



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

MINUTES
Wednesday, August 17, 2011 1:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

LEPC MEMBERS PRESENT:

IRENE NAVIS, JANE SHUNNEY, FRED THOMPSON, ROY MICHAEL, RIC LAPORTE, CAROLYN LEVERING, KEVIN NICHOLSON, JOHN HIGLEY, ELAINE HOUSER, DAVE DAHL, KIM FERGUSON, FAITH BORDEN, DAVID STUHAN, JOEL WILLIS, RYAN TURNER, BRIAN PASSOW, FELIX ACEVEDO,

LEPC ALTERNATES PRESENT:

JESS CAMPBELL, DAVE CROSTON, NICOLE HART, JASON MANZO, DIMITRI THEODOREAU, LISA LEWIS, JOHN FUDENBERG, GEORGE MOLNAR, GENE PASINSKI, DIANE ORGILL

LEPC MEMBERS ABSENT:

FERNANDEZ LEARY, DAVID GOSS, PAUL GERNER, LAWRENCE SANDS, GLENN CLOSSON, SUSAN CROWLEY, JAMES OLSCHLAGER, MANY BAY, BILL RICHARDSON, TIFFANY SIMPKINS, MIKE MURPHY, TOM AXTELL, DENNIS NOLAN, DAN LAKE, KURT ADAIR, WARREN GLIDEWELL, MIKE BRYANT, PHIL KLEVORICK, MIKE RICHARDSON, SANDY SEDA, MARIE TASKER, SCOTT FULLER, KEVIN BRAME, BRETT PRIMAS

I. Call to Order

Irene Navis LEPC Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:41 PM. on Wednesday August 17, 2011.

II. Roll Call

Irene Navis: Quorum met

III. Public Comments

No comments.

IV. Approval of February 16, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

V. Approval of May 18, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

VI. Approval of June 13, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes

The Chair combined agenda items IV-VI and asked for a motion to approve.

Motion, by Jane Shunney: To approve the minutes for February, May and June 2011 as recorded.

Seconded, by Carolyn Levering.

No discussion.

Motioned carried.

VII. Approve and Adopt Revised LEPC Bylaws

The Chair reintroduced the bylaws from the June Special LEPC meeting, she further explained the proposed changes, and that nothing had been changed since the June meeting but that since there were timeline issues for the LEPC to review the changes and updates the item had to be reagendaized for this meeting. The Chair then advised that the Deputy District Attorney questioned why Citizen Corp was included in the LEPC bylaws since they are an

entity of their own, he requested that the LEPC consider removing them from the LEPC bylaws.

Carolyn Levering, City of Las Vegas, confirmed that Citizen Corp is registered separately and includes the incorporated cities. Through the registration mechanism, they are part of the State Citizen Corp Council. Carolyn agreed that it would be more appropriate for Citizen Corp to have stand-alone bylaws if it is even necessary, she was unsure of that need. Due to the fact that the premise of the Citizen Corp is not related to the intent of the LEPC, which is SARA Title III she stated that separating them was appropriate.

Motion, by Carolyn Levering: To accept the bylaws as submitted striking Citizen Corp reference in the title

Seconded, by Kevin Nicholson.

No discussion.

Motioned carried.

VIII. Civil Air Patrol Emergency Management Support

Gene Pasinski, spoke regarding the volunteer organization explaining the main missions and services as well as more detail about how they are involved with providing emergency services. Gene distributed informational booklets (*see attached*) and went over how to request assistance.

IX. Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospital for Children Open - PGA Tour

Adam Sperling, Tournament Director, presented that Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, along with Shift4, have partnered to create a hospitality venue open Wednesday, September 28th – Sunday, October 2nd for all Public Safety agencies within the Las Vegas Valley to attend. Organizations interested in participating should contact Irene Navis, who will coordinate the organizational request outreach from her post so they can ensure the opportunity is available to as many organizations and their employees as possible.

X. A. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

a. Community Awareness & Emergency Response

No report

b. Community Organizations Active in Disaster

No report

c. Community Right-to-Know Subcommittee

No report

d. Emergency Alert System Update

Steve Scott, reported that there have been no amber alerts recently and EAS is tested every week. There are some new technologies that will be introduced later this year. There will be a National Test of the EAS which has never been done before this will be done in November. There will be ads between now and then to let the public know.

Steve explained that Adrienne Abbot chairs the group he is involved with; she is coordinating all emergency management throughout the State for the test in November. This National test will be sent via radio and television from Washington

DC. There may also be an email and text messaging component as well as just about any type of wireless means available.

Faith Borden from NOAA stated that she was advised the test will be held on November 9 and that there would be no text messaging alerts sent because of lack of capability at this time. She went on to discuss the recent statewide test that New York State just conducted and how it was not very successful.

e. Emergency Management Coordinators Group

Elaine Houser advised that the last meeting was held at the Water Reclamation District and that there were five in attendance. Elaine stated that she did a review cyber security program that DHS provides at no cost along with the physical security assessment that they do. Elaine stated that Irene Navis gave an update on Yucca Mtn. and some emergency management related topics.

