



Clark County Local Emergency Planning Committee

CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
ODC PUEBLO ROOM, 1ST FLOOR
500 S. GRAND CENTRAL PKWY
LAS VEGAS, NV

Wednesday, February 11, 2015
9:00 A.M.

FINAL MINUTES

LEPC MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Steinbeck, Irene Navis, Wendy Pagan, Kevin Nicholson, Bill Richardson, Elaine Houser, Rachel Skidmore, Carlito Rayos, Mike Richardson, Richard Brenner, Michael Jacques, Dave Goss, Fernandez Leary, Rob Hanks, Ryan Turner, John Hines, Dave Dahl, Donnie Foster, Jason Hudson, Bill Knipper, Richel Burog, Felix Acevedo, Nancy Newell, Craig Nimsgren, Christa Kelly,

LEPC ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Richard Resnick, Steve Kramer, Richard Dohme, David Mills, Rick Binyons, Richard Wells, Dimitri Theodoro, Dan Berc

LEPC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mike Murphy, Tom Axtell, Scott Fuller, Phil Klevorick, Glenn Closson, Ronald Fraas, Jacqueline Reszatar, Roy Michael, Christopher Kash, Sandy Seda, Stuart Turner, Carolyn Levering, Kim Ferguson, James Olschlager, Todd Lericos,

I. Call to Order

John Steinbeck, LEPC Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M. on Wednesday February 11, 2015

II. Roll Call

Misty Richardson, quorum present

III. Public Comments

- Ryan Turner, City of Henderson, stated that on April 7, 2015 at 9:04 AM at the Regional EOC there will be an EOC Standardization meeting. This is an effort to pick up where it was left off and discuss some of the modifications. Ryan discussed some of the things that they will work to clarify on EOC's versus MACC's to get everyone on the same page in the valley and then embark upon training in the fall.
- Dan Berc, National Weather Service, spoke about the Storm Ready program and defined what it was. Dan then noted that the City of North Las Vegas and City of Henderson had recently achieved this status.

IV. Comments from the Chair

- The Chair spoke about the LEPC Membership and stated that he and the Vice-Chair had recently audited the membership to make sure that the right agencies were represented the right way on the LEPC. He then cited County Code and the mandatory participation and subsequent removal from the Committee if there were a specified number of absences that occurred in a calendar year. The Chair reiterated the importance of attendance to make quorum and that if anyone had questions on their membership and their obligations of participation to please call the office for further clarification. He also advised the LEPC that there may be upcoming changes based upon his review.

V. Approval of the November 12, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Seconded, by Richard Brenner

No discussion, motioned carried.

VI. Approve and Recommend Mid-Cycle Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant for City of Henderson to send ten individuals to the Hazardous Materials Continuing Challenge in Sacramento, CA in September 2015 at the cost of \$15,222.00

Richard Brenner introduced the item and reviewed that this was previously discussed at the November 2014 meeting but that there was not a dollar figure available at the time to specify. The SERC rejected the application advising that specific information was needed in the minutes relative to the Clark LEPC approval. Subsequently, the information was provided and the item is back before this body.

Motion by Kevin Nicholson: **To approve**

Seconded by, Felix Acevedo

No discussion, motioned carried

VII. Approve and Recommend Mid-Cycle Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant for the City of North Las Vegas to facilitate a Hazardous Materials Industrial Summit to better understand the various organizations that are manufacturing, utilizing and/or transporting hazardous materials in, around and through this jurisdiction in the amount of \$15,000.00

Richard Brenner introduced this item and advised that Carlito Rayos is working on getting some solid info together. Carlito Rayos explained the intention of this grant request and the plans for the summit including potential key note speakers and asked for support.

Motion by Ryan Turner: **To approve**

Seconded by, Felix Acevedo

No discussion, motioned carried

VIII. Approve and Recommend Mid-Cycle Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant for City of Henderson to bring in an instructor to help provide advanced supplemental training to the new Henderson Fire Department Hazmat Team

Richard Brenner advised that this was another grant using the same HMEP dollars. Since Henderson just came online with their team they are looking for additional training and they have been working with the NNSA. Richard detailed several people that he has worked with in the past that are also involved. Richard then stated that for the purpose of this motion he would place a \$10,000.00 figure on the cost associated. He then advised that if these dollars are not used that they will revert to back to the Fed's. He then explained some of the pitfalls associated with this funding.

