



**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
CLARK COUNTY, STATE OF NEVADA**

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 9:00 A.M.

LEPC MEMBERS:

Terri Davis, Brett Primas, Dan Lake, Rick Diebold, Kevin Nicholson, Jim O'Brien, David Petersen, Elaine Houser, Dave Dahl, Kimberly Ferguson, Warren Glidewell, Bill Richardson, Dustin Olson, Brett Handy, Linda Alonzo, Philip McKay, John Horton, David Stuhan, Marilyn Stell, Brian Passow, Fernandez Leary, Todd Peters, Shannon Rooney, Carolyn Levering, Brian Passow.

LEPC ALTERNATES:

Ruben Gurrola, Philip McKay, Dustin Olson, Chris Sproule, Steve Ross, Wayne Wick, Chris Greene, Harry Kelman, David Goss, Trish Nance.

LEPC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jim Wilson, Robert Marshall, Manny Bay, George Jones, Dan Shinn, Senator Dennis Nolan, Robert Fisher, Jane Shunney, Richard Brenner, Irene Navis, Michael Cyphers, David Petersen, Kevin Fisher, Glenn Closson, Susan Crowley, Mike Richardson, Lawrence Sands, Marilyn Stell.

I. Call to Order

Jim O'Brien, LEPC Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, in the Pueblo Room of the Clark County Government Center.

II. Roll Call

Quorum met.

Jim O'Brien:

III. *Approval of Minutes for February 18, 2009

Minutes of the Meeting held on February 18, 2009 were approved.

Fernandez Leary – Clark County Fire Department, Carolyn Levering – City of Las Vegas Emergency Management seconded, all in favor and motion carries.

IV. *Approval LEPC bylaws changes to add Homeland Security Urban Area Work Group and Citizen Corps Council to the bylaws title.

Carolyn Levering - City of Las Vegas Emergency Management motioned, Dan Lake – City of North Las Vegas Police Department seconded, motion carries.

V. *Review and Recommend that the Board of County Commissioners approve proposed grant application to the State Emergency Response Commission for the United We Stand grant in the amount of \$30,000.

Jim O'Brien: I want to review and recommend that the Board of County Commissioners approve proposed grant application of the State Emergency Response Commission for the United We Stand

Grant in the amount of thirty thousand dollars, (\$30,000.00). I'll hand this over to Diana Blake, who is chairing the grant sub-committee. Diana.

Diana Blake: Good morning, Diana Blake, Clark County Office of Emergency Management. On April 20, 2009, SERC advised that there was an application available for the United We Stand Grant. It stated that the "grant shall not be for more than \$30,000.00. A notice went out on April 22nd, to all LEPC members advising of this application. We did receive two applications, one from North Las Vegas, and the other from the City of Las Vegas. Handouts are on the table if you would like to grab one please. Dan Lake from North Las Vegas, did apply as well as Carolyn Levering, from the City of Las Vegas. Dan you are on the line, correct?

Dan Lake: Yes, I am.

Diana Blake: Dan, would you please quickly go over your application?

Dan Lake: Basically, this application is reference to the satellite working group; it is not entirely a North Las Vegas activity. I just was allowed to chair that group, thanks to Jim O'Brien. We have been working together now for a year, and actually it is a year this month. Working to coordinate equipment needs, reference satellite phones that were dysfunctional, at best to come up with a solution or plan, basically, to make the equipment more universal in southern Nevada and more user friendly. COM equipment if you will. Based on the recommendations of the entire group there were approximately twenty-four different kinds and we expanded to about thirty-five. We came to a decision with some elaboration if you will. That a lot of agencies were able to change over their satellite carrier to the agreed upon format equipment (in audible), we discussed in the working group. And the others were unable to do that based upon budgetary restraints. As the working group, the satellites, we proposed for those that were unable to make such fiscal commitment (in audible) to purchase the equipment through the satellite phones working group and the United We Stand Grant for the Clark County Coroners Office, the Clark County Fire Department, City of Las Vegas, (in audible), Clark County School District (in audible), and the North Las Vegas (in audible) and that came to, I don't know if you have any paperwork in front of you, but it came too.

Diana Blake: I have it Dan, its \$26,076.00.

Dan Lake: A total of twelve (12) phone units, any questions?

Jim O'Brien: Any questions for Dan? Don't see any here Dan.

Dan Lake: I do appreciate the work that everybody put into this and attending the meetings that we had quarterly, and providing feedback into it. Folks didn't really drop off the radar, they participated openly, and I appreciated that.

Jim O'Brien: Okay thanks for all your work, everyone. Ok, then the next one?

Diana Blake: Thank you, Carolyn Levering, City of Las Vegas. Carolyn would you please go over your application?

Carolyn Levering: Yes, thank you. The Hazmat Research Tool is the detection equipment for Las Vegas Fire and Rescue. It was one piece of several that were part of an overall request, but um, funding limitations prevented us from making the full purchase, we had a second unit, and um, some additional equipment that was part of an overall package, so you will probably see us here back at the table for the next round of SERC OPTI funds next spring, to fill the void, but this one piece of equipment is at least a start and it is useful on its own in the meantime.

Diana Blake: Thank you Carolyn. Subsequently, after receiving the applications the LEPC Grant sub-committee did meet on May 13th, and voted to move forward with the application as follows: North Las Vegas, for \$26,076.00, for the twelve units as well as the City of Las Vegas, for \$3,513.56 for the one hand held device. The application is due by June 8th, 2009, and upon approval from this body, it

will be placed on the Board of County Commissioners Agenda for the meeting scheduled June 2nd, 2009.

Jim O'Brien: Okay, thank you. So um,

Diana Blake: Jim, I will make a motion to approve.

Jim O'Brien: Okay, so can we amend the amount so we don't say what it says on the agenda here, because we are not asking for thirty thousand dollars. We are asking about four hundred less, so...

Diana Blake: Oh yeah, usually it is worded in the amount of up to thirty-thousand. The total amount we are requesting will be twenty-nine thousand five hundred eighty-nine dollars and fifty-six cents (\$29,589.56)

Jim O'Brien: \$29,589.56? So you can make that motion.

Diana Blake: So I move to approve the application in that amount.

Jim O'Brien: Okay, any second? Second from Harry Kelman, any further discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Alright, Motion carries. Thank you everybody. Thank you Diana. Okay, next we are moving on, as you recall back in February, we had an introductory discussion about the hospital vulnerability assessment from Ruben Gurrola at UMC and Ruben's back with us now, here we are about three months later, and we've got good things to report, yes?

VI. Hospital Vulnerability Assessment

Ruben Gurrola: I want to say yes, but I really found out that I have more questions than I have answers. Ah, again, good morning to everybody, what I want to report to you is that again the last time I was with you I conducted a survey, a hazmat vulnerability survey of people who were present. After that, I went back and we had hospitals of the valley came together and we also did a hazmat vulnerability amongst all the hospitals. Again, what we want to do is that we want to be able to present to you what are the capabilities, limitations, and what are the needs of the hospitals. That is the goal. And what we found out is that there are still a lot of questions. The intent now is to again, identify a few of those of you here today, help you, maybe direct us, give us guidance, give us information that may assist us in resolving these and at next I want to come back and bring and submit to this committee UMC's hospital emergency operation. So having said that, these are some of the things, again, food for thought, I would like to submit to you. One is there is an increasing workplace violence. Again, we all read the newspapers and see what is going on out there, but what are the impacts to any hospital? Many of the things I'm going to describe to you are crippling many hospitals. Workplace violence is just one of those, again, you read in the paper about a doctor being shot, you heard about another person that went into one of emergency rooms and committed suicide. There is increasing violence there. What question that begs, is the question of security. The presence of a security force or a department that is armed or has peace officer powers. In any kind of an event, or significant event there is going to be a call in question for police presence. And the word (depends) is now really the big word. Depending upon what type of event we have and where it is, there might be a question whether or not law enforcement can break free from where they are at to provide assistance at the hospital. If you will look at in real live terms, look at any of the hospitals, and ask the question, "Well what type of police presence, security presence do you have?" and already armed, you may be disappointed. UMC, I think at the present moment, except for St. Rose, only in their burn center are their officers on that have a weapon. We are now in the process of arming many of our officers at UMC and we have probably the largest security, public safety department among any of the hospitals. Second, is power outage. If we should have a power outage, within a few hours into the event, depending upon the month of the year, it could be crippling to us within a couple of hours. Then the question becomes evacuation. Evacuation of any of the hospitals, and I'm not speaking for, I cannot, I won't, speak for Sunrise, or Valley Hospital like that, it would be a tremendous test. One that again, would have significant impacts on the community. Epidemic, earthquakes, these are some of the other ones, that again, we don't know. We don't know