The next EMC meeting will be held in Mesquite on November 8, hosted by John Higley, Mesquite Fire.

f. Training Subcommittee

No report

g. Grants Subcommittee

The Chair mentioned some HMEP grants need to be considered but because of timing issues and new open meeting laws, they were not able to include them on this agenda. Further, some time in the next couple of weeks a meeting will be held to discuss and then present to the LEPC at a Special Meeting.

h. Public Information Subcommittee

No report - inactive

i. Legislative Subcommittee

Arlene Chapman advised that she put together a final report on legislation that the Clark County Office of Emergency management had been tracking on behalf of the LEPC. Things are wrapped up at this point for the session unless anyone has anything they want to discuss you may contact her.

j. Metropolitan Medical Response Update

Randy Gray, Las Vegas Fire Department spoke on behalf of Chris Sproule. Randy advised that Chris wanted to announce that Jess Campbell was retiring and that he is now solely responsible for the IMT and is looking for someone to assist. Please contact him if you are interested in participating with the IMT.

k. NV-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team Update

No report

l. Nuclear Waste Division Yucca Mountain Update

Gene Pasinski, reported that there is a lot of monitoring daily. Gene went on to say that the formerly known Test Site is now the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) As a team, they are going over the draft ESA for the NNSS there are some issues coming out of that, one of them is changing transportation routes. Copies are available if you would like them.

The Chair spoke and advised that the NNSS has changed the mission there, some of which have potential transportation impacts for Southern Nevada, particularly the Las Vegas valley. There has been a long-standing agreement and a long-standing policy that shipments of low-level nuclear waste would not go through the Spaghetti Bowl

and the Las Vegas Urban Area. Under this new EIS, that option is back on the table as a potential transportation route. DOE has also reinstated the Transportation Working Group. Information about the DOE Working Group and the EIS can be found on the Clark County Nuclear Waste Website.

m. Planning Subcommittee

No report

The Chair asked for feedback. She advised that she has been working with someone that is a member of a special needs population who provided her some information that came out of LA County and the City of LA about violations under the ADA and the need for accommodating the needs of certain special needs populations in emergency plans. The plans were not deemed to be in violation or invalid but at the SOP level the operational level of those plans within jurisdictions, they were deemed insufficient. Therefore, the court ordered that those plans be updated. The person representing this special needs population that the Chair is working with is using this to make requests of the Board of County Commissioners and the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition to compel the County and other cities across the jurisdiction to update their plans. This information is provided as a heads up that there may be requests in the future for entities to begin doing this. The County will be looking for ways to strengthen plans with regard to special needs populations. In the future, the Chair advised that this is something that the planning subcommittee may be asked to get involved with and assist. The Chair asked for comments.

Jane Shunney, SNHD commented that they have a committee of functionally impaired in one way or another, that they have them reviewing all of their plans internally. There have been suggestions and recommendations to change some things. This group has been very helpful with reviewing.

The Chair advised if anyone was interested in more information regarding this specific special needs population that she is working with there is a podcast available on the County Website.

n. State Emergency Response Commission

No report

o. Satellite Phone Update

No report

p. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Report

Mike Ardito was present and introduced himself he narrated through his presentation (*see attached*)

B. CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL REPORTS

• **Amateur Radio Emergency Service**

Charlie Kuntz reported that they continue support hospital equipment installation and they are preparing for their annual simulated emergency test exercise in October that will be statewide exercise. One of the members has installed additional repeater capability in Lincoln County and Amargosa Valley that gives them connectivity in those areas.

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

Carolyn Levering reported that they are gearing up for National Preparedness Month. There many requests not only for training but for also attending disaster fairs and things of that nature.

In the last few months, they have trained five new Train the Trainers and they hope to start implementing the new trainers to expand the course offerings. Rick Diebold is the Program Manager, if you have not had a CERT Training in your jurisdiction in a while and would like one please contact him at the City of Las Vegas Emergency Management office.

- **Fire Corps**

No report.

- **Medical Reserve Corps**

Paula Martel stated that she would make the commitment to the LEPC that at the next meeting they will have some kind of report from COAD as they are doing too many things to not be reflected at this meeting so she will do something to address that.

Paula said that they have been notified locally and nationally that they need a lot of respiratory specialists for emergencies. There has been a big recruitment push in the past few months for more volunteers in this field. The roster now has a good 20 respiratory therapists that can be called upon. Paula further advised that there are 15 nurses that recently completed competency training as well as demonstrated proficiency in administering vaccine to children; this is the first year that the medical reserve corp has been given the opportunity to administer vaccine at the Health Districts Back to School Fair clinics as well as Flu clinics.

The Corp volunteers also plan to be at the Iron Man competition in October in the medical tent. They also have a lot of health fairs that they will participate.

The next quarterly meeting will September 1 where they will be discussing support efforts in dealing with medically fragile and people with disabilities. Anyone that would be interested in attending this next meeting may contact Paula Martel at 759-0087.

- **Neighborhood Watch**

Nicole Hart reported that there are currently 1360 programs and over the past quarter, the big focus has primarily been National Night Out. Focus has also been on auto burglary training whether they are in the apartment complexes or the private residential areas and businesses.

Nicole also reported that lately there have been a lot of police officer impersonations going on so the programs have been alerted as to what is happening and what to be on the look out for.

- **Volunteer in Police Service**

Nicole Hart reported that there are 468 volunteers that did 35,000 hours of volunteer service last quarter. Some of the big topics / events were National Night Out as well as 100 of the volunteers took the ICS 100 and 200 level course.

VIII. Public Comments

- Faith Borden briefly stated that the weather forecast was continued heat.
- Brian Passow advised that there was going to be a Grant meeting for HMEP within the next week

- Nicole Hart announced the LVMPD/NLV Multi Jurisdictional Workshop/TTX
- Irene Navis advised that there may be UASI funds left over for Training and Exercise and that any qualified jurisdiction that needed assistance should contact CCOEMHS to discuss further. These funds would need to be spent by the end of the calendar year.

Next LEPC meeting: Wednesday November 16, 2011 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.