



**CLARK COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Las Vegas Urban Area Working Group**
CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
PUEBLO ROOM, 1ST FLOOR
500 S. GRAND CENTRAL PKWY
LAS VEGAS, NV

MINUTES WEDNESDAY MAY 5, 2010 9:00 A.M.

ATTENDANCE

LEPC MEMBERS PRESENT:

JIM O'BRIEN, TERI DAVIS, DAN LAKE, CAROLYN LEVERING, JANE SHUNNEY, DAVE PETERSON, ELAINE HOUSER, KIM FERGUSON, JOHN HORTON, IRENE NAVIS, SANDY SEDA, RYAN TURNER, FRED THOMPSON, SHANNON ROONEY, MIKE CYPHERS, KEVIN NICHOLSON, WARREN GLIDEWELL, GLENN CLOSSON, SUSAN CROWLEY, BRETT HANDY, WAYNE WICK, MIKE RICHARDSON, TIFFANY SIMPKINS,

LEPC ALTERNATES PRESENT:

RICHARD BRENNER, CHRIS SPROULE, DENNIS DOMANSKY, KEN BLANCHETTE, PHIL ANDREW, PHIL KLEVORICK, DOUG SHARP, CHRIS GREENE, MELINDA CASE,

LEPC MEMBERS ABSENT:

FERNANDEZ LEARY, SCOT FULLER, BRETT PRIMAS, DAVE GOSS MARY MARTINI, MANNY BAY, WILLIAM RICHARDSON, LAWRENCE SANDS, BRIAN PASSOW, DENNIS NOLAN, DAVE DAHL, FAITH BORDEN, DAVID STUHAN, SCOTT EMERSON

I. Call to Order

Jim O'Brien LEPC Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M. on Wednesday May 5, 2010, in the Pueblo Room of the Clark County Government Center.

II. Roll Call

Jim O'Brien: Quorum met.

III. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for February 17, 2010

Motion made by Richard Brenner to accept the minutes and Carolyn Levering seconded, no discussion, motioned carried.

***Jim O'Brien advised the speakers that there was a 5 to 8 minute time limit for oral presentations.*

IV. Approve and Recommend that the changes to the Southern Nevada Health District Mass Prophylaxis Plan be incorporated as an appendix to the Clark County Emergency Management Plan, Health and Medical Annex

Jane Shunney stated that the original plan was dated in May 2008 and that this was an addition in chapter 9 the difference is that this addresses mass vaccination which is different than mass prophylaxis and chapter 11 is a demobilization unit. No other changes and nothing affects any other agency.

Motion made by Jane Shunney to accept as recommended Fred Thompson seconded, no discussion, motion carried.

V. Review and Recommend that the Board of County Commissioners Approve the Proposed Grant Application to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) for the Planning Training, Supplies and Equipment grant under the United We Stand Grant

Diana Blake stated that on April 14, 2010 SERC advised there was an application for the United We Stand Grant, on April 16, 2010 Diana sent notice of this application to LEPC members.

Carolyn Levering explained the City of Las Vegas requests. Municipal Court requested lap tops and some speech translation equipment, that utilized basic law enforcement commands. LVFR has requested additional chemical detection equipment.

Richard Brenner represented the CCFD request for satellite upgrades.

The grant sub-committee met on April 28, 2010 and voted unanimously to move forward the grant application funding amounts for the City Municipal Court funded for \$10,392.66 Las Vegas Fire and Rescue funded for \$12,643.68 and Clark County Fire Department funded for \$6,655.88.

Diana Blake further stated that upon this body's approval this application will be placed on the Clark County Board of County Commissioners May 18, 2010 agenda for approval and submission by the June 1, 2010 deadline.

Motion made by Dan Lake to approve seconded by Mike Cyphers, no discussion, motion carried.

VI. Regional Resiliency Assessment Program

Gonzalo Cordova, Protective Security Advisor for the Department of Homeland Security. *(Inaudible audio / speaker narrated through a slide presentation attached)*

VII. Critical Infrastructure System Demonstration

Ron Cameron turned over to Shelia. Shelia stated that when they had taken over in 2008 the project only had 67 vulnerability assessments, since that time to date there have been 638 completed and by end of September 2010 there will have been 721 done. They have recently undergone an audit by the Office of the Inspector General where they were acknowledged for having Best Practices in the nation. Silver Shield focuses primarily on first responders, after that statement Shelia then turned over the presentation to Robert to demonstrate the online tool they use for first responders.

