

## **Las Vegas Urban Area Working Group (UAWG)**

PUEBLO ROOM  
CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER  
500 S. GRAND CENTRAL PKWY  
LAS VEGAS NV 89106

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

**Wednesday, August 13, 2014 11:00 A.M.**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **UAWG MEMBERS PRESENT:**

JOHN STEINBECK, MICHAEL JOHNSON, CAROLYN LEVERING, CARLITO RAYOS, NICOLE HART, RYAN TURNER, RICK DIEBOLD,

##### **UAWG ALTERNATES PRESENT:**

RICHARDS RESNICK

##### **UAWG MEMBERS ABSENT:**

, KEVIN NICHOLSON, PAUL GERNER, STEVE KRAMER, MICHAEL JAQUES, RICHARD WELLS, KASH CHRISTOPHER, CHRIS SPROULE

#### **I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

John Steinbeck, UAWG Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:10 A.M. on Wednesday, August 13, 2014. Quorum present.

#### **II. Public Comments**

- Irene Navis updated on Dimitri Theodoro advising he had been involved in an accident while on vacation in Greece and that if anyone wanted to reach out to him she would be happy to provide his contact information.

#### **III. Comments from the Chair**

- The Chair recognized the retirement of Mark Blomstrom and thanked him publicly for all of his support and assistance with the Las Vegas Urban Area. He turned the floor over to Mark for his comments.

#### **IV. Update on the status of FFY2011 and FFY2012 grant awards, de-obligated funds, and status of projects funded with re-obligated funds**

The Chair opened the floor up for updates on any projects that have been de-obligated and funded with those funds. He then reported that CCOEM's EOC is coming together at Fire Station 18, and that this will also be the new meeting place for the LVUAWG once all of the project is complete. He further advised that all funds that were obligated for this project have been expended.

Ryan Turner then gave a brief update on the HazMat Team in Henderson. All training complete and equipment purchased as well as all reports filed, all total \$198,711.00 was expended of the \$200,000.00 granted. They will be de-obligating \$1,200.00. Station 98 will be the assigned station. He publicly thanked everyone in the group for helping to make this team happen.

Ryan then reported that he and Chief Steinbeck had a conversation about purchasing PPE equipment and that with 2011 SHSP funds they purchased \$144,560.00 worth of equipment and with 2012 SHSP funds they got an additional \$71,915.00 in ballistics gear for all of the

fire departments, they have already ordered, paid and been reimbursed which was a very quick turn-around.

Carlito Reyes reported that they too were able to execute ballistic protection and they rolled out training last week on how to use the protection. NLVFD was also able to execute the purchase of all the CBRNE canisters, which was great because they were almost expired. They were also able to fund their criminal analyst position and the NLVPD has agreed to fund the analyst going forward as a permanent position.

Irene Navis reported on CCFD and CCOEM projects. Irene narrated through a list advising the following: She is working on the final report for the 2011 Homeland Security Working Group Planning money and stated that there was a significant amount of de-obligated re-obligated funds associated with that grant this report will close out this particular grant. Statewide Mass Fatality report was just completed with a \$26,000 de-obligation. The All Risk training was completed and final report submitted with zero balance, IMT training was complete with zero balance. Epidemiology was de-obligated several months ago. The 700 mhz broadband was completed on time with a final report of zero balance. Interoperable Communications Coordination was de-obligated several months ago, pending a final report and completion on that. Citizen Corp Elko Band, unfortunately unable to complete quarterly reports for lack of submission, as a result the State will likely de-obligate that money a total of \$12,025.00. The M&A projects that they were able to convert into the CCOEM EOC is for the most part complete and will have used the majority of the funding allocated/recycled. Electronic fire reporting for some upgrades to some software the fire department is using for suspicious activity observed out in the field, final report at zero de-ob. A very 526.00 M&A from 2012 spent in the final report.

Rick Resnick, introduced Kim Otero to give an update on the radio project. He publicly thanked the LVUAWG for the ability to use the de-obligated funds for their project. Kim Otero reported that all within the 60 day time frame they took the money for console project and initiated, installed, trained on, were billed, paid the bill submitted quarterly reports and were reimbursed on the entire project. The officers have also received the radios and they are already in use.

The Chair called for any other updates, there were none. He then advised there was going to be a small balance left over but it is hard to tell right now how much, the estimate is around \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00. He is open to suggestions on anyone that may have a project they can turn around in a quick time. Rick Resnick spoke up and said that Mesquite was able to spend the money quickly if there is an available amount.

Irene Navis advised that the reports are turned in and that NDEM will be providing a report next week at the Finance Committee Meeting next week.

