



**Clark County Local Emergency Planning Committee**  
500 S. GRAND CENTRAL PKWY  
Las Vegas, NV 89106  
PUEBLO ROOM

**FINAL MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, November 2, 2011 1:00 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE**

**LEPC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

IRENE NAVIS, JANE SHUNNEY, ROY MICHAEL, RIC LAPORTE, CAROLYN LEVERING, KEVIN NICHOLSON, ELAINE HOUSER, DAVE DAHL, KIM FERGUSON, FAITH BORDEN, RYAN TURNER, BRIAN PASSOW, DAN LAKE, SUSAN CROWLEY, MIKE BRYANT, PHIL KLEVORICK, JAMES OLSCHLAGER, FELIX ACEVEDO, JEFF BREWER, MIKE RICHARDSON

**LEPC ALTERNATES PRESENT:**

RICHARD BRENNER, NICOLE HART, LUCILLE COMPTON, SCOTT EMERSON

**LEPC MEMBERS ABSENT:**

FERNANDEZ LEARY, DAVID GOSS, PAUL GERNER, LAWRENCE SANDS, GLENN CLOSSON, MANY BAY, BILL RICHARDSON, TIFFANY SIMPKINS, MIKE MURPHY, TOM AXTELL, DENNIS NOLAN, KURT ADAIR, WARREN GLIDEWELL, SANDY SEDA, SCOTT FULLER, KEVIN BRAME, BRETT PRIMAS, JOHN HIGLEY, FRED THOMPSON, DAVID STUHAN, JOEL WILLIS

**I. Call to Order**

Irene Navis LEPC Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. on Tuesday November 2, 2011.

**II. Roll Call**

Irene Navis: Quorum initially not met, 10 minutes passed and additional members arrived that caused the quorum to be achieved.

**III. Public Comments**

The Chair spoke about the SLTTGCC that it is a Federal appointment and a committee that focuses on critical infrastructure it is supported by the critical infrastructure branch that handles infrastructure protection at DHS. They work with Gonzalo Cordova and with his help and efforts along with Don Chetham they were put on a list to help put on a workshop that has to do with critical infrastructure, it is called the JCIP joint critical infrastructure partnership which is a partnership between DHS and the FBI and they were looking for host communities in region 9. Las Vegas made the short list along with San Francisco and Phoenix and just today Las Vegas was selected by the executive committee of the council. This is a big honor and they will be working with the State Homeland Security Commission. This workshop will be held sometime next spring. Only 8 to 10 of these workshops are being held nationwide. The two regions with focus are region 9 and region 4 and we were fortunate enough to be selected out of those communities.

*\* Due to the lack of a quorum at this point in the meeting the Chair changed the order and moved item VI and VII above items IV and V which required a vote. Item VI was also an action item but at the time of the meeting the Hazmat Plan was not updated.*

**VI. Approve and Recommend the updated 2011 Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan for submission to the State Emergency Response Commission**

The Chair advised that a meeting to revise this plan was attempted but those that had volunteered were ultimately not able to make meeting. Richard Brenner and the Chair met for about an hour and decided they would try again between now and the time the updated plan is due in January 2012. If necessary, the Chair stated that they could submit what they have then ratify at a later time. A special meeting could be called to get complete before the deadline. For those that volunteered to help more information to come. No action taken.

**VII. Social Medias in Disasters**

Lloyd Ziel, American Red Cross PIO narrated through a power point presentation (see attached)

Llyod went on to say that the Red Cross now has a group that does nothing but monitor digital media such as Facebook, Twitter from a program that scans the internet tagging information and bringing it to the attention of the Red Cross headquarters. That information is then sent out to the appropriate field offices and they have made changes in their operations based on the feedback. Llyod discussed the Joplin, MO. event and the overwhelming response and the fact that the local chapter there didn't monitor their Facebook page for a day and a half, there were hoards of postings about supplies and where people should take water etc. This was the first time social media was used for donation and volunteer management as well as other communications.

The presentation became open discussion with the Chair speaking about the County and all of the cities within the jurisdiction using Facebook and Twitter for information sharing and for awareness purposes. The Chair stated that she did not believe social networking had really been used in an emergency situation locally, except for the weather events of December 2010.

The Chair then advised that she had recently recorded a podcast and a video with each of the local emergency managers about the Nationwide EAS Test. The Chair also provided the date for the National Test, November 9, 2011.

Carolyn Levering spoke about launching the *Southern Nevada On Alert* registration portal in September which was National preparedness month. Carolyn talked about the benefits of this system versus the reverse 911 with the trend of eliminating landlines. Carolyn went on to talk about the City of Las Vegas' use of social media Twitter, the lack of manpower to respond back to all of the posts and the fact that this is something that needs to be planned for and taken into consideration in the future.

