



Washoe County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Minutes

August 18, 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 10:01 a.m. A quorum was established.

PRESENT: Sierra Hooft - UNRPD; John Galicia – UNRPD; Seana Baker – WCSO; Roy Anderson – WCSO; Michael Perry – WCSO; Andy Ancho - RFD; Shawn McEvers – SFD; Chris Jones – SFD; Jim Nelligan – NLTFPD; Joe Kammann – TMFPD; Charles Moore – TMFPD; Tracy Moore- RTAA; Francisco Vega - HD; Nick Klaich - TRIAD; Michelle Bays – DA; Kelly Echeverria – WCEM; Shyanne Schull – WC Animal Services; Tammy Wines-Jennings – WC Animal Services; Brian Taylor – REMSA; Andrea Esp - WCDH; Zeb Nomura - NNMC; