



Clark County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Clark County Government Center
Pueblo Room, 1st Floor
500 Grand Central Pkwy
Las Vegas, NV

FINAL MINUTES

Wednesday, August 13, 21014

Attendance

LEPC Members Present:

John Steinbeck, Nicole Hart, Richard Brenner, Carlito Rayos, Rachel Skidmore, Michael Jaques, Irene Navis, Carolyn Levering, Ryan Turner, Kevin Nicholson, Elaine Houser, Leo Ferns, Jacqueline Reszatar, Dave Dahl, Donnie Foster, Glenn Closson, Jason Hudson, Phil Klevorick, James Olschiager, Michael Richardson, Sandy Seda, Wendy Pagan, Brian Passow, Felix Acevedo, Fernandez Leary, John Woosnam

LEPC Alternates Present:

Mike Johnson, Robert Williams, Steve Holly, Arlene Chapman, Richard Resnick, Renee Tyler, Brian Mitchell, Lionel Hamilton, John Fudenberg, Craig Nimsgern

LEPC Members Absent: Scott Fuller, Kurt Adair, Roy Michael, Cristopher Kash, David Goss, Dean Kiernan, Todd Lericos, David Stuhan, Ronald Frass, Geoffrey Williams, Bill Richardson, Christa Kelly, Mike Murphy, Tom Axtell, Steve Sisolak

I. Call to Order

John Steinbeck, LEPC Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2014.

II. Roll Call

Arlene Chapman, quorum present

III. Public Comments

- No comments

IV. Comments from the Chair

- The Chair recognized the services of Assistant Chief Johnson who is leaving the Clark County Fire Department as rural coordinator for the volunteer fire stations and as an alternate to the Clark County LEPC. Chief Johnson will be the new Fire Chief for the Ebbetts Pass Fire District in California. The Chair presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Clark County LEPC and UAG.

- The Chair introduced Larry Haydu who will replace Chief Johnson on September 1, 2014. Larry will be promoted to Assistant Chief of the Clark County Fire Department as of Monday, August 18, 2014.

V. Approval of the May 14, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Seconded, by Richard Wells.

No discussion, motion carried.

VI. Approval of the May 29, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion, by Carlito Rayos

Seconded, by Irene Navis

No discussion, motion carried.

VII. Approve and Recommend the Clark County LEPC Application for the FY2015 HMEP Planning and Training Grant Application Not to Exceed \$30,000. The Grant Period is Expected to be October 9, 2014 Through June 30, 2015.

Irene Navis presented by stating that they met as a grant subcommittee and limited the grant to \$30,000. The reason the subcommittee added "Not to Exceed \$30,000", is because this grant has a potential for travel to training and may need a little flexibility with adding additional travelers.

Richard Brenner presented by stating that there are four projects that may be funded:

- 1) Send eleven individuals to the International Association of Fire Chiefs HazMat Conference in Baltimore, Maryland.
- 2) Tabletop exercise working with the Las Vegas Valley Water District for about \$7,500.

Those two projects add up to the \$30,000. The HMEP grant is designed for training and preparedness. Seventy percent of the money has to be spent on training and thirty percent on preparedness. If there are remaining funds available from counties that do not apply for the grant that allows our LEPC to apply for those funds. If awarded the two other projects that are being looked are:

- 3) Gasoline Tanker Truck class.
- 4) Commodity flow study. The last study was done in 2009.

Irene stated that the motion today is for the first two projects only.

Motion, by Phil Klevorick

Second, by Ryan Turner

VIII. Approval of the Clark County LEPC HMEP Mid-cycle Grant Application Not to Exceed \$30,000 for FireShowsReno 2014 Hazmat Conference

Richard presented by stating the focus of the mid-cycle grant is on transportation. The FireShowsReno Conference that takes place in October. Looking at sending about 30 individuals.

Richard stated that on August 5, 2014, the SERC Funding Committee met and approved the LEPC for \$27,942.00. There are some contingencies: signed application, approved minutes from May 29th meeting, a financial report and affidavit of publication.

Irene stated that the grant has to go before the BCC for approval.

