



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

Wednesday, February 17, 2010 9:00 A.M.

LEPC MEMBERS PRESENT:

JIM O'BRIEN, BRETT PRIMAS, DAN LAKE, TODD PETERS, CAROLYN LEVERING, JANE SHUNNEY, DAVE PETERSON, ELAINE HOUSER, KIM FERGUSON, JOHN HORTON, IRENE NAVIS, SANDY SEDA, FAITH BORDEN, DAVID STUHAN, RYAN TURNER,

LEPC ALTERNATES PRESENT:

RICHARD BRENNER, CHRIS SPROULE, TIM SENDLEBACH, JAMES OLSCHLAGER, JOHN MIDDAGH, LUCILLE COMPTON, PHIL MCKAY

LEPC MEMBERS ABSENT:

FERNANDEZ LEARY, SCOT FULLER, TERI DAVIS, MIKE CYPHERS, KEVIN NICHOLSON, DAVE GOSS, WARREN GLIDEWELL, GLENN CLOSSON, SUSAN CROWLEY, MARY MARTINI, MANNY BAY, BRETT HANDY, WILLIAM RICHARDSON, LAWRENCE SANDS, BRIAN PASSOW, DENNIS NOLAN,

I. Call to Order

Jim O'Brien, LEPC Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2010, in the Pueblo Room of the Clark County Government Center.

II. Roll Call

Jim O'Brien: Quorum met.

III. *Approval of Minutes for November 10, 2009 meeting

Dan Lake motioned to accept the minutes Carolyn Levering seconded, no discussion, motioned carried.

IV. * Review and Recommend that the Board of County Commissioners approve proposed Grant application to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) for the Operations, Planning, Training & Equipment grant.

Diana Blake stated that on January 12, 2010 SERC advised that there was an application available for planning training and equipment, further that the grant request could not be for more than \$30,000. On February 2, 2010, a notice went out to LEPC members, regarding this grant and three applications were received.

Dan Lake representing North Las Vegas stated that NLV requested a rugged laptop computer, qualifying his request by stating that the computer was on the AEL list. This laptop would be placed in the fire department mobile command and decontamination unit. Currently that vehicle does not have the ability to access WebEOC or any other hazardous material databases.

Deb Lancaster representing The Red Cross requested one laptop to transport to shelters for client support.

Richard Brenner representing Clark County Fire Department stated their proposal was for a laptop and printer, an atmospheric monitor, inflatable decontamination basin system, smart hoses, vapor leakage collection basin and dirty suits for the heavy rescue team.

Diana Blake reported that the LEPC Grant sub-committee met February 16, 2010 and they voted unanimously to move forward with the application as follows: North Las Vegas \$4,246.33 The Red Cross \$1,135.00 and CCFD \$24,542.14 The application is due March 8, 2010. Upon the approval of this body it will be placed on the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) agenda on Mar 2, 2010

Carolyn Levering motioned to approve the application as proposed and Ryan Turner seconded the motion, no discussion, motion carried.

V. * Review and Recommend that the Board of County Commissioners approve proposed Urban Area Work Group projects and budgets for the federal fiscal year 2010 Homeland Security Grant Program.

Jim O'Brien explained before turning the report over to Diana Blake that the process is not yet complete and this was a procedural step during the course of the grant application process and that it would not be until fall before we would see any thing moving especially since the LEPC only meets quarterly. Jim stated that he wanted this to be done now while this was still fresh on everyone's mind. He further stated that the Finance Committee still had to vet everything as did the Commission this so anything is possible. The LEPC point is to show a demonstration to DHS that the Urban Area Working group has recognized the project proposals as they are and authorization to continue in the process is there. The recognition does not bind the LEPC to the decisions on dollar figures or the projects proposed. Jim stated that everyone should stay tuned for the politics of the process to develop. Jim then turned the presentation over to Diana Blake.

Diana Blake asked for approval of the LEPC to continue to complete the review process at the Homeland Security Working Group for FFY10 to continue to submit those detailed budgets to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC).

Jim O'Brien said that there are a couple of things different this year. One thing is that in the past we have applied competitively for these grant funds and this year is the first year where we have received the actual amount that has been allocated for the Urban Area.