*\*Additional members arrived making a quorum*

**IV. Approval of August 17, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion, by Scott Emerson: To approve the minutes for August 17, 2011 as recorded.

Seconded, by Dan Lake.

No discussion.

Motioned carried.

**V. Approval of August 31, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes**

Motion, by Dan Lake: To approve the minutes for August 31, 2011 as recorded.

Seconded, by Scott Emerson.

No discussion.

Motioned carried.

### **VIII. Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO)**

William Brewer, of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center (SNCTC) presented general information on the See Something Say Something campaign.

The Chair spoke about the desire of the County to focus information towards small business' engaging them as well as the larger strip and downtown properties.

Roy Michael, Clark County Park Police agreed with the Chair about sharing information with small business as well as others to keep people informed. He further stated that all of his officers had received TLO training, and went on to explain the services and information that the SNCTC provided.

### **IX. A. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

#### **a. Community Awareness & Emergency Response**

Richard Brenner advised that the next meeting will be November 29, 2011 at TIMET at 1:30 PM and they will be discussing the Table Top Exercise (TTX) with Olin Chemical formerly known as Pioneer. That exercise is scheduled for December 7, 2011. They will also be talking about the communication system and the reverse 911.

#### **b. Community Organizations Active in Disaster**

No report

#### **c. Community Right-to-Know Subcommittee**

No report

#### **d. Emergency Alert System Update**

No report

#### **e. Emergency Management Coordinators Group**

No report. The Chair announced that the next meeting will be held in Mesquite on November 8, 2011.

#### **f. Training Subcommittee**

No report

#### **g. Grants Subcommittee**

No report.

#### **h. Public Information Subcommittee**

No report - inactive

#### **i. Legislative Subcommittee**

No report.

#### **j. Metropolitan Medical Response Update**

Carolyn Levering reported on behalf of Chris Sproule. There is a Logistics Section Chief course scheduled November 14-17 there are still some spaces available please contact Chris to register. Chris also wanted to provide an update that there is a 20 bed portable hospital for medical surge that will be delivered to UMC by the end of the year. To follow up on the TLO presentation from earlier there will be a TLO and FLO training pushed out to Fire, EMS and the hospitals. Chris Sproule's office has

now moved to the Fusion Center representing Las Vegas Fire and Rescue and MMRS.

**k. NV-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team Update**

No report

**l. Nuclear Waste Division Yucca Mountain Update**

Phil Klevorick reported that the Government Accountability Office recently released a report about alternative uses for Yucca Mountain, and the GAO will be reviewing those possible suggestions and needs. The Blue Ribbon Commission just issued a draft report back in July, about alternative ideas for the nation's spent nuclear fuel. The Nuclear Waste Division was just made aware of some potential conflicts that came out of some legal suggestions about the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, so we are starting to investigate that. What is really important is a draft sitewide EIS that's going on at the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) formerly known as the Nevada Test Site. There are a few major things that the group needs to be aware of, particularly shipments. Clark County is actively involved in the transportation working group that is preparing a white paper on the recommendations in review of the sitewide EIS. The City of Las Vegas, Henderson and Boulder City have taken an active role in this as have the State and Clark County. The City of North Las Vegas has been aware but they are just deferring to everyone else's comments because they are all very aligned. In the sitewide EIS there are two potential things: leaving the status quo meaning reduced amount of activities or alternatively increasing the activities. Phil stated that we all know the types of activities he is talking about, none of which are about Yucca Mtn. The DOE is also looking at intermodal transfer locations within Clark County; one would be in the Arden yard the other in Apex. The Nuclear Waste Division is not in support of either of those, Phil stated that nobody is in support of that except the Department of Energy.

The bottom line is that the Department of Energy wants to be able to include an "unconstrained case" transportation scenario. An unconstrained case means that they can ship shipments of any kind of waste, any kind of nuclear material to the Test Site, using the Spaghetti Bowl, or any route that they so choose. Currently there has been an agreement between the DOE and the State through the Waste Acceptance Agreement as well as the Governor's letter that was submitted last month saying we do not support an unconstrained case and suggesting support for SR 160 as the route to ship through Southern Nevada. Phil advised DOE would prefer to ship through 93/95 the Spaghetti Bowl and I-15.

**m. Planning Subcommittee**

Richard Brenner stated that there were 6 or 8 people who had planned to attend the Hazmat plan update but were not in attendance on the day of the meeting. Richard advised that he and Irene Navis had met and they went through the plan. The plan was updated last year, and there were just some minor changes that were identified. Richard asked the LEPC to take a look at the plan and if they had anything to add or correct to please let him or Irene know. At the next LEPC meeting they will present the changes and submit for approval.

**n. State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)**

Richard Brenner updated that they just completed the Fire Shows Reno Conference in Reno, this was the second year of it being held in the north. This conference was known previously as Hazmat Explo. There were over a 100 people that showed up for the hazmat portion of the conference and there was good industry support. It is anticipated that 2012 will be another great year for the conference.

