



Clark County Local Emergency Planning Committee

CLARK COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT – STATION 18
2ND FLOOR EOC/EMS TRAINING ROOM
575 E. FLAMINGO ROAD
LAS VEGAS, NV

Wednesday, January 6, 2016
9:00 A.M.

DRAFT MINUTES

LEPC MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Steinbeck, Rachel Skidmore, Irene Navis, Bill Richardson, Elaine Houser, Mike Richardson, Richard Brenner, John Hines, Nancy Newell, Carolyn Levering, Phil Klevorick, Fernandez Leary, Tim O'Neil, Dave Goss, Solome Barton, Mike Wilson, Dave Dahl, John Fudenberg, Ronald Burog,

LEPC ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Craig Cooper, Jason Moyer, Richard Resnick, Steve Kramer, Yuri Graves, Dave Pectol, George Molnar, Scott Stunkel,

LEPC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Scott Fuller, Tom Axtell, Glenn Closson, Jacqueline Reszatar, Christopher Kash, Sandy Seda, Stuart Turner, James Olschlager, Todd Lericos, Alex Perez, Ryan Turner, Scott Robbins, Roy Michael, Kevin Nicholson, Donnie Foster, Wendy Pagan Bill Knipper, Ed Wilds, Christa Kelly, Ronald Burog, Felix Acevedo

I. Call to Order

John Steinbeck, LEPC Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:11 A.M. on Wednesday January 6, 2016

II. Roll Call

Misty Richardson, quorum present

III. Public Comments

- Bill Richardson, Emergency Manager Nellis AFB, thanked the LEPC for the tremendous support always provided to Nellis and Creech Air Force Bases. He acknowledged the preparations of all EM's in the Valley for the New Year's Eve event and the hard work put into such collaboration. Bill then thanked the readiness of all the community partners that moved very quickly to offer support during the potentially dangerous situation at their front gates with the bomb scare that in the end was a hoax. Bill acknowledged the work of LVMPD and the appreciation he had for hearing from Clark County OEM with their offer of assistance if there was need for additional support. He then introduced 2 members of the Bio Environmental Flight unit that was visiting.
- John Fudenberg, Medical Examiner for Clark County, introduced the new Assistant Coroner Paul Parker. John advised that he would be involved going forward with the LEPC as well as other events.

IV. Comments from the Chair

- The Chair acknowledged all of the support that assisted with New Year's Eve and expressed his appreciation for all of the preparations and how beneficial that piece alone is for building relationships and response capacity.

- The Chair then announced the UASI Risk Profile results, he advised we moved from 24 to 29 on the list and that the response is in process. This affects only the UASI not SHSP as far as funding.

V. Approval of the August 12, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion, by Richard Brenner: **To approve the minutes as recorded.**

Seconded, by Phil Klevorick

No discussion, motioned carried.

VI. Review and Approve the Clark County 2016 Hazardous Materials Response Plan

Irene Navis reported that the update process began earlier in the year in preparation for the annual submission. Irene stated that she wanted to point out a few of the changes and then asked Phil Klevorick if he had any changes on the NNS section. Phil advised he had no changes. Irene then said page five (5) of the telephone directory was updated, she asked the group to advise any changes, none provided. Most significant change was page 2 and 3 of Warning section she asked the body if there were any additions, there were none.

Irene then advised they are in the process of hiring a consultant to add a radiation response component to this plan and to ensure proper alignment. Irene asked Richard Brenner if had anything further to provide, he stated he did not.

The Chair then asked Richard to go ahead and elaborate on the expectation of the Radiation Response plan. Richard gave a high level explanation of the expectations and the reason behind the importance of this addition to the plan.

Motion by, Carolyn Levering: **To approve the Hazardous Material Response Plan changes.**

Seconded by, Fernandez Leary

No discussion, motioned carried

VII. Discuss 2015 Annual Exercise Submission to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

Richard Brenner advised he wanted this item on the agenda for discussion purposes, he stated that this is his 30th year in PERS and that the time is nearing that he won't necessarily be here to take care of this activity. Though he doesn't have an immediate plan to leave he wants people to start thinking about getting involved as these exercises are a requirement for SERC. Richard reviewed the last exercise scenario involving the Kinder Morgan pipeline and 900,000 gallons of gasoline, he then cited a few LEPC members that were involved and participated in the exercise.

The Chair asked Richard to clarify the passing of the torch aspect of getting involved with these annual exercises. Richard reiterated that he doesn't have a retirement date yet but he wants someone to step up to get involved so he can mentor them for a while. He said he would really like the hazmat teams and ARMOR to get involved more deeply. The Chair then thanked him and stated that the LEPC would keep this in mind moving forward.

