



Clark County Local Emergency Planning Committee
CLARK COUNTY FIRE ADMINISTRATION TELECONFERENCE

FINAL Minutes
March 13, 2025

LEPC ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Billy Samuels, Gary Stevenson, Randy Wilbanks, Jeremy Hynds, Brian Arboreen, Milewski, Harriett Vegas, Misty Richardson, Carolyn Levering, Greg Chessser, Corey Ross, Bowdie Young, Louise Hardy, Daniel Berc.

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Jamie Sypniewics, Ana Chavez, Cheryl Nagy, Guy DeMarco, Josie Ross, Skye Dunfield, Angeline Szymanski, Jeff Quinn, Jeremy Crawford, Amber Stringer, Jeff Hanh, Robert Palumbo, Christopher Cruz, Heather Baldwin, Jeen Clemitson, Powell Hart.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Diana Clarkson, Mario Perez, Jonathan Boucher, James Rogers, Dean Hennesy, Bradley Iverson, Jayson Andrus, Brenda Pappas, Misty Robinson, Warren Hull, Jason Manzo, Ortary Davila, Lori Mack, John Tansley, Andrew Bennett, William West, Judy Lopez, Kathryn Foxworthy, Lucas Basham Murphy, Karen Beckley, Nina Perez-Payumo, Brian Mitchell, Tori Begay, Melanie Rouse, Karen Donnahie, John Turner, Bryan Ostaszewski, Lowel Smith.

I. Call to Order

Billy Samuels, LEPC Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM on Thursday, March 13th, 2025.

II. Roll Call

Quorum present.

III. Public Comments

No comments.

IV. Comments from the Chair

The Chair announced the new Deputy Chief for Emergency Management for Clark County, Chief Brian O'Neal. The transition from the EM side takes a little bit longer, Chief O'Neal has been shadowing and paying attention for the last three plus years on what we have done here in our organization and throughout the valley. Please welcome him, hopefully you guys are just as kind to him as you were to me when I took over this role. Congratulations Brian, you are going to do great. Once we get the formal transition, we will let this group know either via email or on the next meeting.

V. *Review and Approve SERC OPTE Grant Applications

The Chair read from the agenda; Clark County OEM has received several grant applications from its partnered agencies. Currently, we have \$10,160.00 left over from the SERC OPTE grant and \$7,273.00 for the United We Stand Grant. Proposing to partner agencies if they wish to send their selected employees to the Fire Shows West Conference and the Hazmat Conference once covered by the HMEP grant. The funding from that is not allowed anymore, and SERC is not going after HMEP, so we will try to use the OPTE funds, and United We Stand funds for that, so this is possible action. The Chair addressed David Martin and asked, are you able to talk about the projects that we received, and I think all came from Metro, so can you give us an outline on that?

David Martin, Metro put in a few, well, put all the applications in for the SERC OPTE in the United We Stand grants. Let me pull them out for you. From my understanding, they were purchasing several, let me see. For the SERC grant, it looks they were purchasing, they were requesting \$3,600.00 for the purchase of the armor task force for the Henderson police department. It looks like they were purchasing an extensive weeklong training for the Confined Space Rescue and Technician course. They were also purchasing or requesting to purchase \$3,600.00 for the same course, the Confined Space Rescue Technician for North Las Vegas Police Department for the armor task force. They do have one application that they are considering retracting, I believe that would be under the SERC OPTE grant application and this is for \$14,640.00, so they are okay with retracting the application if you guys don't want to submit it, since they feel like they can submit it to the SHSP grant. The grant they are looking, they are considering retracting would be for the Mobile Ad Hoc Network (MANET) Radio and again, the value is going to be \$14,640.00. When it comes to the United We Stand grant, we have 3. It looks like they were looking to purchase, PPE Equipment valued at \$14,500.00 as well as a value of \$1,827.00 to cover the expenses for the Forensic Scientists to attend the ATF Homemade explosive course in Huntsville, Alabama, the last application they submitted was valued for \$8,400.00 and this is for the Armor Task Force to host a homemade explosive response investigation training course provided by The Tech OPS International.

The Chair thanked David Martin for the list and asked, I just want to make sure of one thing, that we were capturing in those administrative costs that we include those into the grant.

David Martin replied, yes, when I did my research, yes.

The Chair, perfect. Make sure we do that. That doesn't take away from the practical application of the grant, it shows other additional funds we don't want to send back to the State. Thank you for that, let's have a discussion real quick. For those that are aware or familiar, this is one of those grants that we can send personnel from all our agencies to the Fire Shows West and to the Hazardous Materials Conference out in Baltimore. Chief O'Neal was supposed to be talking to the agencies. So, where we land on that?