Mark Blomstrom provided an overview (and explanation of how to read the handout) of the projects with the handout, titled HSWG 2010 Recommended Project Ranking and Placement (attached). He stated that the individual project phase happened in January and through three meeting's those individual projects had been vetted and in some cases pulled into existing Investment Justifications. The next meeting of the Homeland Security Work Group will be held on March 4, 2010

Dan Lake motioned to recommend and Richard Brenner seconded the motion. Carolyn Levering raised a Point of Order; she asked if this was an action item for the LEPC or the Urban Area Working Group, Jim O'Brien advised that they are one in the same.

Carolyn then stated she did not recall taking this step in previous years where this group made this recommendation to the BCC, she asked if this was a new process this year. Jim stated that yes; it was an Observation in an audit finding and from our preparedness officer. No other discussion, motion carried.

VI. Training and Exercise Planning Workshop

Jim O'Brien stated that this workshop was held in January at the Vegas PBS. He advised that the results of the workshop could be found on the HSEEP Toolkit Calendar.

VII. Incident Resource Inventory System (IRIS) Update

Arlene Chapman, not present. Jim O'Brien spoke about IRIS. He stated that what was thought to be a glitch with the software was not, that it was some unique aspects of how data entry was undertaken by some agency. Jim informed the LEPC members that if they still needed access to IRIS to please contact Arlene Chapman and she would set up an account for them. He then stated that IRIS would exercised during the March 11, 2010 Functional Exercise the Ides of March. There are presently over 4,000 entries in the database. Those that specifically should have access are Logistics, Finance & Administration the Supply and Procurement units through your Incident Command units.

VIII. WebEOC Update

Jim O'Brien stated that Version 7 WebEOC is scheduled for cutover on March 1, 2010. This is a change in operation; access will be by individual person (proper name) and a position access code. Self-registration is now a function as well as requesting forgotten passwords instead of involving the Clark County OEM office. There are a few other differences; the general message board is now eliminated due to misuse, a new position log, and a situation summary board. Webinar training will be held numerous times so that users have an opportunity to become familiar with the new elements. One new addition will be the acquisition of the consolidated NIMS Incident Planning tool. The hope is that it will be web based through a wizard you will be able to develop incident action plans and be able to assign positions that you used to have to do on paper with ICS forms. This will be similar to Turbo Tax where you just answer the questions, this new system will dump everything into the proper format. This will not likely be available for the exercise but will be available at the AAR and can be part of the corrective action and an improvement for the exercise.

Brett Primas asked for clarification as to when WebEOC can be used, the concern was availability for the NASCAR event. Jim stated that as of March 1, 2010 the new version would be live, prior to that the current version was still available.

IX. Critical Infrastructure System Demonstration

No Report

X. Recovery Ordinance

Jim O'Brien stated on January 5, 2010 the BCC approved the ordinance and adopted it into the Clark Code 3.04 the recovery section is the .200 series. This is available for the public to view on the Clark County website.

XI. Nevada State Credentialing Plan

No Report

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

a. Biological Agent Preparedness Working Group

Dr. Middaugh gave background on the working group as to why this committee was put into place. He advised that Las Vegas was the only city that the air samples had to be processed outside of the jurisdiction because there were no facilities to process them locally. In looking at this committee, the question arose as to whether or not the committee was viable and should even be continued because of the operational limitations. The Department of Homeland Security approached Nevada through Senator Reid's office acknowledging the excessive turn around time, they offered to help develop the lab needed. Through UNLV, this lab was created and there is currently an extensive effort to increase sample sites and begin processing those samples locally this spring. Air samples are just one component so Health District continues to work in the community to strengthen monitoring in epidemiology.

b. Community Awareness Emergency Response

Vince Pellis new Chair of CAER advised that the 2010 goal of CAER is to bring industrial awareness to training in Emergency Preparedness and having the necessary communications equipment.

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

Kim Ferguson advised that the March EMC meeting will be held at the new NV Energy Emergency Operations center on Lindell Road. Jim O'Brien announced the May meeting will encompass several agencies including the National Weather Service and their preparation for summer severe weather.

g. Metropolitan Medical Response Update

Chris Sproule advised that MCI Trailers should be arriving by March 15. They have also been working with First Watch on their priority alerting module to reduce response time and bring it within 30 seconds from the now 2 minutes. MMRS is also working with the IMT, Jess Campbell. One of the missions of the MMRS is to help coordinate regional stakeholders. There have been several ICS training courses 300/400 held and several additional ICS 300/400 planned for the near future.

h. NV-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team Update

No report

i. Nuclear Waste Division Yucca Mountain Update

Irene Navis stated that on February 1, 2010 the Presidents budget was released and had zeroed out the funding for the Yucca Mountain Project. There have been some adjustments in funding for things other than licensing activities. They are expecting the Department of Energy to formally withdraw the license application and they then expect the lawsuits to commence after that. There will be a different role for this agency once things settle. As the changes become clearer Irene will report to the LEPC those changes and what exactly the remediation process will entail.