Robert showed a website that identifies all of the critical infrastructure for the state specifically showing Clark County there are over 500 assets included on this. He used US Food as an example, all of the points of entry, aerial shots and satellite images, 24 hour contact information as well as contact persons for the facility. This tool is still in development and feedback is always requested. In the event online access is unavailable there is a back up called Orator that also provides this information. Identifies HazMat materials at facility and shows most sensitive areas.

Agencies that would like access to this tool please contact Ron, Robert or Shelia. Training consists of about 1 hour, the first training will be June 9, 2010 at the Clark County Detention Center. Contact Silver Shield 254-0306 for future training dates.

VIII. Communications Presentation

George Molnar introduced the Vegas PBS facility and the media capabilities. He wanted everyone to know that they are devoted to Emergency Preparedness and want to support this community by making the facility available when needed. The building is very stable and built to be substantially independent. George informed the group of all the media services they have available for LEPC members to use and invited everyone to contact him directly at 799-1010 ext. 5428 gmlnar@vegaspbs.org.

IX. Nevada State Credentialing

Bud Marshall provided a brief overview of the process now taking place in order for Nevada to be in compliance with Federal Credentialing requirements. The Nevada Commission on Homeland Security has approved a plan which outlines a process and means to achieve the mandated credentialing required to be NIMS compliant. Most states, tribes and locals have had difficulty doing this thus far but Nevada is moving forward with their process which has been laid out in 3 phases: 1. Research and Assessment 2. Process Implementation or Acquisition 3. Actual Implementation and the Validation of the System.

If you would like to obtain a copy of this plan contact the project manager Kelley Baratti at 775-687-0300 or kbaratti@dps.state.nv.us

X. U.S. National Grid Workshop for First Responders & Geospatial Professionals

Richard Wells invited LEPC members to attend a seminar on June 21 and 22, 2010 at the Las Vegas City Hall regarding the U.S. National Grid. The City has teamed up with Delta State University to provide this workshop on the National Grid. The goal of this workshop is to first provide GIS professionals a greater understanding and skill to support first responders in times of crisis and the second goal is to inform first responders of the special products that are available. *(Speaker narrated Power Point presentation attached)*

XI. Nevada Statewide Exercise Series 2011 (NSE-11)

Jim O'Brien advised that at the most recent Nevada Homeland Security Commission meeting funds for the previously planned National Level Exercise were re-directed to a statewide exercise. A steering committee has met to discuss the exercise and the overall concept of the scenario. The exercise is based on a right wing domestic group that is planning to cause problems. The series will consist of three exercises first with a table top in October this will be an overview for the remaining exercises.

At the table top part one of three will use high level policies and plans relating to indicators warnings analysis and information dissemination so the Fusion Center process will be part of that part two focuses on cyber security and issues that could happen if there is probing and what types of security we have and part three relates to biological incidents with aerosol anthrax affecting a large population.

The second in the series will be a functional exercise in January in 2011. This will be geared towards a cyber attack in the National Planning Scenario 15 that will be related to control systems SCADA systems and vulnerabilities to internal disgruntled employees and external hacking.

Technical Assistance has been requested from DHS Cyber Security division and it was approved regionally, national approval is forthcoming.

The Full Scale exercise will take place over a 48 hour continuous time period in March and will be the biological attack with anthrax.

There will be a Sharepoint site for coordination and documentation for meeting agendas and so forth. This will be used similar to the LLIS site for the NLE. In a couple of weeks there will be an invitation sent out to all primary LEPC members inviting them to the Sharepoint site. Tutorials are available for those that are not familiar and suggested, further Jim suggested people set their alerts.

There will be three separate planning groups one for Blind Faith, Zombie Trap and the Full Scale Exercise. There will be sample venue type activities sent out and the request is to have individuals provide a budget for the proposed scope of work and how you want to play. The purpose of these proposed budgets is primarily for backfill and overtime not to purchase equipment.

