Clark County Local Emergency Planning Committee

CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
PUEBLO ROOM
LAS VEGAS, NV 89106

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2013 9:00 A.M.

ATTENDANCE

LEPC MEMBERS PRESENT:
FERNANDEZ LEARY, JANE SHUNNEY, DAN LAKE, ELAINE HOUSER, RYAN TURNER, PHIL KLEVORICK, NICOLE HART, BRIAN PASSOW, LEO FERNS, JOHN HIGLEY, DAVE DAHL, WARREN GLIDEWELL, RIC LAPORTE, WENDY PAGAN, RICHARD BRENNER, ROY MICHAEL, CAROLYN LEVERING, JEFFREY NELSON, MIKE BRYANT, MIKE RICHARDSON, TODD LERICOS, BILL RICHARDSON, CALESHA JOHNSON, FELIX ACEVEDO, THOMAS COLEMAN, JEFF BREWER

LEPC ALTERNATES PRESENT:
DIMITRI THEODOROU, LISA LEWIS, JEFF YEAGLEY, DESIREE ANG, JASON MANZO,

LEPC MEMBERS ABSENT:
JAMES OLSCHLAGER, TIM SENDELBACH, DAVE GOSS, GLENN CLOSSON, DAVID STUHAN, MIKE MURPHY, , MARC CASSELL, SUSAN CROWLEY, PAUL GERNER, SANDY SEDA, ROGER GOODMAN, GEOFFREY WILLIAMS, TOM AXTELL, KIM FERGUSON, KEVIN NICHOLSON

I. Call to Order

Fernandez Leary, LEPC Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M. on Wednesday November 13, 2012.

II. Roll Call

Misty Richardson: Quorum present.

The Chair reversed the order of the next two items taking IV before III.

III. Public Comments

- Carolyn Levering, City of Las Vegas, introduced two high school student interns that were spending time working with her in her office. Anyone interested in hosting High School interns the school that they attend Veterans Memorial has a high caliber student body always looking for internship opportunities, anyone interested in hosting an internship please contact Carolyn and she will be happy to assist your organization.
- Bruce Barnes, NV Energy, introduced the newly appointed Emergency Management Administrator for his company, Brian Hartley. Brian introduced himself and gave a brief background of where he came from most recently.

IV. Comments from the Chair

The Chair reminded the group to speak into the microphone and to announce their name and agency. He further advised that if there were members of the public present that would like to make a comment to please do so only during the public comment periods designated on the agenda.

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The Chair thanked everyone for their participation on the LEPC and then briefed them that Federal Grant Guidance had not been published yet, that it was expected to drop some time end of March. He then said that there would be a very quick cycle of meetings between the UAWG and the HSWG.

V. Approval of November 13, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion, by Carolyn Levering: To accept the minutes as recorded.
Seconded, by Dan Lake.
No discussion, motioned carried.

VI. Approve and Recommend applications for the FFY14 SERC Planning, Training, Equipment and Operations Grant

Diana Blake, Grants Program Administrator for Clark County Office of Emergency Management, introduced the applications put forth to the grant subcommittee that met on February 5, 2013. Based on that meeting the subcommittee has forwarded the following applications recommended for approval by the LEPC body: University Medical Center $6,452.00 Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department $1,370.00 Clark County Fire Department $10,754.00, Sunrise Hospital $7,153.00, Centennial Hills Hospital $3,875.00 as well as $4,000.00 to the Clark County Office of Emergency Management for administration for a total of $33, 605.00. this application is due by March 8, 2013, upon approval by this body it will be placed on the Board of County Commissioners scheduled for March 5, 2013.

Motion, by Dan Lake: To Approve the 2014 SERC applications as submitted
Seconded, by Carolyn Levering.
No discussion, motioned carried.

VII. Discuss process for annual update of Clark County Multi-Agency Hazard Mitigation Plan

Irene Navis, Plans and Operations Coordinator for Clark County Emergency Management, spoke about the most recent plan being approved by FEMA 100%. Irene advised that all agencies participating in the plan have also been approved, the last one being the City of Mesquite. Irene then stated that this is a never ending cycle and that it was now time to start preparing for the next plan update. Since throughout the year strategies are implemented and updates made the plan is ever changing; to kick off the next update Irene advised that she would like to in July 2013 start with a Table Top Exercise/Workshop that is sponsored by the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, she noted that this is free of charge. At this time Irene asked the LEPC members that are interested in participating in the workshop to contact her. She reminded the LEPC that participants of the workshop didn't necessarily need to be directly involved in the updates to the plan but that it was open to anybody that is believed to benefit from a better understanding of the process and what the Hazard Mitigation plan is all about. After the TTX/Workshop Irene advised that they would then set up a plan committee meeting to discuss update responsibilities imposed by FEMA and the State. Irene advised that there would be a little bit of time in between for people to get the needed materials together for the update and that she anticipated 3 or 4 meetings of that planning committee.

