



**Clark County Local Emergency Planning Committee**  
CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER  
PUEBLO ROOM  
LAS VEGAS, NV 89106

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Wednesday, August 15, 2012 9:00 A.M.**

**ATTENDANCE**

**LEPC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

IRENE NAVIS, JANE SHUNNEY, DAN LAKE, CAROLYN LEVERING, ELAINE HOUSER, RYAN TURNER, KEVIN NICHOLSON, SCOTT FULLER, MIKE TOOMBS, PHIL KLEVORICK, JEFF BREWER, NICOLE HART, CALESHA JOHNSON, FERNANDEZ LEARY, RIC LAPORTE, FELIX ACEVEDO, BRIAN PASSOW, DAVID STUHAN, DAVE DAHL, GLENN CLOSSON, SANDY SEDA,

**LEPC ALTERNATES PRESENT:**

TIM SENDELBACH, WENDELL RAMCLAM, RENEE TYLER, LISA LEWIS, JASON MANZO, DIMITRI THEODOREAU, THOMAS COLEMAN, JOHN FUDENBERG, DOUG SHARP

**LEPC MEMBERS ABSENT:**

KIM FERGUSON, LAWRENCE SANDS, JAMES OLSCHLAGER, KEVIN BRAME, DAVE GOSS, MIKE MURPHY, BILL RICHARDSON, FRED THOMPSON, SUSAN CROWLEY, PAUL GERNER, MIKE BRYANT, JOHN HIGLEY, KEVIN FISHER, WARREN GLIDEWELL, ROGER GOODMAN, GEOFFREY WILLIAMS, TOM AXTELL, FAITH BORDEN, MIKE RICHARDSON, ROY MICHAEL, KURT ADAIR,

**I. Call to Order**

Irene Navis LEPC Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M. on Wednesday August 15, 2012.

**II. Roll Call**

Irene Navis: Quorum present.

**III. Public Comments**

- Daren Hinkle and Alicia Chez marketing representatives from Shift 4 spoke about the 2012 Justin Timberlake Shriners Open and the Public Safety Appreciation event. Open invitations were made to all Public Safety personnel to attend as guests in a special recognition area at the golf tournament. Detailed information will be sent post LEPC meeting.

**IV. Approval of May 16, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion, by Ryan Turner: To accept the minutes as recorded.

Seconded, by Dan Lake.

No discussion, motioned carried.

## V. A. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

### a. Plans Administration Subcommittee

Richard Brenner, Subcommittee Chair advised that the most important thing is to have a planning meeting soon to work on the HazMat plan to meet SERC requirements.

### b. Training Subcommittee

No report

### c. Grants Subcommittee

No report.

### d. Public Information Subcommittee

No report.

### e. Legislative Subcommittee

No report.

### f. Community Awareness & Emergency Response (CARE)

Glen Closson reported that they are presently working with both Clark County and Henderson Fire Department to update the BMI Notification Board that is in the 911 dispatch center in Henderson. Tronox, Olin and TIMET are also involved in this upgrade. At the end of August they are conducting emergency response team training at TIMET to update both the incident commanders and hazmat technicians to respond to a spill or release at the TIMET property. Clark County Fire and North Las Vegas Fire are assisting with that training. Tronox and Olin are also invited to participate in that training.

There is apparently some increased concern from the community surrounding the BMI complex specifically smells coming from the industrial park. Glen advised that he is working closely with Ryan Turner, Henderson Emergency Management Coordinator, and one of the things that was discussed was to invite members of the community to TIMET when they chair the next CARE meeting to voice their concerns.

The Chair offered the support of the Clark County Planning Department should CARE require any assistance about zoning issues relative to odors.

### g. Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)

Jeff Brewer, Director of Emergency Services, Southern Nevada Chapter of American Red Cross, reported that COAD had recently met to discuss initiatives for the Red Cross, specifically the community partners in engagement full exercises. There is a lot effort to get COAD members pulled in, and those who are not involved with COAD that are non-governmental organizations throughout the community to come and learn more about response planning, this will be done over the next year and a half. This will be used as a tool to pull in new COAD members. The Board has been tasked to pick out 3 or 4 agencies within the community to personally invite as members of COAD.

Charles Craig, FEMA, also attended the most recent meeting to present on government planning. The group solicited his advice for how to attain greater interest in COAD.

