson – Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority.

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Kent Choma – Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center; Michele Gitmed – Reno Police Department; Jim Gubbels – Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority; Beth Langan – Regional Public Safety Training Center; Chris Maples – Sparks Fire Department; Greg Meister – Reno Police Department; Michael Munda – Renown; Tim O'Conner – Washoe County Sheriff's Office; Brian Reeder – Associated General Contractors; Edwin Smith – Washoe County Health District; Brian Taylor – Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority.

ALTERNATES ABSENT: Ed Atwell – University of Nevada, Reno; Phil Barton – Sparks Fire Department; Bev Buchanan – Reno Emergency Communications Center; Steve Burlie – Regional Transportation Commission; Dawn Clevenger – Ormat Technologies; Christina Conti – Washoe County Health District; Diane Drinkwater – Washoe County District Attorney's Office; Skip Eller – Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority; James English – Washoe County Health District; John Gilmore – Ormat Technologies; Jim Hadsall – Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority; Nida Harjo – Reno Sparks Indian Colony; John Helzer – Washoe County District Attorney's Office;

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Bruce Hicks – North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District; Mike Kryzstof – Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District; Chad Leonard – University of Nevada, Reno; Chris Long – Washoe County Technology Services; Alex Kukulus – Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District; Matt Marquez – Sparks Police Department; Mike Mieras – Washoe County School District; Kenneth Miller – Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Eric Millette – Sparks Fire Department; Brad Norman – Truckee Meadows Community College; Tom O'Brien – Reno Fire Department; Jerry Preston – Washoe County Department of Water Resources; Josh Reynolds – Truckee Meadows Community College; Suzy Rogers – Reno Emergency Communications Center; Rick Sanchez – Washoe County Health District; Kevin Schaller – American Red Cross; John Slaughter - Washoe County Manager; and Pat Thomas – KOLO, Channel 8.

Blaine Cartlidge – Deputy District Attorney, was also present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (For possible action) – *October 17, 2013 General Membership and November 20, 2013 Grants and Finance Subcommittee meeting minutes*

Chair Moore noted that there were two (2) sets of minutes to be approved one for the General Membership meeting on October 17, 2013, and one for the November 20, 2013, Grants and Finance Subcommittee meeting.

Cathy Ludwig – Grants Coordinator, noted that Tim Spencer works for Reno Fire Department not the Sparks Fire Department.

Kelly Boyd noted that Any Koski should read Andy Koski in the Grants and Finance Subcommittee, meeting minutes of November 20, 2013.

It was moved by Joe Nishikida, seconded by Phil Povey, to approve the November 20, 2013, Grants and Finance Subcommittee meeting minutes as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

Hearing no modifications to the General Membership meeting minutes of October 17, 2013, Chair Moore asked for a motion.

It was moved by Mitch Nowicki, seconded by Don Pelt, to approve the October 27, 2013, General Membership meeting minutes, as submitted. MOTION CARRIED.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Non-action item)

There were no public comments.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT (For possible action) – *A review, discussion and possible action to accept Revenue and Payables reports.*

Cathy Ludwig – Grants Coordinator, provided an overview of the 2013 SERC (State Emergency Response Commission) grants noting that this would be the final review as the grant had been closed. Ms. Ludwig noted that \$104,660.54 of the \$110,000.00 grant had been expended and that

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\$1,000.00 of the \$5,804.00 RenoFireShow grant had been deobligated. Ms. Ludwig explained that SERC Planning Training, Equipment and operations grant of \$34,000 had been received and that additional information would be available for the February 2014 meeting. On Tuesday, December 17, 2013, the BCC (Board of County Commissioners) had approved the subgrant of \$30,000.00 to TMFPD (Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District). Ms. Ludwig noted that the 2012 Homeland Security grant for the SPARTAN (Schools Prepared and Ready Together Across Nevada) project had expended all but \$0.19 (19 cents) of the \$297,652.00 grant and was now closed. Ms. Ludwig noted that there was an error on Citizens Information and Warning Grant spreadsheet and asked that this item not be accepted at this time.

It was moved by Eileen Stickney, seconded by Mitch Nowicki, to accept the Treasurer's Report except for the Citizens Information and Warning Grant component. MOTION CARRIED.

- 5. GRANT OPPORTUNITIES** (Non-action item) – *Information and discussion of upcoming and /or existing LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) grants.*

There were no grant opportunities to report.