Ryan Turner then spoke about the HazMat Team and referenced some of the training that they had provided but that it was felt that it wasn't entirely sufficient and that they wanted to provide more advanced training, all are welcome to attend from the valley not exclusive to Henderson.

Motion by Irene Navis: **To approve up to \$10,000.00**

Seconded by, Dimitri Theodoro

No discussion, motioned carried

IX. Approve and Recommend the submittal of the 2016 SERC Grant Application not to exceed \$29,000.00

Karen Taylor presented the item and advised it was due on March the 6th. Five applications were submitted for this funding they were as follows: Henderson Police Department (HPD), Clark County Fire Department (CCFD), University Medical Center (UMC), Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD), and Centennial Hills Hospital. The total amount requested was \$91,600.00. As a result of the grants subcommittee meeting all parties involved agreed to forward the following applications to the LEPC for Approval: LVMPD \$11,695.00 to purchase Midland ERK kits, CCFD \$13,305.00 to purchase Cyanokits, CCOEM \$4,000 LEPC administrative costs.

The Chair asked Richard Brenner to elaborate on what the kits were, he provided a high level overview on the benefits of the kits requested.

Irene Navis then spoke to the applications that were not brought forward to the LEPC. She advised that they opted to seek other funding sources.

Rachel Skidmore then asked Richard Brenner for clarification on the available HMEP funding. Discussion was had about the differences in the funding and availability of grants.

Motion by Ryan Turner: **To approve**

Seconded by, Rachel Skidmore

No discussion, motioned carried

X. NV Energy Outage Management Website

Presentation cancelled

XI. A. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

a. Plans Administration Subcommittee

Richard Brenner reported that they have not met since the last plan update. He advised that they would be looking this year to hopefully hire a consultant to update the HazMat Plan and include a Radiation component. Irene Navis then reported that they would be working with County Purchasing to hire a consultant to beef up the radiological section in the Hazmat plan as well as to insure alignment between the county Emergency Operations Plan and the Hazmat plan.

b. Training Subcommittee

No report

c. Grants Subcommittee

Karen Taylor reiterated item IX, she then advised the group that the UASI grant cycle would be starting soon so stay tuned.

d. Public Information Subcommittee

Craig Nimsgren, reported that he had no report.

e. Legislative Subcommittee

Irene Navis reported that February 2, 2015 was the first day of the session with the last day being June 1st. She provided a brief overview of deadlines for the house passages and explained that this is a very fast process. She then stated that she would be working with Richard Wells and Nancy Newell to continue tracking any bills that may impact emergency management and that they will be sending regular updates to the group via email. Irene provided a brief overview of current BDR's that relate to Hazmat or emergency

management or other things that may administratively impact organizations such as open meeting laws. She asked the LEPC to please provide feedback or to notify if there is any legislation that they feel is relevant to the group.

f. GIS Subcommittee

Richard Wells reported on the last meeting held of the subcommittee and highlighted the local GIS resources currently available (*see attached notes and resource list*)

g. Community Awareness & Emergency Response

Glenn Closson absent, Richard Brenner reported on his behalf. There will be a meeting later today though it is more of a small internal group. The City of Henderson allowed them access to their reverse 911. This has been a work in progress for a while in getting the different groups to get their messages together and it hasn't been overly successful. Richard explained what the CAER group is and what defines it and some of the shortfalls of the system. Richard then discussed the exercise that took place last year. Richard explained that this is going to get together this year.

Richard then reported on the chlorine pipeline that connects OLIN with TIMET and what the purpose of the line is and how it works.

h. Community Organizations Active in Disaster

No report

i. Emergency Management Coordinators Group

No Report

j. Metropolitan Medical Response Update

No Report

k. Nuclear Waste Division Yucca Mountain Update

Phil Klevorick reported that there have been all 5 volumes released regarding the application itself he explained that this includes the staff response to the application submitted in 2008. Two major issues were brought up 1. Not owning the water rights or 2. Not owning the land rights, these are stumbling blocks Nevada State engineer controls the water rights. Phil stated that he expects legal review of SERs by late spring early summer.