**h. Emergency Management Coordinators Group (EMC)**

The Chair announced that the August 2012 EMC was cancelled and the next meeting will be November 6, 2012 at the Regional EOC hosted by North Las Vegas and City of Las Vegas Emergency Management.

**i. Metropolitan Medical Response Update (MMRS)**

Chris Sproule, MMRS Coordinator, reported that last month MMRS sponsored the Disaster Management Emergency Preparedness course at University Medical Center, this was the second year that this course was presented. Feedback for this course was really good and Chris is hopeful to have opportunity to present this again in the future as long as funding permits.

Currently there is the All Hazards Incident Management base course scheduled for October 1-5, 2012 the prerequisites are 100-200-300-400. February 2-4, 2013 there will an Op's Section Chief course. No costs for either of the training, contact Chris to register.

Chris reported that the Incident Management Team (IMT) has been doing a lot of good work and making a lot of progress, he specifically acknowledged Dan Lake, Ryan Turner and Carolyn Levering for their efforts. They have developed a three year strategic plan, bylaws have been drafted and are currently under review by the State. Those bylaws should be finalized very soon. Operational guidelines have also been drafted and will be reviewed and put out for feedback and comments over the next few months. The next step after the bylaws and operational guidelines are finalized and approved will presentations to familiarize everybody with what the IMT can do.

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

No report.

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

Phil Klevatorick advised that a court decision came out a few weeks ago from the DC Court of Appeals that basically said that they were not making a decision until November. It appears that they are interested in making the licensing back in play from a perspective of funding though that means nothing to the local program. From a federal level the question is where they will come up with funding, which is likely the primary reason they have put off the decision until after the election to see if there is going to be any support in the short term as well as in the new budget. Clark County would not likely see any money for 2014 as they already missed the deadline for the 2013 and it is under a continuing resolution where they have not received any funding for the past two years. Though there is no funding now, this is something that should be kept on everyone's radar for the future.

The site wide EIS for the Nevada Test Site, Nevada National Security Site (NNSS), is expected to come out with a final draft in October. It can be expected that there will be at least one preferred alternative in the report. This report will be followed by another, the Greater Than Class C Waste Disposal proposal which is either deep geologic or deep bore holes, which is the only way NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission) has approved. The only place in the nation that has been approved by the NRC for deep bore is the NNSS. Phil stated that through deductive reasoning that the NNSS will be the place for this waste and that it is as dangerous if not more than, the high level waste because of the complacency in handling.

Clark County just provided comments on Monday on a new waste shipment stream that could be potentially coming out of the West Valley of New York. There are a lot of issues with that but the primary issue for Clark County is the overweight oversize

shipments, for example one of the shipments will be in excess of 355 thousand pounds. The preferred way to transport is by rail, Clark County concurs with that shipment method for the entire route. NNS does not have a rail link therefore Clark County supports the disposal to go to West Texas. That said area five is set up to accept large shipments which means that oversized overweight vehicles could be going up SR 160. So we are looking at about 175 tons which is 4 times the amount of a regular transport truck going over the pass at Potosi. Phil advised that so far as he is aware nobody has been in contact with any emergency planning personnel in the State and or local jurisdictions. Phil further advised that this may be an issue brought to your attention at some point in the future as he suggested to them that might be a good idea.

The Chair stated that one of the reasons that it's important to track these waste streams that are coming in is that we want to make sure that under the funding that is set up under DOE that those shipments are included. If they are going to classify them as low level waste Clark County wants to make sure that they are getting credit for that, and that they are getting the fifty cents per cubic meter that Clark County is entitled to receive under the agreement with DOE. Some of the things are classified a certain way when it is convenient and when it makes sense on their end, but it doesn't necessarily make sense on our end and we don't necessarily get to count it for the things that we can possibly get funding for to cover emergency management activities. The Chair acknowledged State Division of Emergency Management (DEM) Chief, Chris Smith and stated that she was glad that he was present as this process requires some coordination with the people who pay attention to the shipments within State government and the State Rad Health folks, sometimes they know things that our nuclear projects office knows that DEM knows and vice versa. The Chair felt that some enhanced coordination amongst that state agencies that are troubled by the shipments or that have to pay attention to those shipments would be helpful. The reason that Clark County can get this information directly is because Phil is on the advisory board for the NNS and because of that they are able to get the shipment and waste stream information pretty readily, so they want to keep that as long as they can so that they can continue to get that information out to everyone. The Chair advised Chief Smith that they have communicated with Bud in his office and with Eric at State Rad Health and also with Bob Halstead, so they are working to keep those lines of communication open and pass the information in venues such as this.