Dan Lake asked Irene to provide a brief synopsis of what she just presented and to have that be sent to the LEPC after the meeting so that they could begin to block out some time to work on this project. Irene agreed and further advised that she would work with Elizabeth Ashby to pin down a date for the Workshop and find a location and would then also send a *Save the Date*.

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The Chair thanked Ms. Navis for her work on this and that of all those that assisted in the process.

VIII. EOC Operations & Response Plans Assessment

The Chair advised the LEPC that there was training that he would like to bring to the region but he first wanted to gauge the interest of the group before moving forward with making plans. The training is called Readiness Training Identification Preparedness Planning (RTIPP) and it is sponsored by the National Center for Biomedical Research and Training Academy of Counter Terrorism Education. The Chair then narrated through a brief description of the training course and the resume of Rocco Forte, the person who would be presenting the information at the initial site visit as well as instructing the course. The Chair noted that this course is provided at no cost to the community and what the purpose and expectations of the site visit were as well as explained the length of the course itself should the region move forward with the training. He then went on to explain the intensity of the materials covered in the course and which agencies were most appropriate to attend and participate.

The Chair opened it up for questions from the committee and asked for some level of response for the commitment to schedule the site visit.

Dan Lake, City of North Las Vegas; Carolyn Levering, City of Las Vegas; Nicole Hart, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and Ryan Turner, City of Henderson all commented about the idea of the assessment and agreed that it would be a benefit to the community and that they would support and attend the initial site visit. Much discussion was had about the benefits and the depth of the site visit as well as the amount of time that was authorized for Mr. Forte to spend on the completion of the plan.

IX. Iron Key

Ric LaPorte, Clark County Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security, presented information about the support of the updates on the CNIP tool, Iron Key. Ric stated that he has spoken to the vendor and was advised that they are still in the process of doing their upgrade, andthat upgrade is for both single and unified command. Ric advised the committee that the first step will be for those that have the Key's to turn them back to him so that they will be sent in bulk for the vendor to install the upgrade. He addressed the fact that some keys had been misplaced and that he had discussed this with the vendor and that they do want to keep our business so they agreed to replace those keys for the reduced cost of $120.00 plus $19.00 in shipping, opposed to the several thousand dollars it would other wise cost to replace.

X. A. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

a. Plans Administration Subcommittee

Richard Brenner, Subcommittee Chair, advised that the subcommittee had not met yet this year but that at their last meeting of 2012 they had updated the plan and it has been submitted to the State. There are no plans at the time to meet again, though Richard advised that it will likely be in August to begin the update on the plan for the following year.

b. Training Subcommittee

No report

c. Grants Subcommittee

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d. Public Information Subcommittee
No report

The Chair advised that there was a new Chair for this subcommittee, Jeffrey Nelson. Jeffrey stated that at this time the subcommittee had not yet met but he anticipated doing so in the near future.

e. Legislative Subcommittee
Irene Navis, Subcommittee Chair, provided a brief overview of all the current BDR's/Bills that could affect in one way or another public safety or emergency management. Irene narrated through a select list *(see attached)* and commented on how they were applicable or could be related in one way or another to public safety.

f. Community Awareness & Emergency Response (CAER)
Richard Brenner reported on behalf of Susan Crowley and advised that they had a meeting in December with very good attendance. Richard gave an overview of what the CAER group was and how often they meet as well as what types of issues are discussed. At the last meeting the first issue they discussed was the radio communication system, what they have is a common communication system where they can talk to one another over radios. They had also reached out in the community with the casino nearby as well as the hospital had these radios as well. In recent times Tronox has changed this system and announced this change in December advising that everyone who had those radios were going to have to change. This has also affected the fire departments because when they switched over there is no longer the interoperability that there once was which is now being addressed. The second issue discussed was the screen with lights on it that was put in to the Henderson dispatch system. Richard advised that they system was fairly antiquated compared to what technology was on the market and available so a long discussion was had about the replacement of that system and how it would be paid for. Richard then detailed how complicated the ownership and management of the BMI Complex was and the many different stakeholders involved so decision making is not swift when it comes to shared costs.