- 8. LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) HAZMAT PLAN APPROVAL** (For Possible Action) – *A review, discussion and possible action of update to the LEPC Hazmat Plan.*

Aaron Kenneston – Washoe County Emergency Manager, recalled the request at the October 17, 2013, meeting, for member agencies to review the draft HazMat plan. Mr. Kenneston noted that he had received several comments from member agencies and that today's approval is part of the annual SERC (State Emergency Response Commission) compliance process/procedure that includes LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) bylaws and other data. Mr. Kenneston pointed out that the RTAA (Reno Tahoe Airport Authority) exercise is slated for May 1, 2014 and asked for a motion to approve the Hazmat Plan as written.

It was moved by Richard Gammick, seconded by Julie Bender, to approve the HazMat plan as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Kenneston stated that he would work with Technology Services to add the updated plan to the Washoe County website and explained that certain confidential information is redacted and requires Emergency Manager approval should a Freedom of Information request be received.

- 9. UPDATE ON REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EVENTS** (Non-action item) – *A briefing of regional meetings, events, trainings and exercises.*

Aaron Kenneston – Washoe County Emergency Manager, commented that the calendar was also available at www.readywashoe.com and noted the near standing room only attendance at the recent ARkStorm seminar. Mr. Kenneston pointed out that a table top exercise is scheduled on March 14, 2014.

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JANUARY

14-15 – Community Resiliency Workshop WCHD

16- Infra Guard Meeting

21- Mutual Aid Evac training & Workshop

22- EOC Incident Liaison

27-29- ICS-300 Public Health

FEBRUARY

20- LEPC

20-21- ICS-400 Public Health

20- Wild Land Fire Coordination

MARCH

14 – ARkStorm Summit

APRIL

9 - Demobilization & Donations training

17 – LEPC

17- Infra Guard

xx- Active Assailant FSE

xx– Psychological First Aid

MAY

1 - Airport FSE

xx- EOC Incident Command Liaison Red Cross

JUNE

2-13- School Incident Response Team SIRT Training

12-14- CERT Academy

17- LEPC

19-21- CERT Academy

JULY

xx – Plan Alternate EOC Exercise

10, 11 and 12 NAG - NV Civil Support Team (CST)

AUGUST

17- LEPC

xx – Alternate EOC & IAP Exercise

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16 October '14 LEPC

xx October '14 – No. NV Disaster Victim Recovery Team TTX

xx October '14 Great Shake Out

xx November '14 – City of Sparks Drill – Steve Driscoll

18 December '14 - LEPC

xx June '15 – Bureau of Reclamation Dam Break Exercise - Aaron

- 6. GRANT APPROVAL** (For possible action) - *Approval of a 2013 Department of Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$165,000.00 for sustainment actions on the Public Information and Warning project.*

Aaron Kenneston – Washoe County Emergency Manager, outlined the history of the Homeland Security Grants process that required LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) approval until the process was changed in 2006. Mr. Kenneston explained that the intent is to keep the LEPC informed even though there is no longer a need to LEPC approval. This extension will continue the update of the plan focused on Washoe County and expansion to counties statewide. Mr. Kenneston noted that the Emergency Alert system is in place and the he continues to work with the State of Nevada to a cohesive response system to address hazardous materials. Mr. Kenneston invited member agencies to participate in the process.

Cathy Ludwig – Grants Coordinator, commented that other agencies receiving Homeland Security grant funding should bring that information to the LEPC for approval.

It was moved by Richard Gammick, seconded by Don Pelt, to approve the 2013 Department of Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$165,000.00 for sustainment actions on the Public information and Warning Project. MOTION CARRIED.

- 7. GRANT APPROVAL** (For possible action) - *Approval of a 2014 U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Mid-Cycle Training grant in the amount of \$117,113.00 for application submittal to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC).*

Cathy Ludwig – Grants Coordinator, commented that the grant amount should read \$17,113.00 rather than the \$117,113.00 shown. Ms. Ludwig outlined the priorities recommended by the Grants and Finance Committee as follows: 1) Reno Police Department Highway Emergency in the amount of \$6,404.50 and Mass Transit in the amount of \$6,404.50 (total \$12,809.00); RSIC (Reno Sparks Indian Colony) HAZ-WOPER (Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Standard) in the amount of \$4,304.00; for a total grant of \$17,113.00.