how the structure would be safe, whether or not we would have to evacuate, again if we did have to evacuate how would we transport people, where would we transport people? Now that we have these questions, what are our needs? Well again, I mentioned, security. Law enforcement, we have a very excellent working relationship with Bolden Area Command, we meet with them weekly, we talk about this, discuss this, we are working on incident action plans, to determine what would be done and how it would be done, and those are continual. Staffing and supplies is another issue. One of the points that I made last time to you was that we all share the same staff. Doctors and nurses and if we go to vendors, we all share the same vendors. How do we overcome that? Again, there is work in progress there too as we try to problem solve collectively among the hospitals. Training is an issue, its not that there is lack of training out there, the question becomes with training, is how do we afford it. How do we afford to pull a nurse, a doctor, or a support staff offline in these times to be able to train them? That is something that because of budgets and restrictive budgets that becomes a very big item for us. The last thing that I would just like to mention, then again, I have Brian here from Valley and Casey here from Sunrise, is the issue of how we as the hospitals are collectively working together and whether there is a need for us to see if what we can do to be able to identify resources, how we can mobilize ourselves to meet the needs of the community. So, as I mentioned when I began this conversation here and the discussion, is our intent is to become better community partners with all of you. And the only way we can do that is to identify what our capabilities are, what our limitations are, and then now identify our needs and how you might be able to help us.

Jim O'Brien: Thank you, any questions for Ruben? Ruben, are you the point of contact for this effort among all the hospitals or who would that be?

Ruben Gurrola: I can be. And again, if I can't answer the question and its more directed at one of the other hospitals, I can sure be the person that can get hold of Brian, or Casey or Bernie at St. Rose or some of the other hospitals as well.

Jim O'Brien: Alright, any other comments for Ruben? Okay, thank you, moving on. Let's move onto the report on the working group for Web EOC and then the Incident Report Inventory System we have Felix Acevedo, who is the Resources and Logistics coordinator for our office. Felix.

VI. Report on Working Group for WebEOC and Incident Resource Inventory System

Felix Acevedo: Good morning, first I would like to talk about the Web EOC working group, we met back in January of this year and we kind of established standards where all the state coders within the state of Nevada and what systems, they are using and what system is best to go. We are going to go ahead and migrate into 7.0 and we are going to meet again probably at the end of next month excuse me, and try to get user groups and kind of see what visibility each unit will need and how we integrate all the systems, so there will be more to come as far as Web EOC upgrades to 7.0. The next thing I would like to talk about is the IRIS, which is the Incident Resource Inventory System. As everyone knows, we have gone on an effort since our last July to catalog and inventory all our first responder equipment throughout southern Nevada. I'm glad to report we have two thousand nine hundred twenty-two (2,922) details loaded in IRIS now and we are about 80% done with categorizing all the major jurisdictions and agencies throughout southern Nevada. So that's a good piece. We have also developed a user guide, pretty easy user guide that we are going to print and send out to all the user's at the end of the month or probably end of next month, once we get it back from the printers. But IRIS is a living document, we have got to continually look at what we have, inventory what we have and make sure it is correct information, because like any inventory system its garbage in and garbage out, if you don't manage it all we going to have is alotta old data. So we are going to, once the year is over in January, in July, an we get all the jurisdictions together and everything is loaded, we are going to set up a plan of continually looking at our data base every three months, every six months, and make sure we got good data in there, so in case we do have an emergency or a disaster here in southern Nevada we know exactly what we have in inventory and we can get to the first responders as quick as possible. I'm also glad to report that some private enterprises are also going to add their items into IRIS, so we will know what kind of inventories are out there in Pahrump, and Laughlin, Boulder City and all those areas that are hard to get to for us herein Clark County. So if you need any information on IRIS please give me a call at the office my extension is 5716 455-5716 and again my name is Felix Acevedo, thank you.

Jim O'Brien: Any questions for Felix? Okay, I just want to thank everybody helping us collaborate on this, as you know this is a NIMS requirement that we type and inventory our resources, and we have heard a lot from the state about how they are going to go about doing that, and we still see nothing, no movement of any kind so we moved ahead, we can't wait. And so with Felix's leadership we have been able to move forward, we have almost all of the cities, several non-profits, special districts, I mean as you said its over twenty-nine hundred, (2,900) resources are now cataloged in the inventory. It was a free software download from DHS and we were very happy that we have somebody at the helm steering us, so thanks Felix, for all your help. Anybody have questions, give Felix a call and we will get you in there.

VIII. 2010 National Level Exercise Update

Jim O'Brien: Alright, moving on. The national level exercise update for 2010, National Level Exercise. As I alluded to back in February, we have been selected to be the primary venue for NLE 2010. Most of you have heard of this exercise series called TOPOFF as it occurred over the past several years. They are no longer called TOPOFF. That name has been relegated to the shelf. These are national level exercises and there are four tiers to these exercises. And this is a tier one exercise, meaning it is a White House directed exercise that tests the folks in several target capabilities. Um, what this is a DHS coordinated exercise, so we are not in the driver's seat on this, although we are for the local pieces of it. That is what I want to point out. Is we had a Concept and Objectives meeting on April 15th. I think there were about 130 people in attendance, from local, state, federal, and military organizations. Many of whom were associated with the TOP office in the past. So they experiences certainly helped facilitate the discussion back in April. We have some working groups established in region nine. FEMA region nine, which is California, Arizona, Nevada and the islands, and our regional working group has local co-chairs, and I want you to touch base with these local co-chairs if you feel that you can contribute and want to benefit from or somehow participate in NLE 10. The first working group is Control and Evaluation Working Group, and our local co-chair for that is Dan Lake with North Las Vegas PD. Dan is serving in the co-chair role with a state counterpart and a federal counterpart. So he can fill you in on all of that... The second working group is the Intelligence and Law Enforcement working group, and locally Todd Peters from the Henderson Police Department, is the local co-chair of the Intelligence and Law Enforcement working group for the exercise. So if you want to jump in on the Intelligence and Law Enforcement piece, Todd and let's see Mike Allen is the state co-chair and Brett Handy from the FBI is the federal co-chair. So they are working on their charter, we will talk about charters here in a minute. The Scenario working group, another development of the scenario, selection of venues, issues related to venue selection, and all that other stuff, locally co-chair, co-chaired by Sharon Michelonas, from Metro and Shalene Ferreira from our office, they are working on the Scenario working group. So if you have or want to contribute to that touch base with either Sharon or Shalene and they can help you with that. There is a Training working group that is co-chaired by Shalene in our office, the local one, the state one is Michelle Candy and the federal level its, I can't remember his name, anyway he's out of FEMA region nine in Oakland. However, Shalene can fill you in on that, she is not in the office this week, she is at Emmetsburg for a training class, so call her next week, and she'll be in. The, lets see what other working groups do we have? The, ah, what am I missing, thank you... the Private Sector working group, the local co-chair is Jeff Hahn, from Boyd Gaming, and its state and federal co-chair is Gonzales De Cordova, locally our DHS representative, so if you have anything in the private sector as contribution to this, Jim Regan from NV Energy North, is the state co-chair. Did I miss any; do you recall any other working groups? I think those are them. Ok, now Target Capabilities being exercised. The first one is Onsite Incident Management. That is one of the target capabilities and that is not a working group. Capabilities, lets make sure we distinguish between working groups and capabilities. And the folks that are interested in that capability if they could touch base with Fernandez Leary and Jess Campbell from the Clark County and Las Vegas Fire Departments respectively, we can talk about Onsite Incident Management. This is not about an incident, one incident, it is about many onsite incident management activities. The EOC Management Capability we are coordinating through our office, Shannon and I will be coordinating that, so anything that relates to that capability, that you think we ought to address, please let us know. The Public Information and Warning Capability is being headed up by Eric Pappa from Clark County Public