XII. Multi Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan

Jim O'Brien advised that it is a requirement of FEMA and DHS to have a Multi Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan in place in the event there is a catastrophic activity that damages infrastructure. FEMA requires this so that they know there is a plan to avoid previous issues if there is a request to rebuild. This plan is on a five year cycle with the last update being made in 2006. There will be a schedule mapped out and distributed this summer to everyone so that anyone interested can participate in the changes. The target completion date is the first quarter of 2011.

There will be several workshops and the plan is to follow the same process that was done in 2005. LEPC members should expect there to be a lot of activity related to the development of the updates for this plan

XIII. ASTI – Ammonia Safety training

Richard Brenner informed the LEPC that recently the Clark County Fire Department participated in an exercise with U.S. Foods regarding ammonia safety. He also recently attended a meeting in Washington D.C. where the opportunity prevailed to have a training brought to Clark County regarding ammonia safety. There are several locations in the valley that have ammonia and first responders are not well versed in how to deal with situations involving this chemical. Richard was seeking the support of the LEPC members and gauging the interest level in providing this sort of training, members seemed interested and Richard agreed to work with Jim O'Brien to find a suitable date for this three day workshop.

Irene Navis offered to provide a full list of commodity flow showing all of the chemicals passing through Clark County to Jim O'Brien and all others for use in their exercises.

XIV. A. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

a. Biological Agent Preparedness Working group

No report

b. Community Awareness & Emergency Response

No report

c. Community Organizations Active in Disaster

Robin Kelley briefed the LEPC on what COAD is and how they partner in the community. COAD meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month with the next meeting being held at the Fusion Center. Currently the membership roster is being updated.

d. Community Right-to-Know Subcommittee

No report

e. Emergency Alert System Update

No report

f. Emergency Management Coordinators Group

Kim Ferguson reported that the last meeting was held at the corporate EOC of NV Energy where they took a tour and discussed potential flooding issues in Moapa Valley as well as use of GPS in vehicles. Everyone that attended enjoyed the tour and discussion.

The next meeting will be held at the national Weather Service building on May 11, 2010.

g. Metropolitan Medical Response Update

Chris Sproule reported that a lot of the equipment the previously ordered is beginning to arrive. Ciano kits have been received as well as about 10,000 smart tags. 4 MCI trailers will arrive on May 7, 2010.

Chris is working with Angela Krutsinger and the Nevada Hospital Association on a statewide Med Surge task force, also with Dimitri Theodoreau and the Spartan task force developing a statewide emergency response plan for schools. He is also working with the local Incident management Team.

Most recently Chris began work with Ryan Turner at UMC to start operationalizing Clark County's Med Surge Plan.

h. NV-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team Update

No report

i. Nuclear Waste Division Yucca Mountain Update

Irene Navis stated that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is wrestling right now with the withdrawal of the license application as required by the Department of Energy. Most do not realize that this is not an automatic process that applicants do not have the right to just withdraw the application it has to be approved and Congress can even be involved. DOE is seeking reprogramming of all dollars allocated to licensing and the desire is to re-direct towards closure of the project.

Currently legal actions have been initiated by several states, counties and one tribal entity to block the withdrawal of the application. That motion was denied and kicked back to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to be dealt with. On June 1 and 2, 2010 there will be hearings in Las Vegas to entertain all potential interveners to either block to application or the withdrawal itself.

j. Planning Subcommittee

Richard Brenner advised that there has not been a recent meeting of this subcommittee. Richard has been working with union Pacific Rail Road to obtain statistical information from 2009. He recently received this information and there will be a subcommittee meeting soon to discuss the results.

k. State Emergency Response Commission

Richard Brenner reported for Karen. He advised that they are working on the United We Stand Grant and that application will close on June 1, 2010. Richard also stated that they are also dealing with the fact that the Governor's budget cuts drastically hit the SERC office with the vacancy of the third position and not being allowed to fill that position.

l. Satellite Phone Update

No report – Terri Davis spoke on behalf of Dan Lake to advise there will be a meeting scheduled next month.

m. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Report

No report

B. CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL REPORTS

• **Amateur Radio Emergency Service**

Bill Smith reported that they will be working with local hospitals via a Nevada Hospital Association Grant helping employees get FCC Amateur Radio licensure as it is mandated by law for every hospital to have at least two licensed operators.

The ARES/RACES work station that had been located on the 7th floor of the Clark County Government Center has been relocated to a cubicle in the Clark County IT building on Pinto lane.