Phil Klevorick then added that at the July NNSAB meeting there was a hand out provided about the low level waste grant assistance and it was broken down charts listing how much was distributed. The charts named the six affected counties, they are Clark, Elko, Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye and White Pine. As an example in 2010 it was almost 1.2 million dollars distributed based on the fifty cents per cubic meter and in 2011 it was just under nine hundred thousand dollars. Phil advised that Clark County has waived a lot of that in past years, and that we do not know what the 2012 shipment volumes are right now but he stated that he understands they are high.

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

Richard Brenner reported that they have been working on the budget getting it ready, he also advised that there had been a SERC meeting in July at the NV Energy offices in Reno that went very well.

They have also gone through the United We Stand grant process where a number of County LEPC's applied for funding to combat terrorism.

SERC has also been focusing attention on Fire Shows Reno which is also a Hazmat Training Program. This show is produced in partnership with the Nevada Fire Chiefs

and will be held in October. There were also grants available for people to cover expenses to attend.

The next SERC meeting will be held in Las Vegas, on October 11, 2012 at the Clark County Fire Department Training Center. Those that would like to attend please contact Richard for more meeting details.

Carolyn Levering, City of Las Vegas, requested that representation from Clark County LEPC be heard at the October 11, 2012 meeting. Carolyn stated she felt it was time to propose that the SERC take a serious review of the policies that they have in place that allow for a County to miss out on an entire year's worth of grant funding for administrative compliance issues.

The Chair advised that the LEPC has applied for operational funds, and that we are eligible under the current policy to apply for funding in February 2013.

Richard Brenner then clarified to the group what it was that Carolyn Levering was referring to in her comments about SERC policies.

**m. Satellite Phone Update**

Dan Lake, City of North Las Vegas, reported that the next meeting will be held on September 12, 2012. Anyone that has an interest in this subject is welcome to attend. This is an informal group that researches grant opportunities, new technologies and meets with vendors about equipment and products.

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

*(see attached)*

The Chair provided an overview of the report.

**B. CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL REPORTS**

• **Amateur Radio Emergency Service**

Bill Smith reported that Saturday August 25, 2012 one of the co-developers of the HAMlink system that has been furnished to all County and State hospitals is going to give a demonstration. Those who may be interested are welcome to attend, hospital employees may find this particularly interesting. Bill provided a brief overview of what HAMlink is and a few of the capabilities. This demonstration will be in training room 3 of the Clark County Government Center at 9:00 AM.

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

Carolyn Levering reported that there are a record number of courses being held that are full. That the "preper's" have discovered CERT which has increased class size and presented a significant amount of interest in the program.

The month of September is very busy with it being preparedness month. CERT is also putting forth an effort to be involved with The Great Shakeout exercise on October 18, 2012 at 10:18 AM. Organizations, businesses, families and individuals are all encouraged to participate by signing up on the Red Cross website. Carolyn provided an overview of the drill as well as some information that was learned in the most recent earthquake based exercise held by the National Guard. Carolyn advised that the City of Las Vegas will be testing their rapid assessment system during The Shakeout drill in October she provided an explanation of what this assessment was and the purpose. Carolyn stressed that in last couple of years for The Shakeout drill Southern Nevada as a whole has not pulled their weight in participation.

Jane Shunney, LEPC Vice Chair, asked for the rapid assessment tool to be shared. Carolyn provided an overview of the six questions asked and advised that once the questions and forms were complete she would be happy to mail them out to the LEPC or to those who were interested.

Ryan Turner, City of Henderson, briefed the group about Clark County Fire and Clark County School District spearheading a project that is attempting to get the schools more involved in the Great Shakeout drill. There will be a meeting next Monday where they are trying to get all of the fire departments to participate at being at 50 schools on October 18, 2012. The goal is to divide and conquer to get the schools to participate more in earthquake drills.