Communications. The Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources Capabilities is Kim Ferguson, no? I don't remember who? I don't have the list here in front of me; I know you are in there somewhere, I think you are the backup. At any rate, I'm sorry; it was Metro Silver Shield, duh... I should have realized that, ah, thank you. The other is Medical Surge, we have Jane Shunney, locally, the other one is international, and that does not pertain to us. So we are good there. We will send out more information as it develops, all of the working groups, not the capabilities, the working groups are working on charters to identify what their scope of work is and what their purposes are and those sorts of things. These are going to be articulated to the national working groups, which are the headquarters level agencies that are involved in the exercise for the federal agencies. So we are going to be integrating those and we are using an online collaboration tool to make all that work. Basically again, for the dates everybody's got the dates, May 17th through 21st, 2010, a year from now this is going to be a 24/7 exercise probably eighty percent response, twenty percent recovery (80/20). The scenario is an IMD, Improvised Nuclear Device, national planning scenario number one, but we have worked with the DHS folks and asked them to please tone it down, we don't need a ten kiloton device going off, we would just pack up our ball and go home, you know it going to be over with, so we need to have something we can work with.. (laughter) so that's the scenario we are going with. There will be a recovery piece that will probably be dovetailed into some table top exercises. I don't know, again we just had a Concept and Objectives meeting and it was still in the fuzzy stage, our initial planning conference is coming up at the end of June and once we've been through that process, I think we will have a better handle on specifics. We are still not there yet, you know this is a lot of anticipation, but it is going to be a learning experience, and you can play as much or as little as you want to. There is no requirement to play, but if you do intend to play, I would like to get what we have gotten from most of the jurisdictions, which is a proclamation from their boards that they will commit to participation. We have letters of intent from several agencies that are independent of local governments here, and we would welcome any letters of intent to commit to play in this exercise, so that we can build a library of commitments to the exercise, so that we know we can count on you when the time comes next year. There will be a series of HC meetings and you all know how the HC process works. I know that you are intimately familiar with that, so we will give you notices, so that is pretty much all we know about it. We are still in the fuzzy stage, as I said, we are not quite there on specifics yet. We will start the specifics in June. So any questions about NLE 10?

Brett Primas: I have a question. On reimbursement? How much funds are there for reimbursement and how would that be decided?

Jim O'Brien: You know just as you hit the button, I was getting ready to say that. Thanks for bringing it up Brett, I appreciate it. The feds have encouraged us to apply for Homeland Security Grant Funds in the 09 grant process. Which we did for supporting participation in the exercise. The amount applied for, we have not gotten the award yet so I can't tell you with certainty that this is the amount we will get, I believe it will be, because the feds told us if you are putting in for supporting the exercise" this request will sail through. We put in for half a million dollars (\$500,000.00), now what is that intended to do? It is intended to pay for backfill, overtime, supplies, & materials consumed during the exercise, and a little bit of travel related to the exercise conduct. Feds are paying for meeting venues, they are paying for all the working group meetings, they are paying for the support staff, so we are in good shape there. Ah, this is five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) with all the agencies that we have participating; this is not a lot of money. I am going to tell you, when you start talking about overtime rates for the various agencies. So as we start the planning process, the Scenario working group and the Control and Evaluation group, and all of that, we need to figure out. And you are going to have to be developing budgets concurrently with those working groups, on how we can support that. Based on past experience, we will probably, with Determined Promise of 03 and Rotunda Thunda in 05, I'm gonna say that will probably just cover what we need given the increases that are taking place at the same time. So, its there Brett, it's not ideal, but it's a help, we'll be able to do some. Any other questions on NLE 10?

Local point of contacts Jane Shunney for Clark County Health District and Angela Krutsinger with the Nevada Hospital Association is the state level and the federal level I don't have a name off the top of my head. Any other questions? Ok thank you.

Jim O'Brien: Okay thank you.

**IX. A. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Reports and Updates**

a. Biological Agent Preparedness Working Group

Jim O'Brien: Dr. Middaugh? Not here. Ok, moving on.

b. Community Awareness Emergency Response

Jim O'Brien: Susan Crowley? Not here, she typically answers, but any but anybody here from the Care Group? So you are going to do a Table Top Exercise for the BMI Complex? Ok.

Unknown Speaker: Inaudible

Jim O'Brien: HIPAC, Henderson Industrial Park Advisory Committee, or something like that? That's ok, but you are going to do an exercise and you are coordinating with some external groups? That's great. (in audible) that's ok. Ok, alright, thank you. Any questions about the BMI exercise? Alright, thanks.

c. Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD)

Jim O'Brien: Moving on, Community Organizations Active in Disasters, Robin Kelley, are you here? Ok, moving on.

d. Community Right-To-Know Subcommittee

Jim O'Brien: Community Right to Know Sub-committee, any participants, Steve are you here? No.

e. Emergency Alert System Update

Jim O'Brien: Emergency Alert System, Steve Scott, oh we are striking out here.

f. Emergency Management Coordinators Group

Jim O'Brien: Emergency Management Coordinators Group. Let's see we met first at NV Energy in March and then we met at the School District in May, so Kim you are up.

Kim Ferguson: Ok, for the March meeting we talked about the Charleston and Lamb accident that occurred and just there being two command posts, there was some discussion about communication issues and also using alternate exercises, small onsite exercise versus what we are currently doing, we are just putting on, ah, I don't really remember our conversation on that. Also, Jim mentioned during the meeting that we are having some HC training in the future and we also discussed that.

Jim O'Brien: Ok, now for School District, Dimitri are you here? Ok, well I was there, Carolyn was there, anybody else want to chime in? Dimitri arranged for us to meet at the school district's food service facility. Anybody here who attended, other than me and Carolyn? Harry was there. I want to tell you, this is three hundred and thirty five thousand square feet (335,000.) Out by the Speedway, they have forty-seven (47) truck bays; they have a kitchen that is probably bigger than that World Trade Center next door. They have freezers that are cold. And they are only using half the facility at this point. One of the topics that came up was; why did we go running around looking for a place to put the "strategic stockpile medications", when we have a public building that's got refrigeration capability, large truck bays and all that other stuff to cart it around, so that's a conversation for those people that deal with that stuff.

