

LAS VEGAS URBAN AREA WORKING GROUP

Clark County Fire Administration
575 E Flamingo Rd., 2nd floor, MACC
Las Vegas, NV 89119

DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

9:00 AM

UAWG ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian O'Neal, Jennifer Wyatt, Carolyn Levering, Ben Erickson, Ana Chavez, Diana Clarkson, Misty Robinson.

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Michelle Thackston, Jeremy Hynds, Jeff Quinn, Diane Orgill.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Greg Chesser, Jayson Andrus, Warren Hull, Harry Dubray, Bryan Ostaszewski.

I. Call to Order

The Chairman Brian O'Neal called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, August 13, 2025.

II. Roll Call

Quorum not present. The Chair announced no action items will take place in the meeting, discussion only. Diane Orgill joined the meeting at minute 4:57 which made quorum, the Chair announced it at minute 5:58.

III. Public Comments

Carolyn Levering shared that the risk scores were just released by the Department of Homeland Security, the new nationwide encounters were integrated, despite this being not favorable to our community we ranked seventeen; we were ranked 36 out of 100 on the new metric on border security, events metric went from 6 to 11.

IV. Comments from The Chair

At minute 5:58, the Chair announced that we have met quorum by an alternate joining the meeting online.

V. * Review and approve 06/03/2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve by Misty Robinson, seconded by Carolyn Levering, no further discussion, **motion carried**.

VI. * Vote on De-Obligated FY22 Funds

The Chair stated that Homeland Security Commission at the state level has changed the way funds are allocated, currently there is \$120,905.00 available; to join the process, we will vote on the projects and then submit our recommendations to provide the best representation of our interests in the Valley, we will vote using the available spreadsheet, each project will have a five-minute presentation to discuss the scope and the dollar amount.

A. MACC Crestron – LED wall replacing Projector, \$48,525.00.

Chief Brian O'Neal, Clark County Fire Department, Office of Emergency Manager. No questions.

B. CERT Volunteer Equipment, \$15,499.00.

Chief Brian O'Neal, Clark County Fire Department, Office of Emergency Manager.

Carolyn Levering stated that the CERT volunteer program in Southern Nevada for the last three years has been funded through the city, this program also serves the Clark County. All the volunteers that complete the process get a T-shirt, safety vest and a helmet. The backpacks have been an issue with the state for several years, it was instructed that they should only be distributed to registered volunteers, which prompted the beginning of the Southern Nevada CERT Volunteer Program. Carolyn expressed her disappointment at the miscommunication to discuss the coordination of this application and how this group should be one united coordinated effort.

The Chair asked if the CERT volunteers in those communities described in the project, should they have the equipment already other than the backpack itself.

Carolyn Levering continued, because of the nature of how the volunteer program is developed, some of the challenges are to accommodate those outlying areas of getting the prospective volunteers to go through the processes of fingerprint, drug testing and background checks; without that we can't designate them as a CERT volunteer; unaware of the process to badge these volunteers, stated we should be working more coordinated and united and not divide projects like this. Added, the only reason this project could be funded under this de-obligation is because the Southern Nevada CERT Program was awarded funds this year.

The Chair compromised to follow up and discuss holistically what this program should look like.

C. SNCTC Camera Trailer Replacement, \$110,000.00.

Ana Chavez, Analyst for Emergency Management, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, project reduced to **\$55,000.00**.

Sergeant Brandon Borden and Sergeant Donnie Ribiero presented this project that will replace two of the four available cameras in crime but only two are functional.

The Chair asked, what keeps the two cameras for being operational.

It was stated that the cameras have reached the end of life and one caught fire on the motherboard and there is no replacement for that part.

Carolyn Levering asked to validate and verify that nothing in this current year FY25 application is similar to the replacement of these cameras, there is no expansion or replacement in those grants.

Ana Chavez confirmed that this project was cut from the original FY25 requests.

Carolyn Levering addressed the Chair and asked if this project is eligible, since she is not familiar with the projects funded in the 22 fiscal year.

The Chair stated that there was a purchase of camera trailers by the City of Henderson on FY22 that didn't meet with the intent but there was a section of fusion center sustainment that included the integration of camera trailers.