Chief O'Neal addressed the Chair, Chief, I was able to receive some feedback from Boulder City, Moapa Valley, Henderson, LVFR, CCFD and North Las Vegas. They all made the recommendation that they sent 2 to 3 personnel to those conferences from each agency, it is what they would like. We ran the numbers on Baltimore, cost about \$2,300.00 per person. Reno costs about \$1,300.00 per person to accommodate all of those seats, we would have to set aside approximately \$23,000.00 for the Hazardous Materials Team Conference and \$10,400.00 for Fire Shows West.

The Chair thanked Chief O'Neal for checking on that, we are not going to be able to meet all those numbers but that's okay. The Chair addressed Sergeant Milewski on putting all these projects together. I know you have some priorities that you need and want, and you are the

only one that put in for projects. It is up to you to pull them. We are not going to tell you which ones you want to pull, but if there's something that you can and that we can work out is the numbers on those, the travel components we will leave that up to you. You don't have to pull any, but as you know some of those other agencies will support you later in the future. David Milewski, this is the SERC OPTE, correct? Or are we addressing?

The Chair asked, can we use United We Stand to send people to Baltimore and for Fire Shows West or is that just for the OPTE only?

David Martin replied, in the past we have done SERC OPTE, sending them over for conferences. Yeah, I think you could. Then with United We Stand, in the past we have done mostly like PPE equipment, some training courses.

The Chair addressed Sargeant Milewski, I think you want that Mobile Ad Hoc Radio, right? That's one of your higher ones. Between that and your forensics travel and your PPE.

David Milewski asked, is it possible to move the radio over to United We Stand? The Chair commented that he was going to ask the same. David Milewski continued, I will remove or withdraw the PPE project. The value is approximately the same.

The Chair asked David Martin, does the NOFO allow for the mobile radio from OPTE to be funded on United We Stand? Will that fit those criteria, do you think?

David Martin replied, I would need a second to look into that.

David Milewski added, I can articulate it to meet both criteria. Either the Hazmat Mission or the Counter Terrorism mission. Because a piece of equipment or pieces of equipment this radio will support, both of these pieces of equipment are capable of addressing the cyber mission and the more traditional policing mission.

The Chair asked David Martin to run the numbers on moving that \$14,640.00 under United We Stand, keep that \$1,827.00 on the forensics. The Chair addressed David Milewski, do you want to keep that \$8,400.00 armor class or would you rather go with that PPE of \$14500.00.

David Milewski asked how that would affect other jurisdictions?

The Chair answered not on that one, because we can send everyone basically under SERC OPTE for Fires Show West and Hazmat, they can take both under that, so if we have more money allowed, if we just work on two different, you know the SERC OPTE as our travel grant and then we use United WE Stand as a product grant, I think that might be a good way, instead of having to split grants with two different travel sides.

David Milewski added it's all under one.

The Chair asked David Martin to look at the amount if we just kept that \$7,200.00 for Henderson and North Town for that Confined Space component and then subtract out, how much money we have left for traveling on the SERC OPTE and then add in on the United We Stand grant the Equipment side, the 14. What do we have, \$32,000.00 about on those grants?

David Martin replied, yes.

The Chair continued, if we did the \$14,500.00 for the PPE, the \$14,640 for the Mobile Ad HOC radio and the \$1,827.00 for the forensics, what does that bring us to?

Carolyn Levering addressed the Chair's attention, she put her hand up, but the Chair wasn't looking at the screen.

The Chair thanked Carolyn for chiming in and asked what's going on?

Carolyn Levering for the record, I was a little confused about the conversation you were just having because I am reading the agenda and all I see on the agenda is the reference to leftover funds, but I am not seeing any reference to new funds, and it sounds to me like we are talking about both. Is that correct?

The Chair replied, we are. With all those leftover funds Chief O'Neal did reach out to all of your agencies and Henderson's, and it was really for the Baltimore travel and the Fire Shows West travel. We were really hoping that if we were able to get more personnel traveling from our valley to those conferences that LVMPD could take products off the table. That was kind of our goal.

Carolyn Levering continued, I just want to make sure I understand what grants we are trying to fill. We have the \$10,000.00, the \$7,200.00 and then \$32,000.00 of United We Stand in a new grant.