The Chair would like a report at the next LEPC meeting about what all of the agencies have done for the drill. She reminded the group that they can self register for the event on the website.

- **Fire Corps**

No report. Open discussion about removing from the agenda as this group does not report.

- **Medical Reserve Corps**

No report.

- **Neighborhood Watch**

Nicole Hart, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD), reported that LVMPD has 1459 programs as of the end of last quarter within their jurisdiction. The Northwest Area Command is the most active having 641 programs in their area. One of things that NW has been focusing on is targeting the victims of burglaries, both home and vehicle as well as stolen vehicles. They are offering a home evaluation on safety factors and then upon meeting with the home owners, when they meet they are also checking to see if there is an active Neighborhood watch in their area. The interesting thing is that less than 10% of these victims are in an active neighborhood watch area. The communities that are experiencing these burglaries are not part of a neighborhood watch.

Dan Lake reported that they are having the same issues within their neighborhood watch system. Dan also advised that Metro and Henderson are using a version of Alert ID which is something that North Las Vegas is looking at initiating. Alert ID is a system in which neighbors can keep an eye out for each other and a mechanism for them to also share with their police department things that are going on in their neighborhood. This allows for a preemptive watch amongst all if they choose to be a party to that system and isn't solely for those involved in neighborhood watch.

Ryan Turner reported that Henderson's neighborhood watch for the month of September is encouraging all to enroll in Southern Nevada On the Alert.

- **Volunteer in Police Service (VIPS)**

Nicole Hart reported that have 458 volunteers, and last quarter they provided 38,139 hours of service. Most of the contacts with the public take place at McCarran Airport. Last quarter these volunteers issued almost 2,000 handicap parking violations.

Dan Lake reported that North Las Vegas Police Department just started another academy for their VIPS Program. They have added this section to their patrol services called Citizens Volunteer Group. This group patrols unarmed, in areas of

high volume where they provide parking enforcement and added security. They are driving units that indicate they are with the police department citizen patrol which provides high visibility and makes potential criminals uneasy that there are people watching.

Ryan Turner reported that Henderson PD (HPD) is hosting two CERT classes in September in which their volunteers will participate. HPD is also starting their Citizens Academy in October.

## VI. Public Comments

- Richard Brenner advised the ERG's are now available and to please contact him to make arrangements to pick up.
- Richard Brenner also advised that he is working with the pipeline companies, Kinder Morgan, Kern River, UNEV, and Southwest Gas. They are working on a video September 5<sup>th</sup> where they will show on a map the distribution and transmission lines are located to educate first responders as to what is out there, what to be concerned with and the signs.
- Richard Brenner reported that he is working with UNLV Risk Management to do a small Hazmat exercise tomorrow. Las Vegas Fire Rescue will have their Hazmat team present CCFD will have an engine company there and UNLV Police will be involved.
- Richard Brenner advised that he has been working with Eric Matus at State Health and one of his biggest concerns from a terrorist standpoint is a Radioactive Dispersal Device. In working with Eric they have been trying to get more detection equipment and to also get the hospitals involved from the standpoint of having docimetry and being able to detect what you have been exposed to.
- Dan Lake provided a brief overview of the Continuity of Operations Plan project that the local Emergency Managers and State DEM representatives have been working on for the past four months. The intent of the plan is to standardize processes so that everyone can better assist each other in times of emergency, even to the point of temporarily stepping in to manage another agency's EOC operations should the EM for that jurisdiction not be able. The group is hopeful that this work will serve as a platform for northern Nevada to also begin this type of coordination effort.
- Dave Stuhan, Nevada National Security Site, wanted to touch on what Richard Brenner had spoken about earlier. Dave stated that they do have DOE National Response Assets for radiological incidents that happen locally, these are at Nellis Air Force Base and available for response expertise.
- Arealia Denby, advised that at the last LEPC meeting she had asked about what was being done for the at risk community, and what agencies are training the disabled, seniors, immigrant populations and high risk populations such as the homeless. Speaker asked the LEPC what they were going to do for planning for these populations, and what types of training have been taking place. Ms. Denby reported that she had not received any information from anyone as of yet nor had she had anyone accept her offer to provide training. Jeff Brewer, Red Cross representative addressed Ms. Denby and answered her question also extending the offer to speak with her offline about her potential involvement. The Vice Chair Jane Shunney also informed Ms. Denby about the SNHD contact that meets at least quarterly with a special needs population.
- Jeff Brewer announced that on September 4th they would be holding a Mass Care Summit and one element would be functional access needs for sheltering and congregate sheltering.