VIII. Discuss, Prioritize and Approve HMEP Mid-Cycle Grant Applications (North Las Vegas Fire \$21,870.44; Clark County Fire \$29,980.75; City of Henderson Fire \$17,706)

Richard Brenner advised that the SERC released that there was HMEP money available. He then detailed the two existing categories and stated that moving forward this coming year there will be only one category. All things must relate and tie back to transportation. Three

(3) applications were submitted and a fourth (4th) that just came in. Richard stated that there was a meeting prior to the application being release to get everyone informed. North Las Vegas Fire asked for atmospheric monitors, Clark County Fire Department wants radiation detection watches and Henderson Fire wants mercury detection equipment. Richard then stated that he spoke with Rachel Skidmore from LVMPD about the ARMOR request. He advised that he would review it for a tie back to transportation then work with Karen Taylor to submit to the SERC and it would be on the February LEPC agenda.

The Chair explained that due to the unique process and not knowing the available amount of money and that it was a first come first serve grant the language on this agenda item was worded in such a way as to be able to discuss priorities. Richard Brenner then explained the process this LEPC has used and that as they came in to the LEPC would be the prioritization of submission. Yuri Graves had questions about the prioritization and the submission. He asked if there were issues with the amount of money and they could only fund 2 projects would this item then come back to the LEPC to prioritize. Richard Brenner advised that the way they were received into the LEPC would be the priority given at the SERC.

Discussion ensued about the prioritization of the submissions and concern about making the selection in any other way aside from how the SERC makes their selections, first come first serve. The SERC Funding Committee meeting will be on February 8th, this is when the SERC will talk about the grants then they are sent to the DOT. The SERC meeting where all will be approved will be April. The Chair then readdressed Yuri and his question of priority, stating that the most logical is to remain aligned with SERC's first come first serve process.

Motion by, Carolyn Levering: **To ratify submission of the grant applications from the LEPC to the SERC.**

Seconded by, George Molnar

No discussion, motioned carried

IX. A. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

a. Plans Administration Subcommittee

Richard Brenner mentioned the Radiation and Hazmat Plan. He then said that there were three different companies that put in for the contract. He advised that State Rad Health and Nye and Lincoln Counties are also interested in participating, he told everyone to watch their emails for updates.

b. Training Subcommittee

Ric LaPorte stated he had nothing except that the State DEM and National Guard would be giving a presentation on January 12th for the VG-17 Exercise at the USAR building on Pecos from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

Then Chair advised that this will be a huge exercise and that the Task Force will be involved as will CCOEM and the MACC. He asked everyone able to get involved to please do so. He then stated at the February LEPC meeting there will be a presentation to keep everyone informed of the exercise developments.

The Chair asked the LEPC if anyone had any other training and exercise information to share. Phil Klevorick introduced Scott Wade, Assistant Manager of Environmental Management at the Nevada National Security site, a representative of the Department of Energy. Phil then reminded the group that there was a plan for a low level release exercise and asked that Scott give an update. Scott stated that the department for the past year has sponsored a series of Table Top Exercises (TTX) and that they have been aggressively training throughout the southern Nevada community as well as in northern Nevada on radiological material transport and response. He informed the group that nearly 500 people

have had this training this past year. He wants to propose on January 28th a combination of training for PIOs from 8am to 11am location TBA, with a TTX the first week in March. Scott detailed how these two exercises relate and who would be involved.

Irene Navis asked about the final details for the March TTX to set the date. He said he anticipates reaching out to CCOEM and CLVEM to find out about any potential conflicts. Scott provided his contact information Scott.Wade@nnsa.doe.gov

Richard Brenner then asked Yuri Graves to mention the virtual TTX that FEMA will be hosting this year. Yuri advised several that were in the series but he did not have dates for when they would be held, he will get the information and share with the LEPC if there is interest. Yuri then explained how they will roll out the facilitation of the TTX from EMI.

Bill Richardson then advised that they are planning the air show in November and that they will be doing a TTX in October to get the word out. He advised he would provide more information as the time nears.