The Chair replied, no Ma'am that \$32,000.00 is the total for that grant itself, we were looking if we can put the products under one grant and the travel under the other, it might try to clean things up a little bit. That was our goal, does that make sense to you?

Carolyn Levering replied, yes, it wasn't clear on the agenda how this was going down, so that's why I was confused.

The Chair continued, we weren't sure either. That's why we made it for discussion and then action, so we can hopefully get everyone on it, because there wasn't a lot of projects submitted, usually when we have these projects, enough of the agencies put into it, we don't have that kind of figure out to not send any money back, that was our goal on this.

Carolyn Levering continued, for sure. Did we ever get clarification from the SERC why they are no longer applying for HMEP?

The Chair explained that we did. He did have this conversation with him, and I don't know if this is the right place for it, we could make an agenda item on it. The bang for the buck wasn't worth their value for them and as the County we look at handling it ourselves, but they expected us to handle it for all the 16 other Counties and I said we will not. We will not do that. The Chair suggested to make an agenda item for the next meeting.

Carolyn Levering expressed to agree with that.

The Chair asked Carolyn, are you in support of us funding everything equipment on one side for LVMPD and some of that training. And then the Fire Shows West in Baltimore conference for another and then we can figure out how much basically percentage base per jurisdictions that will go to those shows.

Carolyn Levering expressed her concern on meeting all the requirements of these funding streams, as long as we can validate that everything, we are spending out of United We Stand combats terrorism, that's the specific terminology in that grant. It has to have some nexus to combating terrorism for that funding stream and then for SERC OPTE, I know we have often had questions from the SERC OPTE whether or not training requests were first routed through the Fire Marshall's Office and whether or not that training have been declined by Fire Marshall and if we have that declination then we can proceed with pursuing other training sources.

The Chair replied that we have done that in the past with Fire Shows West and Baltimore, each time the State Fire Marshall has stated we cannot provide that same type of training here in our state, so go ahead and sent your folks out.

Carolyn Levering intervened, I am thinking more about the Confined Space Training and also the HMA training that's on the list just to make sure that those are in that same boat.

The Chair added that it was either last year or the year before we actually got approved for that same combined space training, I don't think that's going to be an issue again.

Carolyn Levering continued, I just want to make sure that we have those I's dotted and T's crossed, so the SERC doesn't kick it back at us.

The Chair intervened, that doesn't mean they aren't going to, we all know that.

Carolyn Levering continued, I know but less causes we have the better.

The Chair agreed with Carolyn's statement.

The Chair addressed David Martin, I am looking at my numbers right now, if we funneled the PPE, the Ad HOC radio and the forensics which it all fund from United We Stand for about \$30,967.00 is that kind of what you got?

David Martin replied yes.

David Milewski asked The Chair to repeat.

The Chair, if you put that \$14,640.00 mobile radio under United We Stand and keep your PPE of \$14,500.00 in there and also your training of the \$1,827.00 for forensics that bring us to \$30,967.00, if I am accurate on my math.

David Martin replied yes.

Inaudible conversations between David Martin, Pamela Hatty, and David Milewski.

The Chair addressed everyone online, just hang side, some calculators over here going on.

Inaudible conversation between David Martin and David Milewski.

The Chair stated that we got to drill a little bit. Sergeant Milewski or David Martin do you guys want to try to present to the department.

David Milewski addressed David Martin, David, you got it?

David Martin expressed, I think so. Are we going to do it together?

The Chair confirmed that both can.

Inaudible conversation between David Martin and David Milewski.

David Milewski asked the Chair, just to confirm that the funding for those conferences can be provided by either grant?

The Chair confirmed.

Inaudible conversations between David Martin and David Milewski.

The Chair addressed Robert Palumbo and reassure him we were still waiting.

Inaudible conversations between David Martin and David Milewski.

David Martin addressed the Chair, Chief we have come to an agreement. It looks like for United We Stand, we are going to apply for \$14,500.00 for the PPE, the \$14,640.00 for the radio, the HME training for \$1,827.00 and then office supplies will be for \$1,033.00 and that'll be for the United We Stand grant for the SERC OPTE it looks like we are going to be doing the confine space training for \$3,600.00, the Hazmat show will be \$23,000.00 and then the Fire Shows will be \$9,400.00.

The Chair asked, just to be clear on the Confined Space OPTE that was \$3,600.00, you had it for basically \$7200.00 for Henderson and North Town. Are you going to combine those together?

David Milewski replied, no. This go around I'll submit the grant on behalf of the North Las Vegas Police Department and then next year, revisit, submitting an application on behalf of Henderson.