Ana Chavez explained there is a line item in the SNCTC sustainment grant for camera trailers, it was sustainment not replacement. Might need further verification but it was brought it up for repairs and replacement for the grant cameras.

D. Southern Nevada X-Ray Compatibility, \$100,000.00.

Karl Rosette, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue, Bomb Squad. This project is an expansion of the 2022 project. Project is scalable. Project was cut 50%.

The Chair provided instructions for the ranking sheets, gave a 5-minute break for everyone to take a moment to rank projects.

Projects ranked as below: During the ranking, Ana Chavez, LVMPD withdrawn their project.

- Diane Orgill
 - A. 2
 - B. 4
 - C. 3
 - D. 1
- Misty Robinson
 - A. 2
 - B. 3
 - C. Withdrawn
 - D. 1
- Diana Clarkson
 - A. 1
 - B. 3
 - C. Withdrawn
 - D. 2

- Ana Chavez
 - A. 2
 - B. 3
 - C. Withdrawn
 - D. 1
- Ben Erickson
 - A. 1
 - B. 3
 - C. Withdrawn
 - D. 2
- Carolyn Levering
 - A. 2
 - B. 3
 - C. Withdrawn
 - D. 1
- Jennifer Wyatt
 - A. 2
 - B. 1
 - C. Withdrawn
 - D. 3

The chair stated that based on the ranking it was clear where things would fall and that with the current numbers it would be roughly \$1400.00 left to keep it under \$100,000.00

Carolyn Levering questioned the amount of dollars in the agenda versus trying to keep it under \$100,000.00; what the conversation would look like with the state on the remaining balance of the funds and whether there was no issue with working it this way.

The Chair stated that **Project D** could potentially take the remaining funds, even potentially up to \$120,905.00 if they are willing to receive the funds later after this goes to committee at the state level. The Chair will recommend the SAA that they fund based on those two items, the \$48,525.00 for **Project A** and the remaining fund balance as much as we can put to **project D**.

Carolyn Levering asked the Chair to consider the bomb squad for the remaining balance of funds since they took a \$50,000.00 cut.

The Chair stated that there was not an approved project for the bomb squad the previous week.

Carolyn Levering continued, unfortunately the project was quite large and the playing field complicated and challenging. The project presented did not make it above the red line and some equipment was part of it, the project wasn't presented the previous year by choice and not funded.

The Chair asked for a motion to fund **Project A** and fund **Project D** with the remaining balance considering that it needs to meet the timeline of November 1st on the full allocation otherwise reducing that to \$100,0000.00 and having the SAA be able to make that determination immediately.

Motion by Ben Erickson to: **Approve Project A for \$48,525.00 and Project D with the remaining balance.** Second, Carolyn Levering, no discussion, **MOTION APPROVED.**

VII. * Strategic plan working group update

The Chair asked if there was an update on this working group, understanding we have been very busy with the FEMA UASI release and project funding. Addressed Diana Clarkson as Chair of this committee.

Diana Clarkson stated that they haven't had time to review the data yet, but the goal for the group would be that each individual agency that receives grant funds will help to identify the metrics that are going to be most pertinent to showing what capabilities our grant funds are expanding. That could be quantitative or qualitative based on some good success stories. Some of our technology or actual specific metrics and numbers of usage of certain equipment, plans, or personnel, whatever it is that you are being grant funded, we will be working on collecting some of that data, ensuring it's correlated and able to be distributed and shared in a way that will be functional for us to push up to leadership. No data has been collected at this point.

VIII. * Awarded Program quarterly reporting

The Chair stated this would be an opportunity for programs to come in and talk about their success; how they utilize the funding that the UAWG has provided for them. This would be a great way for the group to understand the impact of the projects that are being funded and the implications for the community. If anyone has a group that wouldn't mind coming in and

sharing some of their success stories or their use cases, we would love to hear that and have it as a recurrent agenda item for future meetings.

IX. Public Comments

None.

X. Adjournment

Motion by Ben Erickson: **To adjourn the meeting.** Second, Jennifer Wyatt, no discussion, **MOTION APPROVED.** Meeting adjourned.

Next scheduled UAWG meeting: Wednesday November 12, 2025, at 11:00 AM

hybrid, via Microsoft teams or in-person at the Clark County MACC, 2nd floor
Clark County Fire Administration, 575 E Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89119.