TIMET was also brought up as they were just purchased by a company named PCP, not a lot of information available.

ICS and Hazmat training was discussed with regard to having all of their staff trained 100-400. LVMPD Homeland Security and SWAT as well as Henderson PD was present at this meeting.

The last subject talked about was training. Richard stated that in January TRONOX in cooperation with the City of Las Vegas HazMat team participated in a three day tour and chlorine 1 ton cylinder training.

g. Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
Connie Morton, Director, introduced herself and advised the committee that this year they are hopeful to raise awareness of both the faith based and non profit in their role in cooperating with public safety in times of disaster. At this time there is no report as the first committee meeting she will have is tomorrow.

h. Emergency Management Coordinators Group
Dan Lake, briefed the committee on the completion of the project for EOC Continuity and advised that the next phase will be training that goes along with the plan. He stated that there were 17 different agencies/jurisdictions including the tribes involved and that they are hopeful by mid to end of March that they will be begin teaching the

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plan to each jurisdiction that was a partner in the plan. This was an outstanding effort on multiple jurisdictions including Mesquite and Nye County. The training team will be select for the purpose of insuring that the delivery of the message is consistent.

i. Metropolitan Medical Response Update

Carolyn Levering reported on behalf of Chris Sproule. She advised that MMRS has been quite busy over the past month as they deployed the mobile medical hospital that was purchased with MMRS funds previously. The unit was requested by Spring Valley Hospital due to over crowding in the emergency department. It is only a 20 bed unit, and the set up turned out to be a really exceptional opportunity to exercise the deployment of the unit more so than really being of much benefit to the hospital. Spring Valley Hospital was exceptional to work with and they took a lot of responsibility in the staffing and equipping . There was a great Hot Wash that followed and there will be extensive more formal Corrective Action process. The assistance of the State DEM office will also be requested as Carolyn advised she wanted to formally document the Corrective Action Plan because they found some challenges with Spring Valley on deployment.

MMRS also hosted Ops Section Chief training course last week. And they are working to finalize the bylaws of the IMT and the operating guidelines.

The Chair stated the deployment of the of the mobile hospital was underscored by Carolyn in that she didn't say enough about how much the City of Las Vegas did in making this happen and that Chris Sproule was there from sun up to sun down and that Carolyn's role was tremendous.

Discussion was had between Brian Passow and Carolyn Levering about involvement in the AAR which resulted in Carolyn stating that the information would be shared but that she was hesitant to invite people/agencies etc. that were not directly involved with the Spring Valley Hospital set up. The reason being that it needed to be specific to those involved and their roles she did not want to risk the conversation going off track, she instead offered to share the report after the fact and even suggested that they would exercise this type of deployment in the future for everyone to be involved with.

j. NV-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team Update

No report

k. Nuclear Waste Division Yucca Mountain Update

Phil Klevorick, reported that the existing court case before the 9th District Court of Appeals was expected to have handed down a decision by this point, that is not the case and everyone is at a guess now at this point because it's taking so long as to when it will actually happen. They are all in anticipation and expectation that the court will probably order the NRC and the Department of Energy to go back to reviewing the application. The reason they feel that is because they are holding off with a decision. The problem comes down to the NRC being asked if they had any money to start reviewing the application back in the late fall and they said that they still had 10 million dollars but the department of energy strategically eliminated their office of civilian radioactive waste management and other agencies and said that hey if we need to go back to go back and review it's going to take us 2 years to get it going again. Phil advised that he thinks that the judges are at the point where they feel that they are going to order the review but until there's money put into the federal budget and which we realize there is no money in the federal budget with the continuing resolution and there are no earmarks currently that it could be a very long process until some money comes available.

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Phil advised that finally after the request through the transportation division of the environmental management office in the department of energy he finally got an update for the 2012 total shipments that was sent through and up to the test site for disposal, that's the mixed low level waste materials of which there 942 low level shipments and over 71% of those shipments came through Clark County. Phil stated that from an emergency management perspective he would think that is a very important number. He said that because as the DOE attempts to clean up their other sites around the country that one can only assume that the percentage of shipments is only going to go up through Clark County. The volume of shipments translates to just under 800,000 cubic feet of waste disposed. The year before they had over double that amount because of the funding made available to them.