The Chair continued, then on the \$23,000.00 that was for Baltimore Hazmat? And then for the \$9,400.00 that for Fire Shows West. Do we have a breakdown on how much and how many people per each.

David Martin replied, yes to both questions from the Chair. Stated that it's going to be 10 individuals for the Hazmat and 7 for the Fire Shows.

The Chair added, one thing I want to make sure is that each jurisdiction part of the LEPC and department has the opportunity to send at least one member and then if we have more than that, then we break it down by percentage based on the population of the membership.

Does that make sense, the Chair Asked.

David Martin replied yes.

The Chair continued, let's make a stab at this for all clarity then we can, we will wait for motions, then we can have discussions. For the United We Stand we are looking at \$14,500.00 for PPE, that was for the armor side, \$14,640.00 that was for the mobile ad Hoc Radio, \$1,827.00 that's for the forensics lab for LVMPD for training, then \$1,033.00 in supplies that will give us a total of \$32,000.00?

David Martin replied on the amount, correct.

The Chair continued, on the OPTE side we have \$3,600.00 for the compliance basis going to be for North Las Vegas, we have \$23,000.00 this is for Hazmat Conference, usually in Baltimore and \$9,400.00 for Fire Shows, that's up in Northern Nevada normally. That's 7 personnel and then 10 personnel for Baltimore. Is that correct for a total of \$32,000.00?

David Martin replied on the amount, correct.

The Chair asked for a motion.

Robert Palumbo RTC, motion to approve as mended and noted.

Misty Richardson with the second.

The Chair asked for any discussion. Addressed Carolyn Levering and asked if it was more clear now.

Carolyn Levering replied yes.

The Chair thanked Carolyn for bringing up all this for us as well. No discussion, motion passed.

The Chair addressed the group and told them to hold on for a second, we might make another amendment here.

Inaudible conversations between David Martin and David Milewski.

David Martin addressed the group, I would like to revisit the numbers breakdown because there is something we didn't put into consideration. For the SERC OPTE grant there is a requirement of \$4,000.00 operation which is the third two thousand. After talking to David Milewski they are going to retract the confined space training as well and we are going to change the numbers for the Fire Shows Conference, it will be \$9,200.00 and the Hazmat training will be \$22,800.00 for a grand total of \$32,000.00.

The Chair asked, \$4,000.00 operational costs?

David Martin replied, correct.

The Chair stated that we are going to retract the previous motion and projects and we are going to start from scratch on this and then we will have a discussion. United We Stand it's going to be \$14,500.00 in PPE, \$14,640.00 in radio, \$1,827.00 in forensics and then \$1,033.00 for \$32,000.00 total in projects there. For the OPTE we are going to have \$4,000.00 in operational budget, \$22,800.00 in Baltimore, \$9,200.00 Fire Shows with us and we are scratching the \$3,600.00 confined space for North Town. I know this is atypical on how we normally do this, but this is why we are going to have a discussion and ensure we are in compliance with this.

The Chair asked for a motion.

Robert Palumbo, RTC with a motion to amend as notated from your description.

Jeremy Hynds asked, I heard we are retracting the North Las Vegas training, I may have missed the reason why. Can you explain it real quick to me?

The Chair stated this normally would be under discussion but that was because the \$4,000.00 on OPTE has to be under operations and that is why we had to retract that \$3,600.00 that came from the Confined Space Training for North Town.

Jeremy Hynds asked if there's a way we can reduce anywhere else to keep that on?

The Chair asked if Jeremy Hynds submitted this project.

David Lewinski replied he submitted it on North Las Vegas behalf.

The Chair stated, this is where we have approvals and then discussion and we re-do it. Asked for a second motion, then we can have a discussion, then we can go all over this again. Hearing no second motion, we are going to go back and look at this again. Let's break down into more manageable places. United We Stand, the Chair stated this is not a motion, this is a discussion, so we don't keep going back and forth to the same funding stream, the \$14,500.00 PPE, \$14,640.00 for radio, \$1827.00 for Forensics and \$1,033.00 for \$32,000.00. So far if we are okay with that, we are going to take that one, leave it there, table it and then we are going to go through the next project.

Carolyn Levering requested for clarity, for the purpose, specially since we have so many people virtual. Is it possible to have this put like in writing on a screen that we can see so everybody is very clear about what they are voting on?

The Chair asked David Martin if he could share his screen. Addressed Carolyn, David Martin will work on logging in and sharing the screen and we will go from there.