This will be the last meeting for Vern Garman as he is retiring his position with ARES/RACES. Jim O'Brien presented Vern with a certificate of Appreciation and Bill Smith spoke of all of Vern's accomplishments.

• **Community Emergency Response Team**

Carolyn Levering reported that participation in the CERT training has increased with an average class size being 30 participants. To date they have met and exceeded their training goals for 2010.

• **Fire Corps**

No report

• **Medical Reserve Corps**

Paula Martel reported that there are 233 local Medical Reserve Corp volunteers and that annually there is an integrated summit. The 2010 conference will be at the Aria the first week in June. It had been previously scheduled in Nashville but due to flooding they relocated to Las Vegas. There will be a lot of training available at this summit offering CME's CEU's visit the medicalreservecorp.gov website for more detail.

Paula also announced a Save The Date for Thursday July 22, 2010 to attend a seminar on Zoonotic diseases (animal to human transfer.) Contact Paula at the Southern Nevada health District for more details if you would like to attend.

- **Neighborhood Watch**

Dennis Domansky reported there are 1,782 groups that is an increase of 133 from last quarter. Primary focus of these neighborhood watch groups is to watch vacant foreclosed homes for vandalism.

- **Volunteer in Police Service**

Dennis Domansky reported that there are 450 volunteers logging 30,000 hours of service last quarter alone.

There are volunteers posted at McCarren Airport where they answered 36,000 calls for service. There is also a new program called VIVA (Visitor Information Visitor Assistance) on the strip where they provide assistance to visitors and have acted as witness to several crimes in progress.

Last quarter volunteers etched VIN numbers on 81 vehicles for theft prevention and issued 2100 handicap parking violation tickets.

Jim O'Brien thanked everyone that participated in the Ides of March and April Showers exercise and then invited those interested to attend the After Action Review on May 13, 2010 at 1:30 P.M. in the Pueblo Room.

C. URBAN AREA WORKING GROUP

- **Urban Area Strategy Update**

(Speaker narrated Power Point presentation attached)

Mark Blomstrom reported on the status of the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and advised how the FFY10 process, was going where it is and the financial picture update and what the status of the 06/07 projects is with regard to audits, validations and planning. FFY10 was submitted April 15, 2010, and the response is due back mid July. There will be an update of the process schedule which will start identifying the dates and meetings for FFY11. That should be out by July 1, 2010.

One of the things that is taken from this 2010 process schedule is the change in application process cycle, the application process itself got noticeably simpler, and the one piece that they are looking at now is that they are tying it right back into the target capabilities. It can be expected that in FFY11 that will be extended to include a little bit more of the same. The Urban Area Security Initiative with the inclusion of FFY10 funds, will be about 39.3 million, that will have been invested over five years of grant cycle and there are three more initiatives being added, by the August meeting there will be an update that will show how the FFY10 funds have been applied when it is approved.

FEMA and DHS have requested through the office of OMB an increase of approximately 24% in the UASI funding for FFY11.

2006 projects are complete. The first one provided plans for the Clark County Microwave system, supporting all of the radio communications, much of it including SNAC and Metro system. The major improvement to the SNAC system, provided simulcast. It also extended the interoperability channels. The third project provided a cash of 127 radios held by Metro. Those radios are available to any agency within the Urban Area, and they could be requested from outside the Urban Area.

The next project was improved response to IED's, the 06 project was significant in that it took 42 technicians through training that was specialized, and addressed IED responses

specifically, these were explosive ordinance techs, or EOD techs, they all know how to deal with dynamite and blasting caps, they now have a good handle on how to respond to IED, and the vehicle born IED'S and the threat of suicide bombers. There has since been additional funding to provide specialized training and equipment in the following years. There are also media messages that were developed and produced, both video and television broadcasts, and audio for radio broadcasts, those have been put out as PSA'S public service announcements, and have been run, they've been run in some prime time spots with funding , and they are now in the 2:00 a.m. slots as broadcasters are no longer being paid directly to run them in prime time.

The task force to serve the deaf and hard of hearing has provided significant improvement in emergency circumstance communication for the deaf and hard of hearing community, in two aspects. The LEPC has been provided annexes and input into individual emergency operations plans, the EOP'S reflect this. Second, actual devices, such as visor cards that identify users as being deaf, so when the officer walks up he knows he is communicating with or attempting to communicate with someone who is deaf. Also some devices, such as UBI DUO'S, that allow communication back and forth in real time emergency circumstance.