The Chair asked Ric to inform the body about the WebEOC Calendar again. Ric LaPorte advised everyone to please enter all T&E into the calendar so that the community can be aware.

c. Grants Subcommittee

Karen Taylor reported that there has been no meeting.

d. Public Information Subcommittee

Yuri Graves reported that there have been a couple of meetings. He thanked everyone who has attended that past few meetings. The first thing to tackle was an outreach product. Everyone attending the meetings brought things to share and take from, as a group they are trying to put together something that can be distributed by everyone as information for the LEPC. The second project is working on the Southern Nevada On the Alert Application. Yuri detailed the opportunity that came about at the IAEM conference through the Quick Series vendor. This will be a test run to see if people in Southern Nevada will use this tool as well as how well the local emergency managers can use this. Yuri stated that because of the holidays it will likely be February or early March before it is ready to begin using. The 3rd item that the group has talked about working on is a potential Public Service Announcement in the movie theaters here in town by working with the UNLV film department, Dough Sharp is helping to facilitate this project.

e. Legislative Subcommittee

Irene Navis reported that the last update was what became effective in the summer and this one will include two that become effective January 1, 2016: AB163 creation of rangeland fire protective associations and AB305 authorizes and provides for community paramedic services.

f. GIS Subcommittee

Richard Wells reported that there were several very good meetings in 2015. This subcommittee will continue to work and meet on a monthly basis, with the goals for 2016 to be continued collaboration with the LEPC and the secured sharing of data.

The Chair elaborated on the importance of this subcommittee and the benefits that will be seen with damage assessment, he further asked if any agency has GIS analysts to please get them involved in this subcommittee.

g. Community Awareness & Emergency Response (CAER)

Glenn Closson was absent, Richard Brenner reported on his behalf. Richard stated that there is a HICAP meeting scheduled next week at TRONOX. The BMI is actually in the County surrounded by Henderson. There was Hazmat training in December. There will be a CAER meeting later this month, this is where the safety people meet and they focused on Communicator NXT last year. TIMET had an incident at the end of December where a pressure vessel blew that was plugged up with Magnesium Chloride which is a salt, the man that was removing it was burned terribly and subsequently taken to UMC because of the burn. Wendy Pagan reached out to Richard to confirm the burn type which was not chemical or something that would harm others it was a thermal burn. There was good communication between the hospital and the facility and Richard on the incident. Glenn could not be present because OSHA was there investigating.

Yuri Graves announced that they have been working to rectify the Communicator NXT issues that were taking place and it should be resolved in the next 30 days.

h. Community Organizations Active in Disaster

Irene Navis reported on behalf of Connie Morton. Irene advised that there are 3 goals for the year: a) expand membership in the private sector b) more exercises and training to include notification process c) clarification of roles and responsibilities in the County Plan. Fernandez Leary added that another goal for the year was to work more closely with the State VOAD, he recognized the work Connie had done with building this relationship.

i. Emergency Management Coordinators Group

John Hines advised that he had hosted the last meeting and a tour of the DOC/EOC at the facility near the lake. He mentioned that they are offering this facility if needed to first responders if the need arises and the offer is the same for the facility on Valley View. John advised they are mirroring the EOC Standardization in the Valley for continuity. He then stated they identified there has been some turn over on the hazmat teams and with that there are first responders that have never been out there to the facility. Because of the turnover in first responders LVVWD will be scheduling another tour and welcome anyone interested to join, please contact John for details.

j. Metropolitan Medical Response Update

Carolyn Levering reported on behalf of Chris Sproule. MMRS is continuing to provide ICS training to all the new dispatchers in the fire alarm office as well as working on purchasing radiological air monitoring equipment for the hazmat team. They are also working on the LIVE project. There has been a significant increase in participation from the hospitals on the weekly "all hospital radio check" Chris wanted to recognize the level of hospital participation and thank everyone for their involvement.

The Chair echoed the comment on the hospital participation and the level of involvement and expressed his appreciation as well.

k. Nuclear Waste Division Yucca Mountain Update

Phil Klevorick reiterated the information shared earlier in the meeting by Scott Wade and referenced the incident in Beatty. Phil provided the highlights of the Beatty incident as well as the outcomes that were published in the report from the Governor's office.

Phil then discussed an exercise he attended in Wyoming involving a large cask and railcar transport and that while it's not coming through our area it was very beneficial in terms of training for transportation authorities that may be interested. He further advised that down the line 4 or 5 years they would be willing to come to our area and provide this training/exercise as outreach as they are always looking for opportunities. There is currently an RFP out right now from the feds for commercial railcar.

Phil reported on the public comment period that took place back in the fall for the Site wide

EIS. This was a groundwater update which is an important process to the entire licensing process. He assured that the program is not dead but there is no money. The groundwater public comment period closed in November, he is expecting the final EIS on this supplemental piece sometime this quarter.