Phil stated that the big thing that is going to be happen soon is the Site wide EIS coming out and that the documents are in the mail out of Washington, this morning, which means he is anticipating receipt of them on Friday or Monday. Next week there will be a 30 day review process. In this document there will be at least a hybrid or preferred alternative presented as well as a review and comments to all the comments submitted by the EM group that are members of the cities EM entities as well as Clark County and other agencies. Phil advised that 30 days won't work for us as there is no way possible it could go through a review process and provide valuable information and comments back to the DOE itself in the interim and get it through the approval process which means off of his desk to the directors through the managers office and get on to the BCC in 30 days, it is impossible and he will be sending them a notice to that affect. Phil highly encouraged other EM agencies that have environmental jurisdictions to please get involved in this and emphasized he is always willing to help.

Phil recognized that the document manager/administrator Linda Cohn was present in the LEPC, he then advised the LEPC that if they wanted to get a copy of the EIS which was a relatively thick document that they could contact Linda and she could provide you with one. He then turned the floor over to Linda for comment.

Linda advised that everything Phil stated was absolutely correct and that she had no problems with anything he said. She further stated that the document has been process for about three and a half years and has been finalized now and it went out for public comment as it was a draft back in 2011, all of those comments are now found within the document. They have conducted a lot of meetings with many different groups a lot in the transportation working group. She reiterated that anyone that wants a copy to contact her directly and she will insure that you receive one. Phil then stated that finally once this document is done he got an advisory from the environmental group at the DOE again that the greater than class C EIS that was done in the summer of 2011 in draft form will be final some time in April.

Linda can be contacted at Linda.Cohn@nnsa.doe.gov

I. State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

Richard Brenner reported on behalf of Karen Pabon. Richard advised the LEPC of exactly what the SERC was who it comprised and how the individual LEPC's were under the commission. He also touched on what SARA Title III was and how it touched on Emergency Preparedness. Since the last meeting SERC has worked with the Governors office on a few new appointee's as well as the budget reductions.

In October SERC in partnership with the Nevada Fire Chief's hosted the annual Hazmat Conference that was formerly held in Southern Nevada known as Hazmat Explo, the new conference is called Fire Shows Reno and it has been held the past

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three years. A section of this conference deals with hazardous materials. Later on this year there will be grant information released for those interested in attending.

Richard stated that the last part of the update relates to the United We Stand grant that was put together many years ago by the Nevada Legislature, in reference to combating terrorism. Richard advised that Diana Blake would be getting that information soon and would share with the group at that time.

m. Satellite Phone Update

Dan Lake advised that there was nothing to report relative to the satellite working group. However, he took the opportunity to speak about the communications rodeo at the Speedway. There were 31 agencies participating and over 700 volunteers as responders and victims that participated last week on scene. This exercise involved IED's, explosives, hostages and active shooters. Dan stated that this is probably the second largest full scale on the ground exercise conducted in this area in a very long time. He stated that it had it's high points and low points and was successful on most levels, but since it was such a large exercise there were of course gaps and things that weren't perfect. In this communications exercise they exercised cell phones, sat phones, wireless data, including ARES/RACES and the State of Nevada. They exercised all platforms of communication, with a twist because then they put it into operations, which adds a whole new dynamic. This was the 7th year putting on this exercise with this year by far being the largest. This is a joint effort of LVMPD Emergency Management and NLV fin putting this together. Dan thanked all those that participated and stated that this was a great collaboration of the 31 agencies, nobody played a bigger role than anybody else and it couldn't have been done without everyone's involvement.

n. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Report

(see attached report provided by Mike Ardito)

B. CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL REPORTS

- **Amateur Radio Emergency Service**

  Bill Smith reported that they were privileged to be a part of the communications exercise held on February 6, 2012 at the speedway. ARES/RACES had twelve amateur radio operators supporting the ARES mission participating as communicators in the ARES mobile communication center brought in by the Las Vegas repeater association. Bill thanked Andy Gagliardo, Keith Aurich, Steve Kramer, and the Clark County Coroners office who facilitated training on the public safety radios just before the exercise so that everyone was fluent on their operations. ARES/RACES look's forward to future opportunities in training together more so as to better support public safety.