**V. Update on the status of FFY2013 grant awards and funds that may be available for de-obligation and subsequent re-obligation**

The Chair explained the intent of this item was to keep a close eye on what was going on with the FY13 projects and asked for the body to report:

Ryan Turner reported on the BIA BDR strategy project for the IT Department giving detail on the status. He advised that \$58,000 of the total \$180,000.00 grant award has been spent and he anticipates no trouble spending the balance in the allotted time frame.

Rachel Skidmore reported that \$749,950.00 in FY13 funds, she stated that they are on track to expend all of the funds. She further advised that they have also submitted an additional Investment Justification in the event they have any additional funds identified they would be

looking to purchase 2 additional cameras for the strip camera project in the amount of \$116,000.00. At this time there are no deobligated funds to purchase these cameras but the intent is to plan ahead in the event here are remaining funds like FFY11 &12 they are ready to go with items that are approved to purchase.

Irene Navis reported that there were none for deobligation at this time. She advised that there were 2, one for Community Outreach and the other for Management of the Homeland Security Grant Program a combined project, she anticipates these funds will be utilized for outreach purchases and that they are not available for reobligation. Irene then informed the group about an email that Sonja from NDEM had sent out the week before about project change requests that exceeded 10% for the upcoming Homeland Security meeting on the 18th to let her know, Irene reminded the group that if any of what they had needed to come back before the UAWG before the Finance Committee meeting to keep that timing in mind because in this situation there would not have been enough time to turn that around.

#### **VI. Incident Management Team Update**

Larry Haydu, CCFD, reported on the status of the IMT and advised that they were able to get \$24,999.00 for training. Larry thanked North Las Vegas and City of Las Vegas for helping with \$40,000.00 of deobligated funds that they made available to the IMT. With those funds they were able to get 3 IMT courses that usually cost \$25,000.00 each but because of the economy they were able to get all 3 courses for \$40,000.00. While it was great to get the classes there was limited enrollment, Larry suggested that potential attendees of future courses may be emergency manager types from strip properties. Part of the \$24,999.00 was intended to go towards a Basic 305 course, subsequent to the request for these funds EMI came out with a train the trainer course that Larry and Battalion Chief Greg Cassell will attend so that going forward they can deliver the course here free of charge. The other opportunity that came up was that Carlito came up with enough finding to send someone from North Las Vegas to the train the trainer PIO at EMI, so in October we will be hosting a local PIO course in house.

Carlito Reyes, thanked Carolyn Levering for her assistance in making this happen for IMT. He agreed that private sector and non-governmental agencies would benefit greatly from this training. He then reiterated the importance of task books getting signed off.

Larry then requested that the UAWG keep the IMT in mind for future exercises and drills so that they can shadow and participate with community activities.

Irene Navis suggested a presentation to the Las Vegas Security Chiefs Association to solicit participation in the IMT training.

Ryan Turner briefed the group that 12 people from the IMT will attending the Henderson IEMC in September to work though the interface of IMT and EOCs.

#### **VII. Review and update of Las Vegas Urban Area Homeland Security Strategy to ensure alignment with Nevada Commission on Homeland Security priorities and statewide threat, hazard, and risk assessments**

Mark Blomstrom and Irene Navis provided an overview of the Las Vegas Urban Area Homeland Security Strategy update process. The most recent update was completed in February 2013, and many of the plan objectives are scheduled to be completed by December 2014. Mark provided an overview of the plan elements, and suggested a process for updating the plan which included review of each of the plan sections, including Purpose, Vision, Coordination, and Description of Jurisdictions. Mark also reviewed the Focus section, and provided a brief overview of the Goals and Objectives. A highlighted draft of the plan was presented along with a handout describing the review and update process. A handout which included the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security Priorities for 2013/2014 and

2014/2015 was also distributed to the working group. Irene Navis suggested that the Urban Area update should align with any update to the State's Homeland Security Strategy. Suggested draft changes to the Urban Area strategy were requested to be submitted to Irene Navis by September 30, 2014 in preparation for the November 12, UAWG meeting. The group briefly discussed sections of the plan which required an update, in particular the Description of Jurisdictions section with regard to proper listing of certain federal offices and functions. The working group members unanimously agreed to include federal agencies as appropriate.

#### **VIII. Public Comments**

***No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. Comments may be limited to 2 minutes.***

- Irene Navis urged everyone to take a piece of cake in celebration of Mark's retirement.
- Fernandez Leary thanked Mark Blomstrom for all of his efforts through the years.

Next UAWG meeting: Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 11:00 A.M., Clark County Government Center, Pueblo Room, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89106

#### **IX. Adjournment**

Motion, by Mike Johnson: **To adjourn meeting**

Seconded, by Nicole Hart

No discussion, motion: carried

Meeting adjourned at 12:42 PM

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