Richard also reported that the SERC met and approved the HMEP grant for all those that submitted. There were stipulations for Clark County's two items one for the hospitals and the other for the commodity flow study, as well as sending some people from public safety to the International Hazmat Conference.

**o. Satellite Phone Update**

Dan Lake reported that the next meeting will be held November 15th from 9:00-11:00 at Vegas PBS on Flamingo Rd. Richard Brenner invited a speaker to talk about new technology; the speaker is in town for the IAEM Conference happening the same week. There will also be an overview for the upcoming communications rodeo scheduled for February 8, 2012.

Richard Brenner spoke briefly about the demonstration that the speaker for the 11/15 meeting will be conducting. This vendor works with the military and the software has a pop up that tracks you similar to a Google earth type map. Radio Frequency tracking software will also be demonstrated.

**p. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Report**

Mike Ardito provided a written report (*see attached*)

**B. CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL REPORTS**

• **Amateur Radio Emergency Service**

Bill Smith spoke about the system for the hospitals that was acquired through a grant, and ARES members assisting with programming the radios with proper frequencies and channels as well as help in training hospital employees how to use the equipment. The grant guidelines require that the hospitals that receive the radios are required to have at least two licensed amateur radio operators per hospital, some hospitals have exceeded that and have four to six employees with licensure. There are two sets of icon radios one is UHF the other VHF they will also receive what is called a hamlink system, which is a pure digital mode packet radio system that is standalone, this resembles emails coming in and out in an Outlook format.

Training for all of the hospitals and for ARES team members is December 1 – 3, 2011. Bill concluded this update by stating that there will be 30 total hospitals with radio capability.

ARES/RACES will be participating in a statewide exercise with Arizona on November 3-4, 2011. The portion of the exercise on Friday will be focused on communication, mostly with hospitals which will allow the local group to test their system and get bed information from local hospitals here for overflow. Then on November 12, 2011 the statewide ARES will conduct the annual simulated test and it will be mainly a communications exercise to simulate earthquakes in Mineral County. This exercise will also be looking to the larger cities for hospital beds, so any hospitals interested in participating are welcome.

The Chair advised that CCOEM made arrangements with Arizona for their use of WebEOC.

• **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

Carolyn Levering reported that there was nothing new or major to report.

• **Fire Corps**

No report.

- **Medical Reserve Corps**

Jane Shunney reported that MRC is offering a combined ICS 100 and NIMS 700 on Saturday November 12 at the Clark County Coroners Office from 9:00 to 1:00. This is the same information presented online but for those that prefer to have in person instruction. Anyone interested please RSVP to Paula Martel at 759-0877

- **Neighborhood Watch**

Nicole Hart reported that there are currently 1438 active neighborhood watch programs because of the continued rise in foreclosures they are focusing on burglaries, auto and ID theft and they are also starting on home security surveys. These surveys are a free service to residents to review their homes security measures.

In the South Central Area Command is initiating door hangers to put on doors of neighborhoods where there is not an active neighborhood watch and they are prone to residential burglaries in that area.

- **Volunteer in Police Service**

Nicole Hart reported that this last quarter there were 458 volunteers and they were only short 3 hours of 22,000 volunteer hours. These volunteers will also be helping at the IAEM Conference.

The Chair at this time thanked all the volunteers that have stepped forward to assist with the IAEM Conference.

Dan Lake reported that North Las Vegas PD is in their 6<sup>th</sup> month of their Volunteer Citizen patrol. The citizen patrol is comprised of those that have completed the Citizen Academy. These volunteers patrol high crime areas and large box store areas in marked patrol two man units, typically these patrols are during daytime hours up until midnight and there are usually anywhere from 2 to 4 units each day. These additional units have had tremendous impact on calls for service. These volunteers take field incident reports and they are looking forward to future expansion of these units.

## VIII. Public Comments

- The Chair congratulated Ryan Turner for his new position with Henderson Emergency Management.
- Carolyn Levering thanked volunteers who are helping with IAEM, she further announced that she was recently elected Vice President of region 9 and her and the President were hosting a hospitality suite during the conference and she would like to invite everyone to stop by even if they were unable to attend the conference for budget reasons.
- Richard Brenner advised that he was recently in Apex where they are building a new pipeline for liquid fuel. The company expressed interest in becoming members of the LEPC. This is 12 inch pipeline coming from Salt Lake City Utah, they are just about to hook in to the terminal in Apex.

**Next LEPC meeting: Wednesday February 15, 2012 at 9:00 A.M., Pueblo Room Clark County Government Center 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy.**

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion, by Jane Shunney: To adjourn the meeting.

Seconded, by Kevin Nicholson.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 PM

In accordance to Nevada's Open Meeting Law, this meeting was properly posted and electronically recorded.