The 116 water permit applications that the DOE filed with the State Water Engineer have been withdrawn. This takes away any possibility that there will be any transportation related work to the proposed railway corridor.

The DOE and the President have set up a Blue Ribbon Commission to look at alternatives to Yucca Mountain and nuclear waste management. This committee's work is slated to take about 2 years. After 18 months there is supposed to be an interim report and the final at 24 months.

j. Planning Sub-committee

Richard Brenner stated that right now, they have not met but they are expecting to call a meeting soon.

Jim O'Brien advised there are eight appendices that need attention in the Hazmat Plan and that over the course of this year Richard would be leading the effort to complete these updates.

k. State Emergency Response Commission

Richard Brenner stated that the last meeting was in January. The former Hazmat Expo conference previously held in Las Vegas was moved to Reno where a conference was held in November 2009. There wasn't much attendance, so this year they are partnering with the Nevada Fire Chiefs this year there will be a conference October 25-27, 2010 in Reno. The course is mainly designed for First Responders, such topics as Hazmat Awareness, Propane, Ammonia and Gasoline tanker trucks will be covered. The hope is to expand in future years.

The Hazmat reporting system has been online for a year, now heading into the second year and it is working very well. Users report that it is easily used and they like the

online process much more than the hardcopy submissions. All firefighters can have access as allowed by their individual agencies, Clark County Fire has given access to the HazMat team.

I. Satellite Phone Update

Dan Lake advised that on February 10, 2010, this committee met at the Fusion Center, with the help of Richard Brenner, the Carolina Satellite Network provided an overview of the current technology looking primarily at interoperable communications cell phone use radios and IP platforms. The working group continues to look at ways to improve those attributes for communications. They continue to work on common platforms for satellite equipment and carriers so that there is a very stable platform in this region. FY09 United We Stand grant program, the current request and needs for satellite phone equipment in this region is for City of Las Vegas Emergency Management, Clark County OEM, Clark County School District (CCSD) Clark County Fire Department (CCFD), and the Clark County Coroners office along with the new EOC in North Las Vegas. Continued training via the communication rodeo is slated to happen on a quarterly basis to include communications testing and training for the New Years Eve. There is currently not a next meeting date set but anyone that would like to participate in this working group should contact Dan Lake. Also, anyone that has satellite phones please forward the phone numbers to the Clark County Office of Emergency Management. Richard Brenner then discussed that things now are more IT driven rather than Radio driven and because of this direction, there will be a lot of potential for future change. Dan and Richard will be reporting more on this as details become available.

m. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Report

Not present. A report was provided as well as wallet calendars.

B. CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

Citizen Corp Program Reports

- **Amateur Radio Emergency Service**

Inaudible recording for Bill Smith. Jim O'Brien spoke about the presentation Bill gave at the November 2009 LEPC meeting regarding the restrictions placed by the FCC on HAM operators because they are supposed to be used by amateurs not by professionals. Because of that restriction, Clark County OEM has requested a waiver from the FCC for the March 11, 2010 exercise and it is anticipated that it will be granted without issue.

- **Community Emergency Response Team**

Carolyn Levering stated that they are continuing to conduct CERT training, and have registration online at NVCERT.org, classes have been filling up very quickly. There is a beginning of a CERT program in Indian Springs, and the program in Laughlin is transitioning to a more localized program that has become available on a more regular basis, because of a merge with a metro volunteer program. So that program continues to do well as it has merged with a resource in that community. Training is continuing to conduct in Boulder City, North Las Vegas, Las Vegas and throughout Clark County. Additional funds are being sought in the 2010 Homeland Security process and hope to be able to continue to maintain these programs through those sources.

Jim O'Brien spoke about the Clark County Education Association and that they would like to investigate incorporating CERT training for teachers to gain continuing education units towards their license maintenance requirements. Carolyn stated that they would

be happy to accommodate that as they have done trainings in the high schools. For example, Rancho High School has a medical magnet program that we trained students there, and any teachers interested in taking the program for CEU's we are happy to accommodate.

Faith Borden for the National Weather Service said that for the CERT people, they are partnering with the City of Henderson, and offering a Storm Spotter Talk, March 13th, and if anybody else is interested in having some weather training for their CERT groups, please contact her.