Phil advised that the DOE is now seeking public comment on consent based sighting, which he finds very interesting as it is part of the Blue Ribbon Commission. He could not provide further detail as to what it means to have consent based sighting, except to surmise that it will involve the surrounding counties and involved State. He discussed potential meetings dates and announced the initial kickoff meeting for the counties at the energy community alliance group to be held in Austin TX in February. Phil informed the group why this was so important that he attend.

Phil closed his report by mentioning how great the groups in Nevada were that the community can count on for reliable information he named several groups and then reminded everyone how important it is to work together and lean on one another without fear of getting involved.

John Hines asked for specific detail on the Beatty incident and how it was resolved. Phil advised they just let it burn out and then talked about the fact that they know there are future problems and that long term planning is in the works. Richard Brenner then mentioned other incidents that have hit sodium and how they were dealt with. Doug Huffmaster from ARMOR then spoke to alleviate some concerns and talked about the plans for addressing the potential problem of it happening again. Phil then reiterated that there was no impact to groundwater.

I. State Emergency Response Commission

Richard Brenner reported the upcoming meeting date for the SERC policy review and encourages those with interest and input to attend, he then advised the group about the EPA's Western Governors Conference to be held in February. There will also be a SERC grant coming up in March/April some time that the \$30,000 plus the \$4,000 operational. As long as you can tie back to transportation, he asked everyone to think about it and be prepared for the application. The SERC funding committee will be meeting second week in February.

m. Satellite Phone Update

Dimitri Theodorou reported that there are some new objectives and goals. The first of which is to review existing and new communications systems and technologies and present them to the LEPC and the UACWG and UAWG. They would also like to change the name of the work group to Alternative Communications. Dimitri then advised that they have revised the Sat Phone list and it's been uploaded into WebEOC.

The Chair then mentioned that after they had completed the Sat Phone update they decided there were other mediums of communication they could tackle outside of the radios so they will be doing that moving forward.

o. ARES/RACES Update

Bill Smith reported that he has recently stepped down as the coordinator and Tony Perry replaced him as the new leader. Tony works so he is unable to attend the meeting so Bill is reporting on his behalf. Bill will remain involved as the assistant coordinator for Hospitals. He acknowledged how happy they are to be involved with OEM and participating at the NYE events in the valley. He stated that they were able to play with some new technology that night and found they were very effective. He reported that they also hope to get an upgrade this year to enhance their capabilities. Bill then stated he wanted to put all EM's in the valley on alert that the National Amateur Radio Relay group sponsors state conventions.

This year Nevada will host in April, which is the first time in many years. The conference will be held at East Side Cannery the last week in April, and discussion has been had that they would like to have a presentation from EM's for the HAMs who come from all over the State and California, to possibly talk about the relationship between the two, he will keep us posted. Mike Corey was at IAEM and he will also be in attendance.

The Chair at this time expressed the gratitude of the LEPC and presented him a certificate of appreciation for his leadership of and continued support and volunteerism.

X. Public Comment

- Nancy Newell introduced herself and advised of her positions and recent changes in those positions. She thanked everyone for their support. She advised that Jeff Quinn has stepped into the Chair position of the Coalition and introduced Karen Donahee as she will serve as co-chair. Nancy then talked briefly about the progress of the LIVE project. The Chair thanked her in return for her work on LIVE.
- John Fudenberg asked if there was going to be any sort of formal debrief on the recent strip accident in front of Paris. The Chair advised he would find out and get back to him and that he was only aware of individual agencies having their own.
- George Molnar introduced himself and his statewide involvement in interoperable communications both past and present. He then advised that that position was not presently filled but he wanted to let the group know about the First Net project and what that encompasses. He mentioned the RFP that is due out in the next week or two and by middle part of the year they will have information on how they are going to deploy out to the States. This is a five year roll out period, currently best guess is that they are going to seek out a communications partner like Verizon, ATT or some other entity that can provide the data service. The Chair asked him to identify where he is working now.
- Richard Brenner announced that Union Pacific is looking at running their locomotives off of chilled liquefied natural gas. The great thing is that it burns cleaner unlike Diesel, which is what they are run off of right now. They are looking at testing between California and Salt Lake, they sent Randy Gray, Carlito Rayos and Richard Brenner 6 months ago to some training. There are political ramifications so all of the local EM's will be asked to weigh in. Richard explained why in detail where they will put the fuel.
- Solome Barton introduced herself as the new Assistant Emergency Manager in North Las Vegas.

Next LEPC meeting: Wednesday February 17, 2016 at 9:00 A.M., Clark County Government Center, Pueblo Room, 1st floor, 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89106

XI. Adjournment

Motion, by Richard Brenner: **To adjourn.**

Seconded, by Irene Navis

No discussion, motioned carried.