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

  Carolyn Levering reported and thanked Dan Lake for the acknowledgement and for having CERT participate in the February 6, 2013 communications exercise. Record numbers continue to be trained with graduations every other week, with most recent requests coming in from Sunrise Hospital and Whole Foods for corporate training. NVCERT.ORG has the master calendar of courses being presented should anyone be interested in looking.

- **Medical Reserve Corps**

  Paula Martel reported that they have just over 200 volunteers. The calendar of events is filling up quickly with upcoming 5k's etc. These volunteers often provide first aid at the event first aid stations. Paula thanked Dan Lake for the opportunity to

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administer flu vaccine to the City of North Las Vegas employees. They had three different clinics this year and she stated that she appreciated his support and that opportunity.

The goal in 2013 is to grow the MRC Vaccination Team so that they are more prepared to augment not just the Southern Nevada Health District but to also support the different flu clinics in the community.

Paula reminded the committee that if they have any upcoming training or exercises that they very much want to assist so please reach out and invite them to participate.

- **Neighborhood Watch**
  Nicole Hart, LVMPD reported that they have1448 active neighborhood watch programs within the jurisdiction, with the largest concentration in the northwest area command at 640. The focal point still remains residential burglary as well as robberies. NV Energy has been putting out media blasts lately about how to recognize an NV Energy employee as there has been a recent theft of NV Energy uniforms. Another program is Alert ID that LVMPD and Henderson Police Dept. both participate in the program. This is a great program that notify's residents of police activities in their defined neighborhoods.

  Dan Lake, reported on behalf of North Las Vegas Police, where he advised the they continue to be successful in their dispatching of community volunteers in police service. They currently have 14 reserves working 7 days a week, where they usually function on 12 hours days. There has been a drastic reduction in criminal activity in the big box store locations and industrial warehouses. So this program is proving to be successful and they are moving them into the HOA areas that are gated. Dan stated that there is a lot of interest in retired police officers wanting to volunteer their time for this program. They are one month out from starting another academy for volunteers in police service.

  Elaine Houser, Clark County Water Reclamation, spoke briefly about how great Alert ID was and suggested that if you hadn't signed up for it yet to do so.

- **Volunteer in Police Service**
  No reports

VII. Public Comments

- Ryan Turner, City of Henderson, reported back about the Nevada Statewide COOP. He advised the LEPC that the pilot project was being completed by the end of February, with Metro and Henderson having their plans completed at 100%. There have been a few task force meetings in southern Nevada and there are several entities jumping on board. The webpage for COOP is WWW.NVSTATECOOP.ORG There will be a southern Nevada task force meeting on February 27, 2013 and this coming Friday metro as well as Henderson will have representation at the Homeland Security Commission meeting. If you would like to be more involved a part of the bigger effort please register on the webpage WWW.NVSTATECOOP.ORG and plan to be at the February 27th meeting.
- Ryan Turner mentioned another statewide project called Public Warning and Information. This is a large effort involved with the IPAWS system. Ryan advised that this is meant to forecast what public warning will be 4 or 5 years down the road and what the future emergency manager will have the capability to do that they can't do today. The website is WWW.NVCRISISCOMMUNICATORS.ORG
- George Molnar, State of Nevada, advised the LEPC that they should save the date for the Nevada Communications Interoperability Summit on July 10-11, 2013. This

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will be followed by the first auxiliary communicators workshop the weekend of the 13th and 14th of July, this will be for ARES/RACES operators.

- Dr. Thomas Coleman, Southern Nevada Health District, shared that last week there was a two day workshop facilitated through the FBI on joint epidemiology and law enforcement investigations. This was coordinated through regional and national FBI assets to do the training as well as Centers for Disease Control and prevention. If we were to have an intentional release the health side would be looking to stop infection whereas the law enforcement side of things would be different and more focused on evidence assessment. These would not be competing interests just different on what they emphasize. Jane Shunney was there as well as several others from the epidemiology staff, part of the exercise was making a draft of the MOU, they would be looking in the future to work with the regional FBI offices to formalize that draft.