Motion, by Elaine Houser
Seconded, by Fleix Acevedo

IX. Incident Command for an Improvised Nuclear Device Web Base Training

Brian Richardson stated that the focus of this training is on radiological nuclear with first responders in mind. There is no cost for the training. Cost is covered by federal grants. Instructors are certified.

Irene Navis asked if the key leader training is targeted toward leadership within first responder agencies or is that a broader audience that you're targeting?

Brian stated it's a broad audience and asked Carolyn Levering to speak further on the subject.

Carolyn Levering stated that for a list of classes go to the CTOS website at www.ctosnnsa.org. Key leader is focused on the initial actions. It doesn't go all the way through a full response or recovery item.

X. Timet Fined \$13.8 Million for Unauthorized Manufacturing of PCB's by the EPA

Glen Closson stated that in 2005, the USEPA, NDEP and Timet started investigating Timet that was inadvertently producing PCB's as part of their manufacturing process. Between 2005 and 2013 Timet was manufacturing PCB's at low concentrations. Investigations found that during the process of separating magnesium from the chlorine, Timet was inadvertently manufacturing and emitting PCB's. By eliminating the coal tar pitch that seals the tops of the cells, it caused the PCB levels to go down dramatically. In 2009 the EPA issued Timet a notice of violation for failure to obtain authorization for the manufacturing

of PCB's. Timet has now been identified as an excluded manufacturer of PCB's because they emit under 50 parts per million concentration.

XI. SNHPC - Purpose, Goals, Objectives, and Activities

Nancy Newell stated that the coalition is a collaborative network healthcare organization. The tribes will be approached to be added to the groups working efforts. In January 2012, a national guidance put out for healthcare systems preparedness which is a collaborative planning and networking. Bringing all the partners together for the purpose of preparedness, recovery, medical concerns, volunteer management, training, exercise

The coalition is going to have an Active Shooter Exercise with healthcare focus, on September 17, 2014.

The DOE approached the coalition to help with the Southern Nevada Mass Decon Initiative.

The DOE is looking to identify us as a critical infrastructure. It is important for the evaluation to be completed or the DOE will charge the SNHPC. The SNHPC is looking for LEPC support that an exercise like this is needed to be better prepared.

XII. Future of Interoperability & FirstNet

George Molnar gave a presentation on the Northern Nevada Early Notification System.

XIII. LEPC

A. Plans Administration Subcommittee

Richard Brenner stated that the Plans Administration Subcommittee met on July 16, 2014 and started the process of updating the HazMat LEPC Plan. There was good representation at the meeting. The plan should be available at the next LEPC meeting in November.

B. Training Subcommittee

Irene Navis reported for Ric LaPorte, stating that Ric sent out the new TEPW calendar for 3 years. Please take the time to look at it and make sure it accurately reflects the training and exercises that you contributed to at the TEPW workshop. Please forward any changes to OEM so it can be provided to the state in order for it to be incorporated into the statewide TEPW later this year.

C. Grants Subcommittee

Karen Taylor was not available to give the grants subcommittee report. Irene Navis provided Karen's email address: karent@clarkcountynv.gov

D. Public Information Subcommittee

Craig Nimsger reporting for John Woosnam. No report given.

E. Legislative Subcommittee

Irene Navis reported that they will be keeping an eye on the bill draft request that will becoming available later this summer and fall. Richard Wells and Nancy Newells have agreed to work on committee.

F. GIS Subcommittee

Carolyn Levering reporting for Richard Wells. The committee met to review survey results which will help them to craft the work they will move forward with. The next GIS meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2014.

G. Community Awareness & Emergency Response – Glenn Closson

Glenn Closson stated that the CAER continues to work with the City of Henderson Fire Department in terms of intergrading their communications with the NXT Communication System. They hope to have that implemented fairly soon.

Timet recently conducted their annual Emergency Response Training and IC training. Working with Henderson's Fire Captain to have them participate in some of the drills so they have a full understanding should they respond to the HazMat Team in the BMI complex.

Key members of the CAER group are looking forward to participating in the FEMA exercise in Maryland next month.

H. Community Organizations Active in Disaster - Connie Morton

No report available.

I. Emergency Management Coordinators Group

Brian Mitchell reporting for Bill Richardson. EM Coordinators group will meet on November 4, 2014 at Nellis.

J. Metropolitan Medical Response Update – Chris Sproule

No report available.

