



Washoe County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Minutes

June 16, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

Regional Emergency Operations Center
5195 Spectrum Boulevard, Reno, Nevada

1. CALL TO ORDER/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM [Non-action item]

Chair Brian Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was established.

PRESENT: Elizabeth Kunz – RPD; Jason Woodard - SPD; John Galicia - UNRPD; Seana Baker – WCSD; Michael Perry – WCSD; Francisco Vega - HD; Kelly Echeverria – WCEM; Brian Taylor – REMSA; Zeb Nomura- IHCC; Jessie Latchaw – IHCC; Rob Reeder – RTC; Cody Shadle - RPSD; Sara Skroch - RPSD; Ian Dasmann – TMWA; Elizabeth Breeden – NV Energy; Tim Hill - NV Energy; Andrea Esp – WCDH; Aaron Wike – RFD; Alex Kukulus – TMFPD; and Don Pelt – Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

ABSENT: Daniel Bond - RPD; Clinte Bellamy - SPD; Marc Bello – WCSD; Bill Harvey - WCSD; Sierra Hooft - UNRPD; Roy Anderson – WCSD; Andy Ancho - RFD; Chris Jones - SFD; Jim Kindness - SFD; Ryan Sommers – NLTFPD; Russell Barnum - NLTFPD; Jim Nelligan – NLTFPD; Joe Kammann – TMFPD; Ryan Rizzuto – TMFPD; Charles Moore – TMFPD; Dale Carnes - RTAA; Mark Jongsma – RTAA; Nick Klaich – TRIAD; Chris Hicks – DA; Michelle Bays – DA; John Gurriere – DA; Jessica Adams – WCEM; Quinn Korbolic – WC Tech Services; Chris Long – WC Tech Services; Shyanne Schull – WC Animal Services; Tammy Wines-Jennings – WC Animal Services; Paul Burton – REMSA; Todd Kerfoot – REMSA; Kent Choma - NNMC; Brittany Nevin – VA; Mechelle Arenque – VA Hospital; Angela Reich – RTC; Wade Barnett – KOLO-TV; Ed Pearce - KOLO-TV; Matt Williams - UNR; Scott Alquist – TMCC; Ben Davis – TMCC; Rebecca Knapp – RPSD; Daniel Thayer – RS Indian Colony; Nida Harjo – RS Indian Colony; Lance Chantler – RS Indian Colony; Jonathan Prichard - Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; David Paulon – Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; and Stephanie Daus - NV Energy.

Also present: Wade Carner – Legal; Francisco Ceballos - LEPC Secretary/Treasurer; Joe Oleciregui – WCSO and Curtis Espinosa – RPD

2. PUBLIC COMMENT –

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of April 21, 2022, General Membership Minutes – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – Brian Taylor, LEPC Chair

It was moved by Rob Reeder, seconded by Kelly Echeverria to approve the minutes as written.

There was no public comment.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Secretary/Treasurers Report – Information on existing FY 22 Operations, Planning, Training, and Equipment (OPTE), FY 22 United We Stand (UWS), and FY 22 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Mid-Cycle Grants. Information and upcoming FY 23 LEPC grants, member information, and trainings. – Francisco Ceballos, LEPC Secretary/Treasurer

Francisco explained that the FY 22 HMEP Mid-Cycle grant was awarded to Reno Fire Department for backfill for CBURNE exercises. \$1,947.56 was used and the process is complete.

The FY 22 OPTE grant was for \$29,000. \$4,000 was allotted for operations and \$2,169 has been spent. For equipment, Reno Fire Department spent \$15,000 on Toxic Vapor Analyzers and Washoe County Sherriff's Office spent \$10,000 on replacement harnesses for SCBAs. \$2,169 remains from this grant. The grant ends at the end of the month.

\$28,707.50 was spent from the FY 22 UWS grant. REMSA spent \$15,122.50 on Ballistic Helmets, TMFPD spent \$11,830 on Ballistic Plates and WCSO spent \$1,755 on lasers. Brian Taylor asked why TMFPD spent less than they were allotted. Francisco clarified that there was a miscommunication on the amount of plates they could purchase and due to time restrictions, they were not able to process another purchase within the grant deadline.

The FY 20 HSGP COOP awarded at \$195,000, only has \$779.69 remaining. The Program Assistant grant of \$92,000 has \$23,876.54 left. Once these remaining funds are utilized, Washoe County EM can continue on to the FY 21 HSGP grants for both COOP and Program Assistant.

In terms of upcoming grants, Francisco said the FY 23 OPTE grant application was approved and has been received back from the state. The application goes to the Board of County Commissioners on July 12th for formal approval. The FY 23 UWS grant application for \$31,887 was submitted on the 7th after approval from the Grants and Finance Committee. The application included Ballistic Vests for REMSA as well as Cyanokits for TMFPD.

The FY 22 HMEP Mid-Cycle grant for COVID supplies was also approved at the last Grants and Finance Committee meeting. This grant is for \$42,065 and will go toward gloves for the Reno Fire Department.

Brian Taylor clarified that these grants are up for action under the next agenda item.

5. Approval of HMEP Mid Cycle and UWS Application – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – Presentation and approval of the Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Mid-cycle and United We Stand (UWS) grant applications – Francisco Ceballos, LEPC Secretary/Treasurer

Francisco explained that the HMEP Mid-Cycle grant for COVID support was for PPE. The Reno Fire Department applied for \$42,065 to be used on gloves. The Grants and Finance Committee approved that application and it was submitted on June 7th.

For the UWS grant, an application was also submitted on June 7th. The Grants and Finance Committee approved this grant for \$31,887. The application included funds for 20 Ballistic Vests at \$14,900 for REMSA as well as 16 Cyanokits at \$16,986.40 for TMFPD.

Brian Taylor asked for questions and asked for a motion.

It was moved by Kelly Echeverria, seconded by Michael Perry to approve the HMEP Mid-Cycle grant and UWS grant applications as presented.

There was no public comment.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Presentation on HAZWOMPER Training- Reno Police Department

Curtis Espinosa clarified that he is present on behalf of Dan Bond. Curtis explained that he is the Training Coordinator for the RPD CLEAR team. He expressed thanks for receiving the grant and said that it allowed them to complete HAZWOMPER training for the entire crew. When the team was first assembled, there were only a few who were at a technician level. Now many of the team members are on their way to achieving technician level. They have also been able to train new members to an operational level. Curtis said they are working with the SWAT team as well because they have a CBURNE element within their functionality. Curtis said that even though they have had the training for a short time, that they have worked to spread the training as far as it can within the department. He thanked LEPC for the funding.

Brian Taylor thanked Curtis for his presentation and emphasized the importance of the department being trained as they respond to almost every situation in the area. He also asked for clarification on which SWAT teams they are collaborating with. Curtis said he was training in Carson City recently, but HAZWOMPER is not yet part of that wider training. Currently the training is focused on the Reno SWAT

teams as they have had a CBURNE element for some time. He emphasized that he is opened to providing this training anywhere. Brian Taylor said LEPC is grateful to have been part of providing the training and said they look forward to providing support in the future.

7. Update on Regional Emergency Management Events - A briefing of regional meetings, events, trainings, and exercises. – Kelly Echeverria, Washoe County Emergency Manager

Kelly Echeverria explained that last month they attended EMI and is working on getting trainings on operating in the EOC for everyone. They are hoping to have that training available in July. They have also updated the phones and microphones in the EOC. There are a couple of plans that are being updated and should be available by the end of September. The Debris Management plan is being updated as well as the Wild Fire Plan which is being created within the Emergency Operations Plan. They are also working on an alternate EOC exercise before the end of September. She reminded the committee that their alternate location is South Valleys Library. They are also helping Artown and PRIDE create emergency action plans so they can create tabletops for them. They are meeting with DEM California and Nevada to discuss after action from the Caldor Fire and plans for evacuations moving forward. They are also wrapping up COVID recovery. As part of the COVID Recovery program, there was Green Recovery. In the Hazard Mitigation Plan, the only item dedicated to infectious disease was to improve air quality. Research showed that decreased air quality led to higher rates of COVID spread with an area as well as more severe cases. They are working with other agencies to emphasize the importance of air quality.

8. Update on the Radiological Task Force - A briefing on current radiological issues within the region –Scott Alquist, Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC)

Scott Alquist was not present.

9. Update of Washoe County Citizen Corps - A briefing on events and activities supported by the Washoe County Citizen Corps including, but not limited to, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) – Joe Oleciregui, Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) or Designee

Joe explained that there are 16 upcoming events. CERT has 250 volunteers with 143 active volunteers. They have supported 43 events since March. They have held five exercises outside of team meetings as well as two academies. There is another academy on July 23rd. There is also a Rail Team Academy focused on rail safety in coordination with Union Pacific. The Rail Team also has an Emergency Exercise in Ely and Elko in July. Brian thanked Joe for all they do.

10. Update on State Emergency Response Commission – A briefing on grants status and State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) happenings – Tami Beauregard or designee

No SERC representative was present.

11. Training Review – Briefing on trainings that have occurred in the past 2 months and requests for future trainings. Upcoming Trainings. – Brian Taylor, LEPC Chair

Brian Taylor mentioned the training in Emmitsburg which was well attended and helped to build the community. Michael Perry said he would be leading a site familiarization walk at the new Hug July 11th at 2pm and invited everyone to join. Brian asked for information to be sent to Francisco so that the event can be shared with the wider LEPC community.

12. LEPC chairman/board member announcements/items and selection of topics for future meetings - No discussion among committee members will take place on this item. The next regular meeting is scheduled on August 18, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Brian Taylor asked for presenters for future meetings to share how grant funds are being utilized in the community.

13. Public Comment –

Megan Hall from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management explained that she is the LEPC Coordinator for DEM. She reminded the group that School Emergency Operations Plans are due to the division by July 1st. DEM will be holding a workshop in the Fall which will work everyone through the THIRA process through to IPPW. They are also working on the Disaster Housing Support Plan at the State level. They will be holding five different workshops in different community bases which will help create Disaster Housing Operations Plans which can then be shared at the state level to help create a wider plan. She explained that it is not a government work group, but will include community members to assist in creating a plan. The goal is to get sheltering, temporary housing as well as long-term housing into one plan. She added that Division of Emergency Management is reviewing their State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan with hopefully a move toward an Emergency Operations Plan following new FEMA guidance. The publish date for this is the end of December.

14. Brian Taylor adjourned meeting at 10:44am.