  Dan Lake, asked Dr. Coleman to update on the pertussis exercise that was held a month ago. Dr. Coleman reported that they a Table Top Exercise (TTX) as they have unfortunately been in the midst of an increase of pertussis cases over the past six months. Fortunately, we haven't experienced the same increase as other areas such as Seattle. This TTX was focused on scenario of how they would continue to mobilize the resources to combat that especially if progressed beyond the capacity of their office of epidemiology to do what is really cluster investigations. The workshop/TTX was more coming from an emergency management perspective on how to manage the incident.

  Dan Lake stated that he was very excited to be a part of the exercise and was happy that the SNHD is becoming so much more involved.

- Richard Brenner advised that he is working with Union Pacific and the Las Vegas Search and Rescue Hazmat Team next week February 19-20, on some training over at the City of Las Vegas with the railroad contractors that bring in a special dome vehicle.
- Richard Brenner advised that Olin Chemical as mentioned earlier about the BMI complex, they make chlorine, sodium hydroxide and hydrochloric acid there and they actually bring in non hazardous materials, salt and water, what comes out is hazardous. They have a new process and a new building that is almost open, what they are making is basically a concentrated bleach. What they are trying to do is go to a chlorine substitute for water treatment facilities and market out to the different industries. He will try to get Karen Luna here for the next meeting.
- Dan Lake asked for Mike to talk about IMT's and the process.
- Mike Johnson, Clark County Fire, reported that majority of things were already mentioned by Carolyn from Chris Sproule's briefing. There was an Operations Sections Chief meeting a few weeks ago here 16 more graduated and was added to the roster. The plan is to have an Incident Commander course completed by the first of June to make things a little more formal for the team. There was an Incident Management Team meeting to cover bylaws and go over operating procedures things of that nature. As a result of that meeting they set goals that they would like to see accomplished in 2013. Most important for everyone to know that there is progress. The Chair added that the thing about IMT training is that people need to know that there is a place for everyone in that training, not just public safety. Having a well rounded class really adds to the value of the training.
- Jeff Brewer, Southern Nevada Chapter of the American Red Cross provided a brief report on his response and involvement to the communities affected by the super storm Sandy on the east coast.

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- Bruce Barnes, NV Energy reported on his response experience and efforts as well as the involvement NV Energy had in relation with the super storm Sandy response efforts.

Next LEPC meeting: Wednesday May 15, 2013 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 10:45 AM

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

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Course Description

Overview

The goal of *Readiness: Training Identification and Preparedness Planning* is to teach participants how to create effective training plans for their agencies and jurisdictions. By evaluating their abilities to meet their emergency operations plans (EOP) using traditional and national preparedness tools, participants can answer the following critical readiness questions:

- *How prepared do we need to be?*
- *How prepared are we?*
- *How do we prioritize efforts to close the difference?* (DHS 2007, 3)

Agencies that plan and train together are much better equipped to successfully respond together. In this course, participants will learn a Jurisdiction Training Assessment Process in which an integrated assessment team creates a jurisdictional profile and evaluates their abilities to meet their EOP. Participants will then be able to identify and catalog training gaps and identify ways to close them by prioritizing training efforts, developing improvement plans, and implementing a course of action.

Core Capabilities

This course teaches an evaluative tool that addresses the following core capabilities:

- Planning
- Public Information and Warning
- Operational Coordination
- Intelligence and Information Sharing (Prevention and Protection)
- Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities
- Community Resilience
- Long-Term Vulnerability Reduction
- Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment
- Threat and Hazard Identification
- Operational Communications
- Public and Private Services and Resources
- Situational Assessment

Scope

This is a performance-level course. Participants' success in the course requires an open and honest discourse about and evaluation of training gaps in their agencies and jurisdictions. The six modules in the course build on each other, working through a seven-step gap analysis process that, when implemented in their agencies and jurisdictions, will allow participants to create comprehensive training plans.

Rocco Forté

Retired Fire Chief/Director of Emergency Preparedness
City of Minneapolis
Minneapolis, MN

Rocco Forté retired with 37 years of service with the City of Minneapolis. Mr. Forte retired as Minneapolis Fire Chief, after working his way up through the ranks. In 2004, after retiring as Fire Chief, he became Director of Emergency Preparedness where he served until 2011. Mr. Forté commanded the Emergency Operations Center for the 10 days it was operational following the collapse of the I35W Bridge. His professional leadership has been recognized by many; specifically a personal letter of appreciation from President George W. Bush. He was named State Director of the Year in 2007 by the Association of Minnesota Emergency Managers. He was also the recipient of the Minnesota Homeland Security/Emergency Management Award of Excellence as the Outstanding Local Partner on March 23, 2008. The National Urban Areas Security Initiative Organization (UASI) named Rocco Forté "Outstanding UASI Manager" on July 9, 2010. This national honor recognizes his work in preparing Minneapolis and the region for emergencies. As Director of Emergency Management for the City of Minneapolis, Mr. Forte was in charge of emergency operation plans for the Republican National Convention in 2008. He also was in charge of various emergencies in the City of Minneapolis including tornadoes, floods, and hazardous material releases.