It was moved by Phil Povey, seconded by Mitch Nowicki, to approve the 2014 U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Mid-Cycle Training grant in the amount of \$17,113.00 for application submittal to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) in the following priority: 1) Reno Police Department Highway Emergency in the amount of \$6,404.50 and Mass Transit in the amount of \$6,404.50 (total \$12,809.00); RSIC (Reno Sparks Indian Colony) HAZ-WOPER (Hazardous Waste Operations

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and Emergency Response Standard) in the amount of \$4,304.00; for a total grant of \$17,113.00. MOTION CARRIED.

10. UPDATE FROM THE RADIOLOGICAL TASK FORCE (Non-action item) – *A briefing on current radiological issues within the region.*

Scott Alquist provided the following information: November 24, 2013 – Yucca Education Symposium at Atlantis Casino – US Nuclear Energy Foundation: a. Discussions on Nuclear Waste Policy Act 1982; b. Presentations by Senator Mark Amodei and numerous Nye County Commissioners; c. One topic presented was on transportation of nuclear waste to Yucca and NNSS; d. Discussions on expanding the footprint of Area 5 at the test site to begin receiving 403 canisters of Uranium-233 from Oak Ridge, TN; e. High activity waste – generally more dangerous than the LLW they already store; f. Has been sitting in a warehouse in TN since the 1980's; g. Will cost \$600-million to treat – extract, dissolve and downblend to a less concentrated form; h. DOE (Department of Energy) says not a security threat during transportation as it's so radioactive that terrorists would have a dangerous time obtaining it and is difficult to extract from the containers; i. NV is still fighting against this; j. So there is a concern that this "may" open the door to ship high level waste from Hanford if Area 5 at the NNSS is allowed/selected to accept the waste from Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

2. Over \$15-billion already spent on Yucca Mountain; a. Has passed the House twice but Senator Reid will not allow a vote in the Senate; b. Big push to open Yucca as a storage/research/reprocessing site; c. Over 70,000 tons of nuclear waste is still sitting waiting to be collected by the DOE; d. Many European countries already do this – France has the lowest cost energy and reprocesses waste as spent fuel still contains approx. 95% of its' energy; e. Would generate over 2,500 construction jobs, 2,100 jobs to build the rail spur and over 14,000 other jobs such as support functions, infrastructure in NV and other states f. On November 21, 2013 D.C. Circuit Court said that the DOE can no longer collect fees from nuclear plant operators for a service they don't provide – 5 states have filed law suits against DOE for violation of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act; g. Have already collected over \$38.7-billion dollars for storage – this comes from the fees and from taxpayers; h. D.C. Circuit Court that until Yucca Mountain is resumed or Congress rejects Yucca Mountain and directs DOE to pursue a new storage plan, they cannot collect fees while trying to figure it out.

3. Another concern is San Onofre – while that is in Southern California, as is Diablo Canyon (San Luis Obispo) – this plant is being decommissioned and that waste will also need a final resting place. Diablo Canyon may be next to go as it was originally designed to survive a 6.75 earthquake, it was upgraded to survive a 7.1 earthquake but there is still concern that an earthquake could result in a Fukushima-type event.

4. With all of this said, not counting continuing WIPP shipments, the possibility of increased shipments of nuclear waste is still a concern for our area as much of these types of wastes are channeled through Idaho National Labs before being shipped to NNSS Area 5 or WIPP.

Eric Matus – Nevada Radiation Program, commented that he had attended a workshop on secured transportation. Mr. Matus noted that nuclear waste shipments would use the same protocols

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currently in place for transport of nuclear weapons used secure route and escorted by federal agents. Similarly, such transports will not be noticed other than to local agencies with route and site control provided by the federal security agents. Mr. Matus drew attention to the multitude of conspiracy website citing the ongoing effect of the tsunami damage to the Fukushima Nuclear plant in Japan. Mr. Matus emphasized that the contamination from that breach had dissipated within a few days of the incident and that there are no detectible aftereffect contrary to what is listed on the conspiracy websites. Mr. Matus then addressed persistent theories that there are higher levels of radioactive particles in Washoe County. Mr. Matus explained that during winter inversions the amount of radon trapped in the particulate does not dissipate as quickly and is listed as radioactive material erroneously.

Aaron Kenneston – Washoe County Emergency Manager, noted that there would be additional training on this issue within the next 60-days and that member agencies will be notified of the training.

12. LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) PRESENTATION (Non-action item) – *CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, high yield Explosive) Enhanced Force Response Package (CERFP) Presentation.*

Major Eric Stringer – Nevada Air National Guard, narrated a PowerPoint® presentation on Nevada ANG (Air National Guard) NV CMRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, high-yield Explosive) (copy on file) covering the following points:

- 1) The Mission – To respond to chemical, biological, radiological, Nuclear or High-yield incidents or natural disasters by providing assistance to local, state and federal agencies in conducting consequence management by providing patient decontamination, emergency medical services and casualty search and extraction.
- 2) CERFP/HRF (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and high-yield Explosives (CBRNE) Enhanced Response Force Package)/(Homeland Response Force) States – An overview of the identified that CERFP/HRF states by region.
- 3) Mission Planning – Group operates within the supported/supporting State's Emergency Management incident Command System in a support rather than a leadership role unless so requested by the Emergency Management System. Additionally the response team(s) may be pre-positions at designed (National Institute for Occupational and Health/Occupational Safety and Health Administration) in anticipation of potential CBRNE incident (e.g., potential threat based on up-to-date data and vetted information.
- 4) Alert Recalls – Option 1 – Recalled through the State Joint Operations Center in Carson City (Nevada) and ready to deploy within 6-hours of notification; Option 2 – Recalled and Pre-positioned (e.g. NSSE).
- 5) Response Timeline – CERFP alerted, CERFP ADVON departs, CERFP Main departs to either staging area for local and state responders or an designated assembly area and finally to the incident site.
- 6) Organization – At least one NG CERFP team in each FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) region, modular capability, provision of specialized equipment/training to conduct operations in a CBRNE/Collapsed Structure Environment, Specialized equipment meets NIOSH/OSHA (National

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Institute for Occupational and Health/Occupational Safety and Health Administration) standards, receive NFPA certified search and extraction training – able to operate in confined space and/or collapsed structure, complete an external evaluation every 24-to-36 months and trained to operation with the NIMS (National Incident Management System). 7) Concept of Operations – Hot Zone, search and extraction with integrated medical personnel; warm zone – casualty collection and medical triage, patient transport, patient decontamination, chemical/radiological monitoring and cold zone incident command post and civilian patient evaluation.

8) C2 – Recall, assemble and brief CERFP elements for deployment, ensure personnel recalled and ready for deployment within six (6) hours of notification and operate within the NIMS, plans all CERFP incident site operations in support of the incident Commanders IAP; C2 Element Training – IS 100b, Intro to Incident Command System, IS200b – ICS for single resources and initial action incidents; IS700a – NIMS, an introduction; IS800b – National Response Framework, An Introduction; HazMat Awareness Training Courses and WMD (Weapons of Mass Destruction) and Collapse Mission Command Staff Planning course; Search and Extraction (S&E Element – Army Engineering Company/ANG (Air National Guard) Red Horse Squadron – receive NFPA certified training to operate in collapsed structure/confined spaces; specialized equipment meets NIOSH/OSHA Standard and Trained to operation within NIMS including listening devices and thermal imaging cameras and extraction tool kits.

9) Summary – NV CERFP is a regional response force package with the capabilities to extract victims from a contaminated environment or natural disaster, perform patient/casualty decontamination, medical triage and treatment and the recovery of casualties in support of an Incident Commander. Alerted/Recalled through the State Joint Operations Center; 186 personnel modular response team – 16 in C2, 50 in S&E, 75 in DECON and 45 in medical. Extensive training for all NVCERFP personnel. The next evaluation is scheduled for July 10, 11 and 12, 2014. Major Stringer may be contact by email: eric.stringer@ang.af.mil.

11. UPDATE OF CITIZEN CORPS (Non-action item) – *A briefing on events and activities supported by the Washoe County Citizen Corps including, but not limited to, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).*

Shirley Rose outlined recent activities and noted the need to bring in additional volunteers to serve as role player for an upcoming 211 call training session. Ms. Rose noted that CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) volunteers will assist with perimeter traffic control for corridor.

13. LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) OFFICER, ALTERNATE AND/OR MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS (Non-action item) - *No discussion among committee members will take place on this item. The next regular meeting is scheduled at 9:00 a.m. February 20, 2014.*

Scott Alquist – TMCC (Truckee Meadows Community College) introduced Darrell Cleveland who has assumed responsibility for EMS and other functions.

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Aaron Kenneston – Washoe County Emergency Manager, invited those present to stay at the end of the meeting as certificates of appreciation are distributed.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-action item)

There were no additional public comments.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Moore adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.