Phil then discussed some ancillary activities at the NNSS that may eventually have impact on the Yucca Mtn.

Phil also covered the potential rise in EPWG funding and why that may increase. Irene Navis and Phil then held a conversation about the structure of this funding and potential public hearings for comments.

l. State Emergency Response Commission

Richard Brenner reported that the Legislature is in session so the Executive Director Karen Pabon handles any questions they may have. He also reported that the database has been updated anyone that needs assistance please call and ask either Richard or Karen Pabon, there is a lot of valuable information available.

Another issue that they have been addressing is crude oil and the transport, though there isn't a lot of it coming through the State they are keeping their eyes on it. A project that they would like to tackle is the commodity flow study, which is quite costly but there may be grant funding through DOT for all modes of transportation, this will probably have to be done in phases as it would be costly to cover all modes initially.

Richard then announced Karen Pabon's retirement effective May 4th.

Richard then announced the NASTPO and the Fire Show Reno Conferences, the new name for Fire Shows Reno will be Fire Shows West Oct 5-8. He then announced funding availability to attend the show in Reno if you are a member of the LEPC. Richard discussed some ideas for potential classes that will be offered at the Fire Show conference.

m. Satellite Phone Update

Carlito Rayos reported that they have had some great progress and now have a draft policy put together. However, they are holding off on releasing the updated list as he would like to first get a single point of contact from each agency that will commit to which phone they will test on a regular basis as there are some agencies that have 80 sat phone units. Carlito then advised that several months back they had put out a data call, there was tremendous feedback. They are in the process of mining that data and thus far it looks like everyone is using Iridium Phones.

Carlito then stated that the following LEPC members are involved on the working group Dimitri Theodoro and Richard Wells. He suggested that anyone who has 80 phones should probably be involved. Rachel Skidmore then advised she would be happy to participate.

In closing Carlito narrated a "How To" instructional card on operating your satellite phone.

n. ARES/RACES Update

Bill Smith provided the following report:

1. We have begun visiting each hospital equipped with Amateur Radios to update the programming of the radios and other equipment.
2. Since the last meeting, 4 new packet radio stations have been installed on Angel Peak, Mount Potosi, Beacon Hill (near Logandale) and Spirit Mountain (near Laughlin). Also, we anticipate that another packet station will be installed on Utah Hill (near Bunkerville) next month. The Utah Hill installation will open a reliable packet path between Las Vegas and Mesquite. These new mountain-top installations provide us with enormous expansion of coverage and will allow us to provide digital messaging service to between us and other locations heretofore out of range without relying on the Internet. Our ultimate goal is to be able to communicate with NDEM using packet radio, again without need for Internet service.

XII. Public Comments

- Steve Kramer mentioned the Ebola Grant that there was a very short turn around this past week for planning and equipment purchases. At this time they do not know how much they will get from the overall grant award. However, they just completed the scope of work with the understanding that one of the things they may allow are caches of PPE, so he has been working with a number of first responders. Subsequently he has put in for Ebola Go Kits from Grainger, he budgeted for every single police car 2 for every rescue or ambulance in all of Clark County and every ambulance in the private sector. He also reached out to the Coroner's office and they are requesting 5 rolls of bio seal. The hospital association will also be purchasing for hospitals Statewide. Richard Brenner asked if Training is available from this funding and Steve advised that it was allowable.
- Ryan Turner reminded everyone about the EOC Standardization in April all are invited.
- Richard Brenner mentioned training that Carlito Rayos is hosting this week for Hazmat.

Next LEPC meeting: Wednesday May 13, 2015 at 9:00 A.M., Clark County Government Center, Pueblo Room, 1st floor, 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89106

XIII. Adjournment

Motion, by Ryan Turner: **To adjourn.**

Seconded, by Steve Kramer

No discussion, motioned carried.