Since July 2011 Mr. Forte became a Subject Matter Expert/Adjunct Instructor for Louisiana State University National Center for Biomedical Research, Training and the National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center for Texas Engineering Extension Service, and the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center in Honolulu, Hawaii.

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House	Bill	BDR	Description	Last Action	Next Action
		970	Enacts provisions relating to telecommunications modernization	Filed 2/8/13	
		989	Enacts a bill of rights for children who are deaf or hard of hearing	Filed 2/8/13	
AB	550	892	Directs the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study concerning state ports of entry (includes hazmat transport)	Returned from Secretary of State by Ways and Means 2/4/13	Bill read. Placed on Chief Clerk's desk 2/4/13
SB	39	342	Revises provisions governing the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security	Referred to Committee on Government Affairs 2/4/13	
SB	42	339	Revises provisions governing the operation of certain emergency vehicles	Referred to Committee on Transportation 2/4/13	
SB	44	341	Revises provisions relating to allocations from the Disaster Relief Account	Referred to Committee on Government Affairs 2/4/13	

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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, Nevada on Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Sunrise Landfill Repairs Completed After Damaging 200-Year Storm

On February 5, officials gathered at the Sunrise Landfill, located on the eastern edge of Las Vegas, to see the newly completed construction and repairs to the 440-acre landfill. The $60 million project includes new erosion and stormwater controls, a new cover system, landfill gas and groundwater monitoring systems, and a long-term maintenance and management program.

Technical advances in developing the unique erosion-resistant cover of the landfill are a model for other desert landfill sites needing similar protections from erosion and water infiltration. The cover uses an innovative soil and gravel mixture to armor the cover, control erosion and secure the waste. Work was completed using clean diesel vehicles to protect residents of Las Vegas from air pollution during construction.

The Sunrise Landfill received 18 million tons of Las Vegas municipal waste from 1953-1993. In 1998 a major rainstorm washed out part of the landfill, sending tons of waste into Las Vegas Wash, polluting the water that leads to Lake Mead, the source of drinking water for Las Vegas, much of Arizona, and Southern California.

EPA Issues Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) Summary Report from 2011 for Nevada

A total of 125 Nevada facilities reported a total of 529 million pounds of toxic chemical releases during 2011. Nevada's total reported on-site and off-site releases increased 41 % (153 million pounds), when compared to 2010 data.

The difference is mainly due to increases in land disposal at metal mines, which typically involve large facilities handling large volumes of material. In this sector, even a small change in the chemical composition of the ore being mined -- which EPA understands is one of the asserted reasons for the increase in total reported releases -- can lead to big changes in the amount of toxic chemicals reported.

"Community Right-to-Know data helps all of us remain aware of the types and amounts of chemicals being used in our neighborhoods," said Jared Blumenfeld, EPA's Regional Administrator for the Pacific Southwest. "It is great to see pollution prevention activities at reporting facilities, and we encourage them to reduce their chemical releases via this method."

TRI data from 2011 in Nevada show:

Air**:** Air releases decreased 11% (166 Thousand Pounds) since 2010.
Water: Water releases increased 0.31% (4 Thousand Pounds) since 2010.
On-Site Land: On-site land releases increased 41% (152 Million Pounds) since 2010.
Underground Injection: Underground Injection releases did not change since 2010.
Off-Site Transfers: Total off-site transfers have increased 56% (1 million pounds) since 2010.

The TRI total for Clark County in 2011 was 3,551,476 pounds. The top three facilities comprised 96 % of the total reported releases within the county. They are:

1. Tronox LLC released 2,736,510 pounds for 77 % of the county's total.
2. Reid-Gardner Generating Station released 547,758 pounds for 15% percent of the county's total.
3. US Dept. of Defense U.S. Air Force Nellis AFB Test and Training Range released 142,577 for 4 % of the county's total.

