



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

Tuesday, November 10, 2009 9:00 A.M.

LEPC MEMBERS PRESENT:

TODD PETERS, SHANNON ROONEY, CAROLYN LEVERING, KEVIN NICHOLSON, JIM O'BRIEN, JANE SHUNNEY, ELAINE HOUSER, DAVE DAHL, GLENN CLOSSON, SUSAN CROWLEY, JOHN HORTON, IRENE NAVIS, MICHAEL RICHARDSON, FAITH BORDEN, BRETT HANDY, WILLIAM RICHARDSON, BRIAN PASSOW, MANNY BAY

LEPC ALTERNATES PRESENT:

RICHARD BRENNER, CHRIS SPROULE, DENNIS DOMANSKY, JASON MANZO, RENEE TYLER, WAYNE WICK, ROB MIGNARD, JOHN MIDDAGH, LUCILLE COMPTON, RUBEN GURROLA, DERRICK HUGHES

LEPC MEMBERS ABSENT:

FERNANDEZ LEARY, SCOTT FULLER, TERRI DAVIS, BRETT PRIMAS, DAN LAKE, MIKE CYPHERS, DAVID PETERSON, KEVIN FISHER, DAVID GOSS, KIM FERGUSON, WARREN GLIDEWELL, STEVE CABRALES, DAVID STUHAN, LAWRENCE SANDS, GEORGE JONES, MARILYN STELL, DENNIS NOLAN, SCOTT EMERSON, BOB FISHER

Attendance done and verified

I. Call to Order

Jim O'Brien, LEPC Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2009, in the Pueblo Room of the Clark County Government Center.

II. Roll Call

Jim O'Brien: Quorum met.

III. *Approval of Regular & Special Meeting Minutes for August 19 and 27, 2009

Richard Brenner motioned to accept the minutes Irene Navis seconded, no discussion, motioned carried.

IV. *Amend the original FY 09 UASI UAWG funding recommendation.

Diana Blake presented that in November 2008 the UAWG met to determine proposed funding levels they subsequently moved forward with an application for eight million eight hundred seventy thousand six hundred and sixty nine dollars that amount did include the plus 10%. In October 2009 the UASI was awarded seven million nine hundred five six hundred forty five dollars and that money was received the first week of November.

Jane Shunney motioned to accept the recommendation and Kevin Nicholson seconded the motion, no discussion, motion carried.

V. *Approve the updates to the Hazardous Material Plan for submission to the SERC by January 2010 compliance date.

Jim O'Brien referenced the handouts of the changes. Richard Brenner stated that with all of the planning for the National Level Exercise that has been taking place there has not been adequate time to invest in radical updates to the plan.

Jane Shunney motioned to accept the changes and Richard Brenner seconded the motion, no discussion, motion carried.

VI. *Review and approve updated Tactical Interoperable Communications (TIC) Plan for forwarding to the Board of County Commissioners for final approval.

Mark Blomstrom presented by narrating through the Tactical Interoperable Communications (TIC) Plan power point presentation (attached to these minutes.) He advised that we now follow a standardized DHS format for this plan unlike previous plans that have been prepared. First plan was about 74 pages this plan is almost double that size. This new plan incorporates more procedures versus the old plan was more of just an outline. The new standardization is so that other people coming from an outside agency can easily read and find the information they may need. This is a bigger better more complete tool. There have been several workshops on this plan, the last in August facilitated by the feds. There have also been extensive post workshop meetings comment period which resulted in about another 40 pages of changes all information not policy changes. UACSC is asking that the LEPC approve the changes and send it forward to the BCC for final approval so that it can be put into use. As a plan it is pretty complete the appendices are still a work in progress so that will be continuously updated.

Irene Navis motioned to approve and forward to the BCC Richard Brenner seconded the motion, no discussion, motion carried.