g. Metropolitan Medical Response Update

Chris Sproule: One of the biggest issues right now with the MMRS program nationally is that in the President's proposed budget, they are changing MMRS to MSGP which is the medical surge grant program and they want to cut the funding from forty one million to forty million. Now this concerns all of the one hundred twenty four MMRS jurisdictions. First, we are wondering, who is the author of this proposed legislation, and then what is their plan and intent for MMRS down the road. Medical Surge is just one aspect of the MMRS program. It is an all hazards program, and we are trying to let our congressional leadership know that MMRS is the way to go. However, that is on our plate right now and we are working with our lobbyist to try to resolve this issue. We are nearly complete with a six-month CDC medical surge project. We are working with the CDC and UMC Hospital is also doing that, it is a template that they provided to us to help solidify our plans and train our responders and personnel to a certain degree all to help us with medical surge. We have trained all our fire alarm office, at least half our fire office alarm office communication specialist in ICS 100, the plan is to continue to do 200, 700, and 800 with all of them and that should be completed by the end of the year. A representative from UMC and myself will be headed back to Boston, next month to report back to the CDC on the status of the project. We have been working, we actually received MCI Trauma kits, we received them last week, we purchased them, received them, they are, within each kit are certain medical trauma supplies. Each of these small kits can treat forty (40) walking wounded or five (5) trauma patients. We have four master packs and within each master pack are twenty-five (25) smaller kits. So essentially the capability that we got by purchasing these four (4) master packs, was the ability to treat four thousand (4,000) walking wounded, and five hundred (500) trauma patients. We are going to be contacting the fire departments herein the valley to try to pre-deploy within the area. Lastly, we are also working with North Las Vegas, Dan Lake to purchase Tama Flu, for critical personnel within the City of North Las Vegas and we have been in contact with the Nevada Division of Health and that purchase should be made next week.

Jim O'Brien: Thank you, any questions for Chris? No.

h. NV-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team Update

Jim O'Brien: Alright, moving on to the NV Disaster Medical Assistance Team update? Kind of phantoms around here, but ok next. Nuclear Waste Division, Yucca Mountain update, Harry.

i. Nuclear Waste Division Yucca Mountain Update

Harry Kelman: Ah, can I just have a quick show of hands for those of you that think the Yucca Mountain Project is dead? Please raise your hands quickly. All of you are correct. It is not dead. (laughing) Funding for next year to Yucca Mountain has remained at one hundred and ninety eight million dollars (198,000,000.00) even though the newspapers have said it was dead, some of our politicians say it is dead, funding next year like I said is at \$198,000,000.00 dollars. The license, most of that will focus on license application, Clark County remains a very active participant in the license applications, and most of our residents remain opposed to the Yucca Mountain project. The license application is controlled by a board, through the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, that board set-up three judge panels and the judge panels reviewed over three hundred and twenty (320) contentions that were submitted by Clark County, the State and other affected units of local government. The Department of Energy said that none of those were bound and they tried to exclude all of them. The judge ruling panel admitted two hundred ninety nine (299) of the three hundred and eighteen (318). So obviously, we think we have our work cut out for us, Clark County had thirteen (13) out of fifteen (15) contentions accepted. The other blow to the Department of Energy is the appointment of Greg Jasco, who used to be Harry Reid's Science Advisor, is now the head of the NRC. So that will also be a blow to the Yucca Mountain Project. However, like I said, it is still alive, it is not dead, and we are very actively participating in the contention process. Have any questions you can give me a call in the next couple of days after that Irene Navis.

Jim O'Brien: Alright, any questions for Harry right now? Ok, well you are not off the hook Harry, folks I don't know if you know, but Harry is retiring and we want to give a presentation to you Harry in recognition of your service, presented to Harry Kelman, for your dedication and service, in Emergency Preparedness for the Clark County local Emergency Planning Committee.

Harry Kelman: Well, thank you very much.

Jim O'Brien: Happy Trails Harry!

Harry Kelman: Oh, they will be... (laughter)

j. Planning Sub-committee

Jim O'Brien: Ok moving on to the Planning Sub-Committee, Richard Brenner couldn't be here but he asked me to mention a few things. We've sent out a draft of a Hazmat Plan Revision that will be a little bit different than what you've seen before, we've already got feedback from one of the cities who have reviewed it. We are going to put this out for the entire LEPC membership, but we wanted people who are on the ground that have been working with this closely for years, to have a stab at it first. North Las Vegas, thank you Dan for your comments, they were all positive and he liked what we were doing with it. Basically, what it is we were trying to move forward the Emergency Management Planning for Clark County government, as opposed to Clark County Unincorporated Real Estate. Everybody, in the county, elects Clark County Commissioners as you know and they have countywide jurisdiction in many areas. Social Service Departments, Coroner's office, the Courts, I can't go on the list, but at any rate, so the philosophical shift of Emergency Management Planning will be an over arching emergency management plan that does not supersede or take over anything within the cities. I have had conversations with some folks that make sure that you understand that we have some concerns, but we want to take these individual piecemeal plans that are kind of sitting out there, and kind of roll them into one over arching countywide plan, and the Hazmat Plan is the place to start. We have had a requirement for the Hazmat Plan now since 1987, so we are almost twenty two (22) that we have had the format that we have had, and its worked well, and with the release recently of FEMA's Comprehensive Preparedness Guide 101, which is the Developing and Maintaining State, Territorial, Tribal and Local Emergency plans guidance about six weeks ago. This looked liked a perfect opportunity to start getting plans aligned with this new guidance published by FEMA. So there is a lot of work to go ahead, Emergency Managers have seen copies of this and a couple of key players who were in on the major development of the plan over the years. We will be putting that out to all of you as soon as we've cut and pasted a lot of the stuff that we've had familiarity with. So, expect in the next couple weeks, Richard will be calling together the LEPC's Planning Sub-Committee to work on that appendix and then we will then put it out for vetting amongst everybody else and have it for presentation probably in the fall, because what the folks are reviewing right now is kind of the basic plan and there are some contingencies about a half of dozen or so that need to be generated to address facilities and things like de-contamination and recovery and reimbursement and all that other stuff. So the planning sub-committee will be busy over the next four or five months developing those appendices as well. So that is just what Richard asked me to present to all of you. I'll take any questions, if anybody has any.

k. State Emergency Response Commission

Jim O'Brien: Moving on. State Emergency Response Commission, anybody here representing SERT, Richard usually makes a report, but he is not here.

l. Satellite Phone Update

Jim O'Brien: The Satellite Phone? Dan you still on? Warren are you there? Yes. Okay, Dan? Guess he's gone. Ok, well we already had that update, so, we'll drive past that one.

m. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Report

Jim O'Brien: The US Environmental Protection Agency, Mike is not here, but I want to tell you, there was a training course, the EPA did, this was back almost twenty years ago. It was called Technical Guidance for Hazards Analysis, and the text was a company called Green Book. A lot of people have seen it and in many cases its gone the way of the shredder and they are saying "oh this couldn't be pertinent its over twenty years old", I want to tell you folks, even twenty years ago, it was probably one of the best courses I ever attended, on doing Hazard Analysis for Chemical facilities. I've asked the EPA when they were going to update it and revise it and get it out to us? It went through their chop chain up to headquarters and back again, and it doesn't look like it is a priority for them, but I said we can't let this die. This is too good of a training course and the stuff that people get out of it and take back and put into use in their home agency is just to valuable to let it die. So, I requested from Mike and he obliged me to send me a copy of the, a Xerox copy of the Acetate Transparencies, that they used in the class twenty years ago. And I will see if I cannot get a graphic artist to kind of pretty them up a little bit, and make them a little bit more twenty first century. But our intent is to present this training course at the Hazmat Expo in October. And I would urge any of you that have not had this training or been exposed to it, I think you find that it is really valuable and a good piece. The EPA is supporting us in doing the update and revision and they are going to try and help us a little bit financially to try and make this happen since their headquarters doesn't seem to be interested in doing it. It's too valuable to let it die.

B. CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

Citizen Corp Program Reports

- **Amateur Radio Emergency Service**

Jim O'Brien: Ok Citizen Corp Council, the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, anybody here from that, Vern? (in audible) Ok, just want to let you know, I don't know if you have been contacted yet, the School District. We did a table top exercise with the School District folks the other day and they are very interested to include Amateur Radio, it is part of their communication plan. (in audible) Ok good. Community Emergency Response Team, any CERT program representatives here?