K. Nuclear Waste Division Yucca Mountain Update

Phil Klevorick reported that the Western Governors Working Group was held May 2014. Nighty-eight percent of the representation of government from around the country who attended were in favor of shipping to Yucca Mountain again. They brought in a keynote speaker who was the director of

the Yucca Mountain project, but is now retired. Coming out of that meeting was the perception that the 2016 election will determine if funds will be made available to fund Yucca Mountain.

On July 23, 2014, a tabletop exercise was conducted with the Department of Energy and the Office of Secure Transport. The DOE and the Office of Secure Transport recognizes that they need to do more outreach with local planning and emergency responders.

September 2 through 5, 2014, there is going to be a Radio Active Waste Summit being held at the Rampart Casino here in Las Vegas.

In New Mexico, Waste Site Pilot Plant which is set-up to take waste from compounds around the country for disposal in New Mexico. The repository had an underground fire and 5 days later had an explosion. The two events are not related even though they both occurred in the same mine. It is not yet know what caused the explosion and until they do the repository is shut down.

L. State Emergency Response Commission

Richard Brenner stated that because of the number of accidents with locomotives transporting crude oil, the US Department of Transportation has required the locomotive companies to report to SERC when shipping more than a million gallons of crude oil through the state of Nevada. The Federal Government is still working out the details which will be reported at a later time.

FireShowReno – the shows focus is transportation. The Federal Railroad Administration will be doing a presentation on crude oil. Keep in mind, if the crude oil is not being shipped by railroad or through a pipe line, it is being transported over the road.

SERC is working with the counties on the HMEP grants which are due the end of August. A funding committee will be set-up to approve the grants.

The next SERC meeting is being held in Las Vegas on October 9th. LEPC members and guest are invited to attend. It will be held at the Clark County Fire Training Center on Arville and Tropicana Avenue. A Union Pacific spokesman will be a guest speaker at the meeting. Two subjects that will be discussed are crude oil and a test bed from California to Utah for a new locomotive that runs on liquefied natural gas (LNG). They tried this in 1992 and were not successful, but are looking at new technology and are hoping to be successful this time around. If this works, it will save them 2 billion dollars.

M. Satellite Phone Update

Carlito Rayos, North Las Vegas reported that a tentative meeting is set for August 27, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at the North Las Vegas Fire Administration Building. They are hoping to update the satellite phone directory because of personnel turn over. If anyone is interesting in being on the committee and has knowledge of satellite phones, please attend and bring your guest card and your phone.

N. US Environmental Protection Agency

Kathryn Lawrence was not available to give a report.

O. ARES/RACES Update

Bill Smith, Jr. was not available to give a report.

XIV. Public Comments

Richard Brenner stated that he will be going next week to the US Department of Transportation headquarters and is working with SERC and the federal government to change the term of the HMEP grants from 1 year to 2 years in order for the counties to expend all the funds awarded. Currently, the HMEP money cannot be used to train hospital staff on preparing for hazardous material incidents. Richard is trying to get that changed as well.

UNLV will be conducting a table exercise sometime in October or November of 2014. They would like LEPC members to participate. If anyone is interested please contact Richard Brenner at 702-455-7108.

The American Gas Association is working closely with Southwest Gas for a meeting they will be having here in Las Vegas. This would be a great opportunity to show how the Clark County LEPC works and show it has emergency response plans in place to deal with these types of incidents.

Carolyn Levering reported that she was able to attend an emergency alert system state-wide working group meeting that included folks from the Nevada Broadcasters Association an invitation was extended to LEPC members to take a tour the local Primary Entry Point (PEP) Station. The PEP Station is a designation from FEMA for broadcasting station to be designated for presidential emergency alert messages along with the standard emergency alert messages that we receive. Beasley Broadcasting does tours of their facilities. Dates and times have not been set, but if you are interested, please contact Carolyn at 702-383-2888.

Craig Nimsgern stated that UNLV, IEM Student Chapter will be hosting a preparedness fair at UNLV on September 25, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. all private and public groups are invited to have a table at the fair.

Next LEPC meeting: Wednesday, November 12, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.
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XV. Adjournment

Motion, by Ryan Turner: To adjourn
Second, by Rachel Skidmore
No discussion, motioned carried.