Carolyn Levering stated that it will help a lot, for clarity for everybody.

David Martin started sharing his screen with the group.

The Chair addressed everyone that they should be able to see the screen and asked David Martin to make it bigger.

David Martin started going over the breakdown. We reduced the PPE from \$14,500.00 to two suits so it should equal \$7,250.00, we kept the radio as is, the HME training we still kept it as it is for \$1827.00, office supplies will be \$1,83.00 increased by \$50.00 and then the Confined Space Training for North Las Vegas Police Department and Henderson Police Department, that should all fit under the United We Stand.

The Chair added, for clarity, so this group understands. When we look at the allocation, we have \$32,000.00 that LVMPD armor just cut their PPE in half that will take the account to get that training back for the \$3,600.00 for North Town and Henderson, asked David if that was correct?

David Martin replied yes.

The Chair addressed Jeremy Hynds because his hand was still up.

Jeremy Hynds thanked the group for bringing back the project.

The Chair added that the decrease in the projects from LVMPD made it possible and thanked Sergeant Lewinsky. Continued, when we look at the SERC OPTE that's a total of \$36,000.00 but \$4,000.00 has to be, you have it as office supplies, that's operational supplies?

David Martin stated that it was correct.

The Chair continued, \$22,800.00 for SERC OPTE that is going to Hazmat Conference.

David Martin replied yes.

The Chair continued, just want to make sure that is the correct thing. Then we have \$9,200.00 going to Fire Shows West. We decreased our personnel by one when it comes to Baltimore, correct?

David Martin replied yes.

The Chair address Carolyn Levering and asked, when you see the breakdowns that is a little more manageable to see and understand?

Carolyn Levering replied, yes, it's more clear to me. I am not sure why you need to decrease by one for Hazmat when you only lost \$200.00 on that but, I mean it is expensive.

The Chair asked on which one? Carolyn Levering continued the Baltimore Conference; you decreased from 10 to 9 but only cut \$200.00 off that.

The Chair stated that we are looking at the worst-case scenario and obviously as this group knows, once we start getting the ticket in the pricing if it comes back where we can send an extra persona, then we will all do that. We don't want to leave those out there.

Carolyn Levering continued, I don't think it matters if we tell the SERC 9 or 10, they won't care how many people really go as long as we stay in our budgets, right?

The Chair stated that it was correct, as long as we stay in our budget, that is 100% correct.

Carolyn Levering stated that it looks good to her.

The Chair continued, as we moved on with this discussion. This doesn't happen if we all submit the projects and we are over and we reduce, we won't have these issues. It's when we don't submit these projects, and we have to add HOC to ensure that we can get the training that we want here in our valley. This is a good lesson for everyone to submit your projects and if we need to pull projects, we pull them. It's very challenging to try to up a project when we don't have the project in front of us that we all can be reading. Again, in the future, let's make sure we try to do that. We are still on Agenda item 5, you know this is review and approve SERC OPTE project grant applications. On this one, we are looking for the United We Stand, we have \$32,000.00 PPE is going to be \$7,250.00, the radio is going to stay at \$14,640.00, the forensics training is going to be \$1,827.00, office supplies of \$1,083.00 and Confined Space this is going to be for North Las Vegas and Henderson for their both Confined Space projects for \$7,200.00 and then over on the SERC OPTE side it's a total of \$36,000.00 for going to the Baltimore Hazmat conference, I think that's where still is, it's going to be \$22,800.00 and then Fire Shows West \$9,200.00 and then for operational considerations that we have to meet the requirements of the grant is going to be \$4,000.00 to equal our \$36,000.00. All right; I am looking for a motion.

Robert Palumbo motion to approve United We Stand at \$32,000.00 allocated and SERC OPTE \$36,000.00 allocated.

Carolyn Levering with the second.

No further discussion, motion passes.

VI. Public Comments

No public comments.

The Chair thanked everyone; this was a little challenging. The agenda item we had today, it normally shouldn't be like this. It does happen, but I do appreciate the partnerships that we have in this room that we can come to a resolution. This is not Clark County individually; it is about the entire safety of our valley. Thank you everyone for being flexible and thank you for the consideration that everyone gives each other.

Next Regularly Scheduled LEPC Meeting: May 14, 2025, at 9:00 AM hybrid meeting via Teams or in-person at the Clark County MACC, 2nd floor Clark County Fire Administration, 575 E Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89119.

VII. Adjournment

Carolyn Levering motion to adjourn, Robert Palumbo seconded, no further discussion. Meeting adjourned.