- **Fire Corps**

No report

- **Medical Reserve Corps**

Paula Martel reported that the Southern Nevada Health District in January did a survey of their 312 volunteers, ninety percent of which are health care professionals. One thing that came back to them was that many are interested in being active or invited to participate in exercises. They have no idea what putting an exercise together entails, they just think that they can come over for an hour and do something. Paula asked for opportunities, whenever there is a chance to involve them in that capacity. She thanked Jim for inviting them as observers for the March 11, 2010.

Paula stated that H1N1 really peaked the volunteer's interest, most especially the volunteers that have done ICS100 and M700. She again asked the LEPC to please keep her volunteers in mind for future exercise involvement.

- **Neighborhood Watch**

Brett Primas advised they are down about five percent in overall neighborhood watch programs. There are about 1700 in LVMPD jurisdiction. Brett was unsure why participation was down, but speculation was because of the economic downturn and a lot of owner occupied vacancies. On the volunteer program, he echoed what Paula Martel said. They have about 300 volunteers, different skill sets, but they are very very interested in assisting with exercises. Metro had 14 of them assist with the all day exercise back in November. The Eruption/Disruption exercise in North Las Vegas. He asked that if anyone in the LEPC are planning exercises and there is a need for labor or some type of assistance the MVP's may be able to assist. And they are active with some of them being trained with writing handicap citations and parking citations up on Mt. Charleston and throughout the valley. Last month they wrote about 200 citations in those different areas.

Brett told the LEPC that if they had an interest in starting a neighborhood Watch program to visit the LVMPD website.

- **Volunteer in police Service**

No Report

C. URBAN AREA WORKING GROUP

1. Urban Area Strategy Update

Jim O'Brien stated that we need to start our cycle a little bit earlier this year so that when we start to do the capabilities assessment that we did in October, we probably need to

do that in the summer. Only to stay ahead of the power curve, this year we were really crunched for time.

Mark Blomstrom stated that he would give the status of where we are, what is in progress in the current grant cycle and then the project progress as to where we are at in 06/07. He then again referenced the earlier handout HSWG 2010 Recommended Project Ranking and Placement spreadsheet (attached) and narrated through where we are in the process. Mark advised that the next meeting of the Homeland Security Working Group is March 4, 2010, he said that Larry Casey just announced that the otherwise scheduled Homeland Security Commission Meeting for the 24th of February was cancelled and rescheduled to April 7, 2010. That was the next scheduled quarterly meeting of the Homeland Security Commission. The Finance Committee meeting is scheduled on March 26, 2010 and then the full Commission will meet on April 7, 2010. The deadline for the FFY 10 submission is no later than April 19, 2010 and it is his hope that everything will be forwarded to DEM before that time.

Mark informed the LEPC that putting together the draft IJ's are quite a bit simpler as a result of feedback. There are new sections where the Feds are now requiring that you assign dollars in your project to a target capability, he said that this is a preface to tracking money by target capability, and is in part what C2C is. FFY10 has been identified previously as a transition year as the target on the part of DHS is to put in place a system in terms of accounting and identifying where money is being spent and how it is improving that preparedness. Mark went on to say that about the third quarter of this calendar year, they are going to be looking at doing an update on disaster scenarios. Last they were done was in 2008.

Mark discussed audits and said the good news is that there is nothing that is going to be re-audited or investigated. Audits are a regular thing and within the last year, we have gone through and are still going through four of them. There are repetitive themes that keep showing up in these. Such as procurement in tracking, rather procurement in the tracking of inventory. There are holes in that, mainly our progress reports. You will be seeing more on this count, particularly this is oriented towards the SAA and the UAA that is DEM and the Nevada Division of Emergency Management and the Clark County Office of Emergency Management have been dinged for not performing enough monitoring, audits and visits and so forth. This means that there are going to be more compliance checks and returns of submitted info if it is not accurate.

2. Regional Transit Security Strategy

No report

3. Urban Area Communications

Mark Blomstrom stated that this committee met on February 1, 2010, and had a very successful meeting. The TIC Plan is the third version is now done, approved and in place. Most importantly recognized the National Emergency Communications Plan. This was mandated in 07 by congress. Goal number one identifies the fact that major urban areas, all of those using fed funds, UASI's must demonstrate interoperability in 2010. There was an observation team in Las Vegas, for the New Year's Eve event in January, and we just got the report back from that observation that we passed in terms of demonstrating a base level of interoperability. Mark stressed that this is like getting

over the hurdle. Pass/Fail circumstance we passed we got a C grade. Mark then mentioned the PSIC grant extension of a year. Mark then went into a technical explanation of the term IP in reference to the Satellite Phone presentation and the section Richard Brenner discussed.