- **Community Emergency Response Team**

Carolyn Levering: I will talk to that Jim. City of Las Vegas, coordinated a CERT presence at the Las Vegas Helldorado Parade last weekend, we had forty (40) CERT volunteers participate in the parade and so that was pretty cool, despite the heat. They participated in the parade, it was pretty wicked hot out there on Saturday, but they were there (laughing) and they were representing all parts of the valley. We had Boulder City CERT, we had Sun City CERT and we had TEEN CERT, we have done a lot of teenager trainings over at Rancho High School. Our Rancho High School CERT team actually participated in a Regional CERT competition and took home thirty six (36) medals. Um, so we have had some pretty amazing stuff going on with our CERT programs here in southern Nevada because we woped northern Nevada and that was fun. (laughing) So we have been just training till our eyes bleed, all of our classes are filling up like crazy, we've been getting forty (40) or fifty (50) people showing up, its almost unmanageable how people show up to these classes. So it's become very very popular and we are still getting the word out trying to book more classes and keep it going.

Jim O'Brien: Okay, any questions for Carolyn?

- **Fire Corps**

Jim O'Brien: Alright moving on to the Fire Corp, any of the fire departments have any contributions about the Fire Corp program? No.

- **Medical Reserve Corps**

Jim O'Brien: Medical Reserve Corp, I saw Paula here somewhere, there you are.

Paula Martel: We are still recruiting volunteers; we have around three hundred (300) volunteer professionals that have signed up for the Medical Reserve Corp of Southern Nevada. I went to a recent conference and I heard somebody say the word "vapor volunteers", so I've been vaporizing those that haven't really done anything for quite a while or that we haven't really heard from. We are

still sitting around the three hundred mark. One of the reasons that I comment, that we were just talking about this Med Surge today, one of the reasons that I come to these meetings is that it is important for me to find opportunities where we can train the Med Corp reserve volunteers to something. So, I always want to encourage you, that if you are working on something and you can see a place where you will be able to use physicians, nurses, pharmacists, we have mental health, we have a veterinary component or something that you are developing, please let me know. I am always looking for specific things that I can train them too, versus them just being in a data base. It's just, when you are managing a database, that's just what you have, and it has always been my commitment to manage people. I think probably a good eight percent of those three hundred; I could really count on, but the more that we can give them to do, the more they feel involved and the more the better. One thing I do want to talk about today is that on April 9th of this year, we have been working on something for four years between the American Red Cross and Medical Reserve Corp. Prior to now, the Medical Reserve Corp showed up at a Red Cross Shelter and wanted to help, they were really unable to do that. There were definite laws that basically said that we were unable to do that. So now, an MOU was signed, and now it says permission and consent that the Medical Reserve Corp and the American Red Cross are complimentary in working together to be better prepared at protect our community.) We have a great relationship with our local American Red Cross through COAD Community Activation and Disaster and outside of there, but it defines perimeters for Medical Reserve Corp volunteers who are working as Red Cross volunteers and it defines perimeters for Medical Reserve Corp volunteers who will be working along side volunteers in the emergency and it also defines that perimeter if Red Cross volunteer wants to work as a Medical Reserve Corp volunteer. In the past, when people applied to volunteer with the Medical Reserve Cop volunteer, they were asked a very specific question, " Is there any other organization that would be expecting you to respond with them during an emergency and if there is I truly, make them choose. Because it doesn't seem to be fair that the Red Cross would be depending on somebody and I would be depending on somebody, but I think we are going to be able to work this out. So that we can identify health care professionals who in an emergency, would work primarily with the Medical Reserve Corp, and the Red Cross could be notified of that, so that they wouldn't be expecting them and depending on what the emergency was. So, we are pretty excited about that. Thanks.

Jim O'Brien: Thanks Paula, any questions for Paula about the Medical Reserve Corp? Alright, thank you very much. The Neighborhood Watch Program, police departments?

- **Neighborhood Watch**

Brett Primas: Currently we have one thousand five hundred, ah one thousand eight hundred fifty seven (1,857) neighborhood watch programs, countywide and on the volunteer program, we currently have two hundred ninety (297) volunteers who last year we finally added up the hours. They dedicated ninety eight thousand (98,000) hours of labor, which is pretty substantial. This March they have volunteered approximately eight thousand seven hundred (8,700) in labor hours. A few things we are having them do, parking has become a real issue up in Mt. Charleston, limited parking spaces. So they are helping us write citations in handicap spaces up there. As well as, some of the volunteers have some technical expertise and they are helping us with our fit testing, for our agency. So it frees up some officers to be doing what they really need to be doing. So that's it from our side.

Jim O'Brien: Excellent, any questions for Brett, any other police departments have any neighborhood or volunteer in police service contributions?

- **Volunteer in police Service**

Jim O'Brien: No report.

C. URBAN AREA WORKING GROUP

1. Urban Area Strategy Update

Jim O'Brien: Ok, moving on to the Urban Area working group, the Urban Area Strategy update, I will hand this over to Mark Blomstrom who is our program manager for the Urban Area, Mark.

Mark Blomstrom: Thank you Jim, I'm still impressed with "volunteer vapor lock, "vapor volunteers"... (laughter) Urban Area working group, I'll give you a quick briefing here, we'll move through this fairly quickly. Bout ten to fifteen minutes, depending upon questions. If at any point you have any questions, please feel free to interrupt me. We'll talk about where the UASI overall is at in terms of the investment and we'll talk about what the 09 HSGP program looks like, programmatic directions we are heading in. And then project progress, looking at the problems, especially the outcomes as we are now looking at the close of some of the projects. And then I'll summarize.

Basically, we have about twenty- four point two million (24.2) invested in funds, these are six (06) seven (07) and eight (08) funds, it doesn't include (09) yet. This is over seventeen (17) initiatives. The initiative is really an area that might be multiple projects, covering multiple years to multiple sub-grantees. For example, FEMA operable communications has twenty seven (27) different projects within it. But you are really interested in just knowing where interoperable communications are at overall. So that would be one initiative. This you've seen back in February, it has not changed, this is a summary of your funds from 06 through 08, the thing to note here is at the bottom, really constitutes about twenty five percent (25%).. No more than that, roughly ninety percent (90%), excuse me. And this is the CBRNE effort, here including the IED communications. This is the Fusion Center, and then this is the Infrastructure Protection Program or Silver Shield. This is what it looks like in terms of the capabilities that you have invested in here; there are thirty seven (37) or so of these. That you will see these two charts change here, in August when you meet again, and it will show 09. This is what the 09 submission looks like, in terms of the target allocations. For the very first time the feds actually provided target allocations, and those are numbers be plus or minus ten percent (10%) of the target allocation that will be the award. UASI, target allocations is eight point six million, (8.6) and we should realize that plus or minus ten percent (10%) The awards should be announced by August, and I say should be announced, the feds have indicated that July is their time frame, but don't hold your breath there. This is what it looks like, the thing to note here is that there are fourteen (14), excuse me, fourteen investment areas here, there were sixteen (16) different requests, two (2) of them were not funded. This is what came out of the actual process this year, and the revision here was basically the finance committee was increased in size. There impact was that the finance committee now is recommending the actual allocations for funding to the commission. The outtake on this is that you now have, this is from feedback from the participants and staff, you've got an annual schedule coming up, there has never been one before, and you should have a revised format, including forms. An annual schedule probably looks something like this. The thing to note here is that on the far right hand side there are actual dates for a year. So you will be able to plan functions, various groups, committee meetings, so forth and functions. For those of you that have been involved in writing investment justifications, there is now six (6) weeks involved in the IJ drafting process. This is basically, the change in format, formally recognizing a level here that summarizes the initiatives. This has always existed, but it has been foggy previously. All of the project folks are obliged to provide reports that are financial and project reports, these simply get summarized here. Looking something like this, don't worry about the chart, but the point here is that the individual projects get rolled up here and then summarized as an initiative. Ultimately, you would want to see something like this and this is what we hope to go for. I would be presenting, this may look like something that you saw in February. This is actually the information from the end of the calendar year. The thing to note here is that this information in many cases is hazy in the past, and what we want to do is really solidify and get a better handle on that. As far as directions go, Jim has mentioned the NLE 10 here, you've got a good idea what is going on there. The feds are continuing to emphasize in conferences and in literature, moving towards more planning procedures, training and exercise and less equipment in terms of grant funding. Also, they expect to be moving towards "what are you using these grant funds for" "show us how you are measuring it" and "show us the output and outcome, how are you improving your capabilities with that?" Finally, we are looking at an audit visit here at the end of August, from DHS FEMA monitoring visit. This is where the rubber meets the road, in terms of the 06 projects that are now closing out. The thing to note here is, there has been an extension of the 06 performance period; six months will take us from June 30th to December 30th. But you may see less than that, because of DEM and how they will present that. All of these projects here, the ones that are close to completion, are in good shape. The one that there is a potential problem with, this was not previously a problem, is the SNAK Interoperability and Simulcast, this is about one point seven million (1.7) of UASI funding. Problem, there was one of five sites, Queensridge, was shut down, and never completed due to the economy. And the project plan

had to move to another site. That site has been since identified; they have an MOU that will be approved by the SNAK board June 1st, hopefully, so that they are back on track again. But they will need and use that six-month extension. This is completed, it is part of the microwave engineering, 05, 06, 07, 08, and the last request will be 09, if it is funded. That will realize an infrastructure of microwave within this urban area for use by most of the entities for this area. This is actually in fact, a fact now, Brett Primas, started this project and Captain Herb Baker has finished the project and it is in good shape, you now have a radio cash in Las Vegas, which is available about one hundred and twenty five (125) radios that is usable in any area in southern Nevada. The Fusion Center, this is the probably the founding project, and the sub-grant here has gotten them off the ground and they are getting ready to close this out now. IED is in good shape, this was training, advanced training, and the classes and also information of best practices coming from Israel and development of a strategic plan that is almost done; you are just about to realize that. The Citizen Preparedness Campaign, has focused on "Make a Plan, Build a Kit, Stay Informed" approach in developing some PSA's both video and audio for radio use. Those are now developed and they are running. The deaf and hard of hearing has resulted in some excellent "best practices" and also some equipment which is now in the process of being distributed towards assisting deaf and hard of hearing in special and emergency circumstances, also some annexes for adoption into EOP's that will be finished here momentarily. That is in good shape also. And those are the projects, which are just on the verge of being closed out.

Very briefly, 05 and 06 grants are now closed, with 06 just closing. 06 grants are finished and in some cases being extended, 07 grants are in progress, the 07 PESIC for those of you that are familiar with the interoperable communications one shot are now in progress also. 08 grants are just starting and 09 of course has not yet been awarded. So summarizing this, is that currently, you have about twenty four point two million (24.2) invested in seventeen (17) initiatives that does not include 09. 09 you should know the results of that by August. You should realize somewhere around eight point six million (8.6) plus or minus ten percent (10%). The total award to Nevada would be about eighteen million (18) again plus or minus ten percent (10%). 05 is just closed out and most 06 projects are now closing and those results being realized. We do have a six-month extension on 06 for those projects, which will need it. And there will be two projects that I know of that we will use that. 09, 10 you will see a process schedule which will help everybody get organized for this process and then you will see a revised format. And then, finally you've got an upcoming federal audit herein late August. Can I answer any questions about this? Okay, and again if you want this information it is yours, just give an e-mail or give the OEM office an e-mail and we'll shoot it to you soft copy, thank you.

Jim O'Brien: Alright, thanks Mark. Good work everybody; we are really chugging away at getting this stuff done and helping to enhance preparedness in southern Nevada. These are the matrix's that show that we are making good progress and that we really appreciate all your efforts. Ok, let's move on, the next is the Regional Transit Security strategy, anyone here from RTC?

2. Regional Transit Security Strategy

Jim O'Brien: I got an e-mail from Jerry Keating, last night; apparently, they are going to get some communication equipment for their vehicles. I don't think that means buses, I think that means RTC vehicles. I will have to clarify that, anyway, we've given them some advice that they need to convene a working group about assessing "needs", first, don't just go out, and buy radios, because "I want to talk to everybody." What are your needs, and we'll go from there. So I think he'll be proceeding on that account. The Urban Area Communications sub-committee, back to you Mark.

3. Urban Area Communications

Mark Blomstrom: We did meet yesterday, I'm sorry Monday, excuse me, and the outcome of that is that there is a workshop which has been agreed to by the DHS ICT, or technical assistance folks. That workshop will occur on the 12th and 13th of August. This will be a facilitated update of the TIC plan and there will be a couple of exercises, probably a Tabletop in front of it, and then a functional exercise following that. And the objective here is to have an updated TIC plan in place by the end of the calendar year. Secondly, we had a presentation and a discussion by Carolyn Levering here, as a project manager for a grant that involves training and potentially awareness and outreach. The

discussion was on how do we scope this particular grant and I think we had some good ideas presented, and Carolyn got some volunteers. We had a COMUL or communication unit leaders exercise on the 29th of April, reported by Andy Gagliardo. It was focused on radio-to-radio communications and the outtake on that was preparation for 09 Wild lands fire season. The result of that was very good, it was actually disastrous in terms of what was shown, and that was that many of the radios were not programmed correctly with other agency channels and frequencies that was corrected. So, you are in much better shape now, than you were previously on that count, and the exercise itself was well worth the time. Finally, there was a report by Laura Fucci on the status of the ARRA or the Stimulus money potential grants, for broadband. The bottom line on that is that the rules for the grant have not yet been finalized, so no money has hit the streets yet. Clark County does and has retained a specialized consultant for that, and they are conferring with that consultant now, but the direction that the county goes, is yet to be determined. The next meeting will be again, two days (2) prior to the next meeting of this group and would be in August, whatever that Monday is. 17th... and that's the update on the Urban Area Steering Committee.

Jim O'Brien: Communications steering committee.

Mark Blomstrom: Communications is what I mean.

Jim O'Brien: Good, any questions for Mark? Alright, thanks a lot Mark; I would like to move along now this will be a new standing report for the Urban Area. The Incident Management team update, asks that Chief Jess Campbell from Las Vegas Fire and Rescue to come and give us a little bit of update on where IMT activities are going, or have been, and where we are going with them, so Jess? Oh, the computer gremlins are at work. Alright. Ok we will come back to you while you get it figured out and we'll do this last thing here, the emergency management plan update.