For Clark County, from the reporting year 2011, of the total releases of 3,551,476 pounds, the top four chemicals comprised 96 % of the total within the county. The top chemicals were:

1. Manganese compounds of 2,815,931 pounds for 79 % of the county's total
2. Barium compounds of 444,512 pounds for 13 % of the county' s total
3. Lead compounds of 73,198 pounds for 2 % of the county's total
4. Copper of 67,470 pounds for 2 % of the county's total.

For detailed state information and the state's top 10 releasing facilities, please see the state fact sheet at: http://www.epa.gov/region09/toxic/tri/ or http://www.epa.gov/triexplorer/statefactsheet.htm.

Release data alone are not sufficient to determine exposure or to calculate potential risks to human health and the environment. TRI data, in conjunction with other information, such as the toxicity of the chemical, the release medium (e.g., air), and site-specific conditions, may be used in evaluating exposures that may result from releases of toxic chemicals.

EPA has a new tracking tool that features facilities that reported they have new pollution prevention (P2) practices that have often reduced their releases of TRI chemicals. The tool can be found at: www.epa.gov/tri/p2. The tool can be used to track and compare TRI facility P2 performance, identify facilities that reported reductions in toxic chemical releases due to P2 efforts, identify the P2 measures that were effective for a given industry or chemical, compare waste management practices of facilities within a sector,

and view trends in waste management practices for facilities over several years.

In 2012, the EPA reached out to hundreds of communities nationwide through workshops, video-conferences, and webinars to help communities to better use TRI data to protect their environments. Grassroots partners in environmental justice communities, such as the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice in Jurupa Valley, California, helped EPA improve its outreach approaches to better serve diverse neighborhoods. Many of the online resources are listed in the "TRI Toolbox" below:

TRI Toolbox:
-TRI Explorer is a tool that you can use to see the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) data. It allows a user to look at data by state, county, or zip code; by chemical; or by industry. It provides maps a user can click on to find TRI facilities, chemicals and industries in a particular area at http://www.epa.gov/triexplorer .

-For more on the TRI program including additional city, county and facility information, please visit the EPA's Web sites: http://www.epa.gov/tri, and http://www.epa.gov/enviro.

-The Spanish TRI website is at: http://www.epa.gov/tri/myrtk/spanish/index.htm

-For information geared toward communities please visit:
http://www.epa.gov/tri/communities/index.html

-EPA TRI Pollution Prevention Tool: www.epa.gov/tri/p2

-For more information on the PBT Chemicals Program, please visit the EPA's Web site at http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/pbt

The annual data is from the EPA's Toxics Release Inventory, one of the EPA's largest publicly available databases. The annual TRI reporting began in 1988 after the enactment of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986.

The chemical information in the inventory is calculated by industrial facilities and reported to the EPA. Total releases include toxic chemicals discharged by facilities to air, water, land, and underground, and the amount transferred off-site for disposal. Pollution controls apply to many of the reported releases. Reporting facilities must comply with environmental standards set by local, state and federal agencies.

EPA Honors Two Nevada Universities for Pledge to Significantly Reduce Food Waste

The University of Nevada Las Vegas and Reno campuses last November joined 58 other universities nationwide to participate in the U.S. EPA's Food Recovery Challenge.

The Food Recovery Challenge is a voluntary program that aims to limit the 34 million tons of food wasted nationwide annually by reducing unnecessary consumption and increasing donations to charity and composting. By participating, these schools, with a combined 460,000 student enrollment, pledged to reduce food waste by five percent in one year. In addition to higher education institutions, other participants include grocers and entertainment venues, such as the Los Angeles Dodgers stadium.

Nationally, food is the single largest material sent to landfills, accounting for 25 percent of all waste sent to landfills. When excess food, leftover food, and food scraps are disposed of in a landfill, they decompose and become a significant source of methane, a potent greenhouse gas. In turn, limiting wasted food will reduce methane emissions.

The Food Recovery Challenge is part of EPA's Sustainable Materials Management Program, which seeks to reduce the environmental impact of food and other widely-used everyday items through their entire life cycle, including how they are extracted, manufactured, distributed, used, reused, recycled, and disposed. For more information on the Food Recovery Challenge, visit: http://www.epa.gov/foodrecoverychallenge/ .

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