Mark explained that there is a great deal of engineering effort going on right now to tie various communications systems together, based on IP. The RFP for engineering the existing radio systems, bringing them together at the highest system level in terms of IP transport. That RFP is just about to be or has been issued or the deadline is at the end of this month. It is marks hope that they will have an engineering outfit for about six to nine months worth of engineering effort, pulling together the major systems working in the urban area to identify how we can connect them better in terms of IP. This affects the communication centers, com centers and will have a background effect on the PSAPs or 911 answering points, as to how they can work better in terms of IP. Mark reported that Broadband is a piece of that, and that Clark County will be applying for a stimulus grant, under ARRA, Laura Fucci will be handling that. The intent is to extend the Clark County Microwave systems and the ability to carry IP out into the rural areas of the county. On a final note Mark stated that a recommendation went forward to the state on the NCSC and the DEM on the IECGP (Interoperable Emergency Communications grant program) for about a half million dollar funding stream that goes directly to the state. The recommendation was that Clark County School District be funded as a planning grant for a study that will look at their entire communications system and how they can tie into the urban area and existing communication systems better.

The next meeting of this committee is immediately prior to the meeting of the LEPC and Urban Area Working.

4. Incident Management Team (IMT) Update

Jess Campbell, thanked Jim O'Brien the opportunity to write some feedback on the Southern Nevada Unified Command Incident Management Teams. He stated that one of the things they are working on is continuing with quarterly training. The IMT be participating in the Ides of March exercise. The next training will be in June it is an Incident Command Sections course that will be working towards, the sustainability piece of the team. Because it is a process that requires so many different pieces and components to be successful they have some private industry involved and would like to continue to expand, allowing as many people at whatever levels or interests, that are interested in be involved. Jess stated that this IMT is probably one of the fastest growing, most diverse IMT's in the United States. Sometime either late this year or early next they are working on the national level, to be host on an IMT Boot Camp. There are eight disciplines that are required for you to be a section chief or somebody that is certified to a level to be able to actively participate in a team. It will be a ten-day conference, and over the ten days, the eight disciplines will be offered, and either in the middle or at the end there will be a large functional exercise. There will be members from teams that will be coming from all over the United States.

Jess reported that a couple of weeks ago due to the amount of rain particularly, in the Moapa Valley area, they were able to stand the team up and be able to handle some intelligence pieces and get some answers. They did not have to actually, formally be activated past the point they did, but it was good to see the number of people that they were able to get together as quickly as they did.

Jim O'Brien then stressed that if there is an event going on, there was a desire to have NIMS compliance to be at the forefront, and you want to punch your ticket, there was no better way to do that, than to have the IMT present.

5. Clark County Emergency Management Plan Update

Jim O'Brien advised that there is a national plan review underway and that the Department of Homeland Security conducted a National Plan review at the direction of congress in the wake of Hurricane Katrina back in 2006. This was a cookie cutter approach where we were being asked questions about evacuating the whole valley, because of the problems they had in New Orleans. Jim stated that we did okay it wasn't great, but it wasn't bad. The new national plan review that is underway right now is a self-assessment at how we address certain elements of planning guidance overall. Jim stated that he and Carolyn leveraging recently met to go over that the deadline for submitting the combined plan elements and the criteria and work is Friday February 19, 2010.

Jim advised the LEPC that this is the year that we have to update our Hazard Mitigation Plan, and he had already sent out the Emergency Managers a comment sheet, soliciting comments on the existing plan. This needs to be done in order to begin the cycle of activity that needs to be done. There is a multi-jurisdictional plan and that needs to be done sometime this calendar year. Jim further advised that before January 2011 the Critical Infrastructure Protection Plan Update needed to be done. The third thing is the Clark County Emergency Management Plan has undergone a tremendous overhaul and it looks different. Jim told the LEPC that if they have a copy of the binder with the bricks on the cover, that is no longer. The new plan is on disc so everybody can have a CD with the Emergency Management Plan.

XI. Public Comments

No public comment.

Next LEPC Meeting: May 5, 2010, Pueblo Room, 1st Floor Clark County Government Center, 9:00am.

XII. Adjournment

Jane Shunney motioned to adjourn Carolyn Levering seconded the motion, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.