2007 projects, four of the projects are done at this point they will be seen in more detail in the August meeting. A six month extension, on 07 was granted and any of the projects that needed that extension have applied, and they were extended the effective end date is now the end of October. One project with 07 funding, a significant amount of funding that is at risk at this point in time, is the Clark County microwave system. The reason for that is that there has been a large slow down in the permitting process there, due to environmental reviews, and appropriate authorizations to move forward.

Audits, there have been four within slightly more than one year, the repetitive findings are showing that there are problems with procurement and inventory tracking, there are holes in that. Reporting, especially the quarterly progress reports, there are holes in that and then there has been a lack of local audits and visits. There is action towards addressing these, issues. In part from DEM and through the Office of Emergency Management in the Urban Area, is a requirement that all projects provide quarterly project reports along with the financial reports, otherwise the financial reports and reimbursements will not be honored and the whole report will be kicked back.

Planning, there is a small project underway now, with planning sub-committee Richard Brenner, chair, the project is to review the existing documentation of the target capabilities versus the national planning scenarios, and attempting to look in a high level gross fashion if you will at the gap analysis there. There will a report in the next meeting. Any questions please call Mark Blomstrom 455-5710 (*presentation attached*)

- **Urban Area Communication Subcommittee**

The communications steering committee met on May 3, 2010 with eighteen people present. A new TIC plan has been completed, updated and has been adopted by the Board of Count Commissioners and is available through the Clark County Office of Emergency Management. The Urban Area has now been validated as meeting the National Emergency Communications plan goal number one. This is fairly significant as the Las Vegas Urban Area has negotiated that hurdle as one of the first Urban Areas, in the U.S. to do so. Other Urban Areas are doing so, and you will hear reference to goal number two, goal number two is the exact same thing in terms of meeting interoperability but it refers to the non urban areas, basically the balance of the state of Nevada must meet goal number two. Specifically the other sixteen counties in Nevada must meet that goal. From a state perspective you will probably hear more about the remaining 16

counties needing assistance to meet that goal. None of this means that interoperability is perfect nor does it mean that it exists in all areas as you would like to see it. It does mean that you have achieved a basic level of it. A SCIP workshop was held May 4, 2010, it was an all day workshop with 35 participants. This workshop was sponsored by the feds and it was a technical assistance forum. It is to update the state communications interoperability plan or SCIP plan. This will be going from version 3 to version 4 with this update. It is primarily the two TIC plans for the balance of the state, the Northwest and the Northeast TIC plans that will be the focus there in completing those. The second one there does apply to the urban area in identification and development of SOPs, that should read also MOUs. Third, the integration of training and exercise into a more comprehensive program. Last, an inventory of assets, this is oriented in large part for the balance of the state. The inventory of assets is key to knowing what must be upgraded for narrow banding purposes, and the piece that makes that important is that the FCC has mandated an upgrade of VHF and UHF equipment that is used below 512 megahertz. Upgrading that prior to January 21st 2013. So users of UHF and VHF the non 800 and 700 systems, they must upgrade their system to what is known as narrow banding by January 21st of 2013. Many of the rural areas do have such presently of the wide band equipment that must be upgraded. .

- **Incident management Team Update**

Carolyn Levering spoke on behalf of Jess Campbell. The Incident Management Team continues to seek funding for training to continue throughout 2010. They have an aggressive training calendar for this year including in June, the All Hazards Incident Management Team course, which is a week long training. October 2010, there will be an Incident Commander specific level training to be held and followed with a functional exercise the following week. If you would like to ask Chief Campbell any questions about those program's he can be reached at 702-229-0735.

XV. Public Comments

Irene Navis corrected the dates previously mentioned for Yucca Mountain they are June 3 and June 4, 2010. Irene then introduced Gene Pazinski, as her new secondary Alternate for LEPC.

Next LEPC Meeting: August 18, 2010, Pueblo Room, 1st Floor Clark County Government Center, 9:00 A.M.

XVI. Adjournment

Richard Brenner motioned to adjourn Jane Shunney seconded, no discussion, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:44 A.M.