4. Clark County Emergency Management Plan Update

Jim O'Brien: None of you have received invitations over the past year to work toward developing some annexes for emergency plans that talk about the Las Vegas urban area and fire departments collectively, police departments collectively, emergency management agencies collectively. Starting with household pets and service animals plan. And that's probably one of the bench mark events, and we were probably one of the first in the country to have that. Its posted on LLIS.gov so we are getting recognition, a lot of folks have called me and asked for copies and I have directed them to LLIS, if you don't have an account LLIS.gov you need to sign up for an account. There is lots of good information there. But we have others that are in the works, some of you participated in the donations management, Volunteer and Donations Management workshops that we had last month. The transportation workshop, the ones that are coming up are the Debris Management. And we will be sending out a notice on those, and I think we did already? Yeah, people are signing up, ok. It's happening so fast. The Debris Management and also the Recovery Planning, now this is Recovery Planning as a stand alone recovery plan, not part of the an Emergency Management Plan for short term recovery in the first two weeks. We are talking about things that are going to face this community as a whole in the long term. If there was a catastrophic event like an earthquake, that really damaged the social and economic fabric of this community, where and how are we going to go and put Humpty back together again. And so that is what these workshops are about, is developing that long-range recovery planning framework so that we can make some headway in bringing things back to life again. As you recall, back on September 11, you know we took, even though there was no incident that happened here, we took such a hard hit, with people being laid off and airlines being shut down for a few days, it really took about three years to recover from that. And that was just a... for something that didn't happen here. So we've got to be prepared to look at the long-term view for what we might have if we have something here. So that where we are going on that, we will have this as a standing item because we will be looking at these from a countywide perspective, for transportation, for volunteer and donations management, household pets and service animals, recovery and so on, because just as we have had successes with our efforts with the Hazmat planning and the multi casualty incident plans and others, we've got to get some updates going and get everybody on the same page instead of doing stove pipe planning. So that is what this effort is directed toward. How's it going technology wise?

5. Incident Management Team Update

Jess Campbell: I can adjust. I just wanted to share something with you, that was pertinent. My name is Jess Campbell, I am the Chief of Planning with Las Vegas Fire and Rescue, and one of the things that I have been tasked with, is the development of the Southern Nevada Unified Command Incident Management Teams. Thankfully, Dr. O'Brien has been able to help us facilitate our growth if you will, and our development, as we head down that path. Just to kinda let you know some of the investment that has been involved, so far, since April of 06, I believe it was, we have forty six (46) people that have invested five hundred and eighty six (586) man days, not man hours, but man days, in the Incident Management Team process. Various levels of the ICS training, in depth training, and since April of this last year we have twenty two (22) people that have invested two hundred seventy six (276) man days in further enlightenment in the ICS structure. One of the things that is a key component of this is the fact that, it is a process that allows us to encompass so much and we are growing, oh thank you. Oops the other way. I want to go back. Anyway, I want to share with you just something we recently had an opportunity to take a logistics section chief class that was brought to us by Weyland Associates out of the Pacific Northwest. And the gentlemen that brought us that information were a couple of Battalion Chiefs from FDNY. And if there's anybody that has a real life experience, or story that they can share with us about the need to get stuff, it was these gentlemen. What they brought was a knowledge base of a process that I don't think we could have gotten from any other source. And what they shared with us and what I wanted to share here was that they talked about their life, before 9/11, they talked about it during 9/11 and then they talked about it after, and the importance of the development of the Incident Management Team process, and not just what it does or what it did for them. But what I believe it can do for us as a community. And its not just because I'm involved in it, I truly, as I have had an opportunity, I truly feel blessed to have had the opportunity to be involved in the depth that I am, as I gain a greater knowledge and understanding of the Incident Command System. This Incident Management Team, or what we would like to call or refer to as the Incident Management Assistance Team, is a group of individuals that come from multi agencies, multi disciplines across this valley and the ideas that this Southern Nevada Unified Command Team will be put together to help mitigate whatever that is going on here locally, first and foremost. And it doesn't matter whether it is at a hospital or whether it is a law enforcement issue or whether it's a fire issue, the team is trained in such a way that they will be able to plug the holes in the dyke and whatever the situation may be. And the idea, the principle behind this is that they will come in and assist in mitigating whatever it is that you have going on. So are we good now? Again the format everything, this is from these gentlemen, I haven't changed anything, they sent me this information and I just wanted to share a little bit of this with you. Again, this they talked about their life on the day before. September 10th, 2001, and then out of that there was kind of an after action report, McKenzie report, that talked about some of the things that they needed to do to make improvements in how they conduct their business. Then they had a creation and development process, training qualifications, and then getting it deployed. On the 10th of September, FDNY felt they were the biggest, the best at structural fires and emergencies of anybody in the United States. The reality was, that they were unfamiliar with operations that included complex multi operational periods, interagency operations, detailed incident action plans and long term logistical support. For those of you that have had an opportunity to work interagency, are familiar with what goes on in FDNY, it is really kind of a sad statement. Since, 9/11 I have had an opportunity to talk to these gentlemen, and I asked about their relationship between themselves and NYPD for example. They said it is actually worse now that it was at 9/11 as far as their communications between agencies. A little bit of history, on September 12th, as you know on the 11th that entire city went to work, thinking it was just another day, and shortly after everybody punched the clock and got to work, not just their lives were changed forever, but ours were as well. And these photos, again these are taken by these gentlemen, by their crews, by things that they have collected. On the 12th of September, they still continued to wonder what the heck had just happened to them. They needed help. A team was deployed, an Incident Management Team, it was a type one team, which we are trying to establish ourselves as a type three team, not that we need to get hung up on that right now, but it was a type one team that was deployed from the national level. From the southwest area to New York, and initially their offer for assistance was resisted, again, FDNY was the best the badest, the biggest than anything. They didn't need anybody's help. They commonly referred to these people from the wild land side of things, they referred to them as "tree people" Well, later, Chief Hayden,

from that type one team, met with Bateman and Oltrog, from FDNY, who were just a couple of remaining members of their hierarchy, that were not killed in that attack. Again, the McKenzie report, (oops went to far) the IMT assigned, when they finally did get an assignment, they were assigned the planning and logistics. And that 's the point that I want to try to make here is that many in this room would be involved operationally in a unified command structure, but the more important thing is , again, is the need to plan and get stuff to start getting things fixed. I'm sorry, Ruben, I forgot your last name, but Ruben, you talked about a little earlier about the need to have to evacuate hospitals, just trying to develop that plan, how that would get accomplished, well that's part of the focus of this Incident Management Team process. The assistance team processes, that when this team is called or these teams are called, which there is three (3) sixteen (16) member teams and they are on rotation, and we want to grow that, grow that to include you members of your organizations, so that you have a greater understanding as to how you fit into this piece in helping mitigate things, because, just like this anything on a large scale is not going to be any one agency's responsibility. It is our issue as a community. And so, I think the sooner we recognize that, the better off we are going to be. So again, you need to evacuate and move people, this team would come in and help you, begin getting you the things you need, through the contacts and the processes that will be established to get you, whether it is buses, or whether it is ambulances, whatever it is you need to start moving your people. One of the things that we currently have, is that we have a committee that oversees this process, that has representatives from pretty much, I think with the exception of Boulder City, has a representative from each fire agency from within the valley. We have representatives from most law enforcement; City Marshalls are now involved in it. A couple of their people just took the Logistics Section Chief class. We keep OEM, both City and County involved as far as communication, what it is we are doing. So this truly is a group effort. Again, there is assigned planning and logistics; they need to start getting things. On September 14th, Logistics, is established a particular location. But I want you note here, that on September 17th, how many days later? Six days later, is the first written IAP. So until, from the 11th until the 17th the most effective thing they were doing was putting water on smoldering steam. They literally admitted that for four days they spun their wheels. They didn't have a clue what to do. They were completely overwhelmed with self deploying agencies from the surrounding states, everybody with the greatest intentions. People showing up down near ground zero, with equipment, it created a literal gridlock they had to begin un-stacking things that it took them days to un-stack apparatus and equipment, so that they could begin moving things in and out of there. It was a complete mess and they admit that. And it was again, what I feel that has the possibility of equaling the impact to the fire service of when somebody finally figured out how to push water through hose and the effect had in our abilities to mitigate fire situations, this Incident Management Assistant Team has that same propensity of effect in this community throughout groups like this, because of what it is meant to do. It is meant to fill that gap, between the local agency that has decided that it is going go a long term and multi operational periods until the feds come in. Which we know could possibly, more and likely be, two to three days. But, the Incident Management Team, again, the intent is to help fill that gap. The request to extend that Team once they realized their value, they actually put a request in to extend them past their thirty, initial thirty-day deployment, they were granted that, and the Southwest Team was finally relieved by an Alaska type one Incident Management Team. Again, a team full of tree huggers... (laughter) or tree lovers, as they referred to them. Man, this is tricky... Anyway, the McKenzie report, the after action, that recommended FDNY establish and IMT, again, it is mandated in the NIMS process that we do that. Urban Terrorism, was something that they needed to focus on. The first FDNY IMT was formed in November of 2002, partnered with the Southwest Area team, the initial team that responded, they developed great relationships and great respect, and did some pretty in depth training with that southwest team. In the summer of 2003, the shadowing or the opportunities, that once we go through this training we have the opportunity to have these Section Chief training, or your people will that get into, or as Chief Fuller likes to use the word or the analogy of "getting down on the weeds." As we start getting down into the weeds of the Incident Command System, we now need to reinforce our learning. And the way we do that is in our real life experiences, large-scale training exercises, and pre-planned events. And so we need to make sure that if again, if any of you are doing anything that we have an opportunity to get those people involved. Just a little bit more history, they eventually sent some people to the National Advanced Fire Research Institute in Tucson, AZ, for some greater training. And they brought that back, which again, all of what we are trying to do is bring this training back to your people, and your organizations, to help you be better at what it is that you need to do and what we need to do. A little bit more history, these are the drills that

came out of that training for them they currently, annually, they do Terrorist Bombing, Category Two, Three Hurricane, Earthquake and a major Chlorine leak. They've practiced, these are drills that they do, again, they said annually, I thought man, that's a lot. They said right now there is an appetite to continue that, although they do feel that some of it, because some of the in-trenched ways that they do business, they may lose some of that desire to ... anyway, again I just wanted to share some of that real life stuff with you because that is what this is all about. I applaud Dr. O'Brien, and his efforts. We currently, have some information to create our own training material for this, with the Securities Institute at UNLV. Their helping us create and establish our own curriculum so that we can begin doing this. I attended a National conference, last year, a National IMT conference in Chicago. The Chicago area is actually in DeKalb at the University of Northern.. no, whose familiar, Northern Illinois, and I went back there thinking that I was going to be beating my own drum of frustration, in trying to bring this together. I got back there and was with hundreds of teams that had this same frustration. The reality is that the Department of Homeland Security just doesn't have the personnel. After 9/11, that initial throw of the money at fixing things, the infrastructure just didn't get set up to sustain it. They just don't have the people to get the curriculum where it needed to be, to deliver. And so what has happened a network of IMT's have come together, like we are doing here, they have created the curriculum and we are now sharing that. We can't wait, we know, I think everybody in this room, knows that it is not a matter of "if" its "when" something happens. And I think we are pretty a significant target for something of a significant level. And we just need to do all we can to be prepared, and that's what we want to do is help everybody; this is not an exclusive process. This is an inclusive process by every shake of the imagination. So any questions?

Unknown Speaker: You mentioned that the communications of the police and fire back in New York City has gotten worse instead of better. Number one, why is that? And what is our communications here relative to New York?

Jess Campbell: I just took the COMS Unit Leader 3 class that was offered here a couple of months ago, maybe. And again, just because of my involvement with the IMT, I needed to have that exposure, I quickly, I got in that class and I quickly realized that I shouldn't be ... I mean these guys were talking frequency and things, that I.. I just sat in the back, and I stayed. I stayed for three days and went through the process, at least I know now that if somebody comes up to me and tells me that they are a COMS Unit Leader, I can know if they are legit. But one thing that I became aware of very quickly, we have a very competent group of individuals in our community from the communications side. We have an amazing group of individuals. The downside to that is that is most, or a lot of them are close to retirement age. Within five years, I think we will probably lose half of what we currently have. So locally, I think our communications plan or our effort is very good. I think we are very solid. In fact, out of the entire Incident Management Team process, I think that the most rock solid piece that we currently have. With respect to New York, it literally is the communications; the animosity between organizations has intensified. They shared a story where they had just ran a strip mall fire, which as part of the strip mall was a Jewish deli. NYPD showed up, it wasn't to manage traffic, it wasn't to keep anybody off of their hoses, or to do any of that, it was to make sure that the fire department didn't steal anything from that Jewish deli. Then, ah, one of their units, I think it was Engine 249 responded to a fire on La Guardia's property, it was structure fire, on La Guardia, they checked in at the gate, they were stopped, they were being hung up, the Captain of the apparatus, said let's go, they went ahead and went in and they went and arrested the Captain. So, its Port Authority as well, it is just a great dislike for the organizations back there, since what they went through. Some of the communication components worked out a little, the interoperability have been worked on a little bit. Our interoperability here is quite good. We need, you know, one thing that we know is that we need to get better. And maybe update some of our equipment. But we don't have near the issues that they do.

Jim O'Brien: Good, any other questions for Jess? Alright, thank you very much. Just to give you an update on that curriculum development. We've met with the Institute for Securities Studies at UNLV, we've agreed to partner, we've go some funds, that they will contribute and we will contribute. And we got the training materials and we are on target to have the curriculum developed by the end of August. And our hope is you know, for those of you that are in the training world, the best way to learn a topic is to teach it. And so I have been talking with Jess, about having members of the IMT deliver curriculum so that they learn it solidly, and will be delivering those courses during the

HAZMAT Explo during the fall. Plan Section Chief, Operations Section Chief, and Logistics Section Chief. So stay tuned, I think we have some good things going, and Jess is really doing a great job for us, leading the way. Thank you very much for your presentation.

XI. Public Comments

Jim O'Brien: Okay, this is the time in the meeting where we do public comments, is there any public comment?

Bill Richardson: Jim I've got one from Nellis, I would like to just mention real quick and I'll try to be brief. First, I think I would like to thank everyone here for the support that you give to Nellis over the time. I think that the DOD, the Air Force, and the installation, they are trying to do their part following 9/11 and the pieces and of course, we've had a lot of pieces that we have had to do on that. And there has been a lot of DOD initiatives to come along. One of them was the guiding light, type program, it was like a CBRNE response for all the installations across the United States, and that is to make sure that twenty-four hour a day, seven days a week, people can respond quickly. Of course, we put a lot of giant voice towers so that we can be ahead of that. The other piece that they put in was that one year we would have a Weapons of Mass Destruction exercise and the following year we would have a Medical Code Silver, a couple of three years ago we did one of those. I think we had to fire up in a canyon and we had take off. Well with the things go on, and we are suppose to do those every other year, and this last year with the elections, I'm not really sure I know why, we just got notified that they want to do another All HAZARD Response training exercise and they want to do it 15 to 19 June, 09, and we don't know if we can even push that off or not, but we are going to try, because we've got our own things that we have to do. I only bring this up, because, typically, when we do that we try to go out to the community and get some people to come in and be players for us as we go through this process. And we've done them here already herein Clark County and I will tell you, here in the valley I think that we are in stride with all the initiatives, we've been able to get the grants, if not we are leading the way in a lot of those areas. But the 15th through the 19th of June, we are going to be having an exercise or we are scheduled to. And I may be getting in touch with you to see if I can get some help somehow, if, I know your calendars are full, mine is full. A couple of years ago we did the multi calendar training thing to try and sort all of those out. I just wanted to bring that forward that we might see something... and I appreciate the time.

Jim O'Brien: Thank you Bill, any questions for Bill? Ok. Well thank you everybody, I don't see anymore public comment. Our next meeting will be August 19, 2009.

Next LEPC Meeting: Regular Meeting: Wednesday, August 19, 2009, Pueblo Room, 1st Floor Clark County Government Center, 9:00am.

XII. Adjournment

Carolyn Levering moved to adjourn and Fernandez Leary seconded.

Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.