VII. 2010 National Level Exercise

Jim O'Brien advised the NLE is on target and moving ahead in the planning activities, the MPC is on Tuesday 11/17/09 and we should have more clarity on the scenario, objectives and extent of play that pertains to all of the organizations involved at that time. There are certain issues in the community but we can't wait for those to be resolved because we can't wait and lose valuable planning and preparation time. Those that are the exercise planners for their agency need to make sure they have LLIS access and that you have been vetted to have access to the exercise channel, merely having an LLIS account will not allow you entry to the exercise channel. Make sure you or your designee is attending the MPC next week it is imperative. Expecting 350 to 400 people at the MPC. The big thing is the January 21, 2010 table top exercise, there is a limited number of seats available watch for more details to follow.

Jim O'Brien called for questions and Carolyn Levering asked about scenarios for the exercise, Jim advised that the exercise has been relocated to Sunset Park.

VIII. Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Training

Shannon Rooney advised that there is an HSEEP training December 15-18, with the fourth day being set for train the trainer. There has been a huge response with a wait list only. There are 50 seats and all are full so they are hopeful that before NLE they can offer another HSEEP. If anyone is interested please email her, this will also justify hosting another HSEEP if there are substantial numbers interested in attending.

IX. National Exercise Master Scenario Event List (NxMSEL) Training

Shannon Rooney advised that this is the program we are entering all the information into for the NLE. There have been 6 pre trainings thus far on how to enter information. The last class for this is next Monday and there are seats still available. It is very important that anyone participating in NLE needs to have a representative trained on how to enter information. Anyone interested in attending the training next week please contact Shannon as there are seats available still.

After pre training there are going to be labs available starting in December. You will be able to bring in your injects and someone will be there to help assist. As soon as there is more information on these lab dates Shannon will share with all of those interested.

X. A. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Reports and Updates

a. Biological Agent Preparedness Working Group

John Middaugh advised that they have met one time and then were put on hold because DHS is going in a new direction with the new administration. They are also waiting on a report from the Institute of Medicine, they expected this report in June and it has not yet been released for review. Until they see the results of this report there is nothing else for their committee to do until that time.

b. Community Awareness Emergency Response

Susan Crowley advised that there is not much to report this time will have a better report next meeting.

Richard Brenner advised that there will be a tabletop exercise at Owen Chemical on 11/16/09 from 1:30-3:30

c. Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD)

No report

d. Community Right-To-Know Subcommittee

No report

e. Emergency Alert System Update

No report

f. Emergency Management Coordinators Group

No report

g. Metropolitan Medical Response Update

Chris Sproule advised that he has been busy updating the Las Vegas fire and Rescue infectious disease plans and that he has been actively involved in several exercises as an evaluator, those most recently include the Mc Carren and North Las Vegas exercises as well as several future training plans for ICS 100 and 200 courses for the fire alarm office personnel.

h. NV-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team Update

No report

i. Nuclear Waste Division Yucca Mountain Update

Irene Navis advised that there has been an announcement in the media today regarding the proposed 2011 budget from the Department of Energy. Reducing the funding level for Yucca Mtn to about 46 million dollars, with the budget intent to shut the program down. Fiscal year 2010 ending which was just approved allows the project to move forward through the licensing this application has not been withdrawn but that could happen soon. Stay tuned more to come on that. It looks like the program is closing down and that the license application process will be stopped in some way likely before the next election. On the local level there are a couple of deliverables in the works a few surveys you can access the results at www.monitoringprogram.com. Public opposition to Yucca Mtn. remains around 75%.

Public Safety Impact Assessment update is almost ready for release just waiting for confirmation on a few details. Also working on a Commodity Flow study update on hazardous materials, this update should be ready in next few months.

j. Planning Sub-committee

No Report

k. State Emergency Response Commission

Richard Brenner stated that there was a convention last week in Reno over 100 registered to attend however, there was far less than that in attendance. They are discussing the possibility of combining this event with the state Fire Chiefs next year.

l. Satellite Phone Update

Richard Brenner advised that there is a meeting planned for some time in January 2010. The new phones are in from the United We stand Grant with a new "Balloon" technique from DHS.

m. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Report

Manny Bay advised that the EPA will be participating in the NLE2010 exercise and David Musick is the designated exercise planner, David will be at all future meetings.

B. CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

Citizen Corp Program Reports

- **Amateur Radio Emergency Service**

Bill Smith narrated through his power point presentation (attached to these minutes) regarding the new FCC rules.