- Dan Lake then advised that North Las Vegas has a very robust website that addresses all populations. He also stated that with National Preparedness Month there was going to be a lot of information published to the community.
- Nicole Hart, LVMPD, stated that she was sure the group was aware of the statewide initiatives that are a result of the Homeland Security Grant funds made available to Nevada. Phase one of a statewide continuity project initiative that came out two grant cycles ago put out by Washoe County project manager Aaron Kenneston, that region finished their phase last cycle and then Southern Nevada wanted to start phase two. Due to limited grant funding they were unsuccessful in receiving that money and so it was postponed. Nicole advised that Aaron found the opportunity with some deobligated State Homeland Security grant funds not UASI funding, to grab on to for a short term 6 month pilot project so LVMPD teamed up with City of Henderson and they are launching their kick-off workshops next week to complete what they can of their LVMPD continuity of operations plans, there are 42 of them, City of Henderson was around 20 for their agency. Nicole advised that they will be completed with their planning process by February 28, 2013 the end of the cycle. Nicole stated that her and Ryan Turner are hopeful in developing a task force to share their successes with the community as we move in to the next grant cycle.
- Chief Chris Smith, DEM, spoke briefly to thank everyone for their participation in the LEPC and for having him as a guest. He also stated that he looks forward to more opportunities to work more closely together.
- The Chair informed the group that the Clark County Office of Emergency Management has been reorganized under Clark County Fire Department, she provided the new physical location and advised that all contact information would remain the same. The Chair then provided an overview of the Emergency Operation Center locations.
- Deputy Chief Fernandez Leary spoke briefly to the group advising that Chief Washington would be making final decisions soon and those updates would be provided at a later time.

**Next LEPC meeting: Wednesday November 14, 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

Seconded, by Dan Lake.

No discussion, motioned carried.

Meeting ended at 10:15 AM

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



**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Pacific Southwest Region  
Emergency Prevention and Preparedness Program Update  
For the Clark County Local Emergency Planning Committee  
Meeting in Las Vegas, NV on Wednesday, August 15, 2012**

**EPA Finalizes Revisions for Tier I and II Inventory Forms**

The U.S. EPA signed on July 3, 2012, the revisions to the hazardous chemical reporting under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). Notice of this final rule was published in the Federal Register on July 13, 2012 in Volume 77, Number 135 on pages 41300 to 41316. The EPA published the final rule to revise Tier I and Tier II reporting forms, as well as the Confidential Location Information Sheet. The revisions add some new data elements and revise some existing data elements. The rule becomes effective on January 1, 2014, and facilities must comply with the new requirements on the Tier II inventory form starting reporting year 2013, which is due by March 1, 2014. Some states may have specific requirements for reporting and submission of the Tier II inventory form and/or the state reporting form or format. EPA suggests that facilities contact their state for reporting requirements for their state.

**EPA Finalizes Rule for EPCRA Threshold Planning Quantities**

The U.S. EPA finalized an Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) rule regarding the manner for applying the threshold planning quantities for those extremely hazardous substances that are non-reactive solid chemicals in solution. This final rule became effective on April 23, 2012 and was published in the Federal Register on March 22, 2012 in Volume 77, Number 56 on pages 16679-16688.

**EPA Launches First Waste to Biogas Mapping Tool**

The EPA's Pacific Southwest Region has launched an online "waste to biogas mapping tool" to support the use of organic waste for energy projects. The tool is an interactive map created to link food and other biodegradable waste sources with facilities such as wastewater treatment plants that can enhance energy production with their existing infrastructure.

"This innovative mapping tool, the first of its kind in the nation, helps restaurants, hotels and other food waste generators to connect with large energy producers," said Jared Blumenfeld, EPA's Regional Administrator for the Pacific Southwest. "Harvesting this energy prevents waste from ending up in landfills or clogging sewer lines."

More information and the mapping tool may be found at: [www.epa.gov/region9/biogas](http://www.epa.gov/region9/biogas) .

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