- **Community Emergency Response Team**

Carolyn Levering advised that there are over 100 volunteers participating in today's NLV Exercise they are being used as victims also practicing badging.

- **Fire Corps**

No report

- **Medical Reserve Corps**

Jane Shunney reported on behalf of Paula Martel that MRC sponsored a workshop on 10/26/09 by professional veterinarians. They had about 40 participants wherein they simulated decontamination. Clark County Animal control brought dogs from Lied after the exercise they microchipped the dogs. MRC is also supporting and augmenting the SNHD H1N1 with medical and non medical people.

- **Neighborhood Watch**

Dennis Domansky advised that they have been for the past 10 months auditing their files and found that there are 500 block captains listed but after the revision of the list it was found that there are now about 414 remaining.

- **Volunteer in police Service**

Dennis Domansky advised that these volunteers have been very active. During the last quarter they have participated in the Four Winds HOA gathering where they acid etched the VIN number into the windows of cars. This etching service is free.

These volunteers are also working with gang task forces reaching out to families where there is some nexus to a gang working with kids on prevention and teaching the parents of signs to look for so that their children don't get gang involved. They also handle quite a few administrative tasks.

Volunteers also participated in a walk-a-thon against violence, step out walk to fight diabetes and assisted at Walnut Rec center the convention center and south east area commands on Halloween night.

C. URBAN AREA WORKING GROUP

1. Urban Area Strategy Update

Mark Blomstrom presented and narrated the Urban Area Security Initiative Status power point presentation (attached to these minutes.)

Mark reported that the FFY09 HSGP award has been received and DEM is in the process of sub-granting. NCHS has reaffirmed the previous priorities and there has been no change. In October the Target Capability Assessments were completed. At this time the FFY10 Guidance has not yet been released it is expected sometime between the first of November and first of December.

Mark briefed the LEPC on what Cost-To-Capability was, why it existed and how it worked. He explained that it is a decision support tool that enables more effective use of funds and helps to streamline the input of data and provide more accountability he presented and narrated the Cost-To-Capability Overview power point presentation (attached to these minutes.)

2. Regional Transit Security Strategy

No report

3. Urban Area Communications

Mark Blomstrom presented and narrated the Urban Area Communications Steering Committee power point presentation (attached to these minutes.)

Mark reported that the last meeting was held on November 9, 2009. The PSIC grant deadline has been extended by another year to September 30, 2011 with an option of one more additional year on a project by project basis. Clark County will most likely apply for ARRA Broadband communication funds, this would extend the Clark County Micro Wave system. The next meeting of UACSC will be February 8, 2011 at 3:00.

4. Incident Management Team Update

Jess Campbell advised that last month they held a functional exercise at the Orleans Hotel over a four day period where they implemented a new NIMS compliant department operations center (DOC). They did this to alleviate some of the burden from the EOC as well as help teach some of the administration how to be more involved. The first day was focused on involving administration the last 3 days was focused on the Incident Management Team. This was a large exercise scenario that they have decided to hold annually every October as a conclusion of their training calendar.

5. Clark County Emergency Management Plan Update

Jim O'Brien advised that the Board of County Commissioners adopted the revision to the basic plan which has been reconfigured to comply with the planning guidance issued by FEMA under the comprehensive preparedness guide 101. The Annex's and Appendices will be migrating to conform with this, the Health and Medical Annex, Public Health, Medical Surge, On Scene Emergency Medical Services and Mortuary Affairs Appendices are all done. We are migrating all of our elements to conform with CPG101 and it's anticipated that we will have an orientation workshop for all of the LEPC members after the first of the year. 2004 version is no longer valid so people should discard, the 2009 will be packaged with all of the Appendices and Annex's once they are complete.

XI. Public Comments

James Cudney from DHS was introduced. James advised that he will be at future meetings.

No other public comment.

Next LEPC Meeting: February 17, 2010, Pueblo Room, 1st Floor Clark County Government Center, 9:00am.

XII. Adjournment

Richard Brenner motioned to adjourn Jane Shunney seconded the motion, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.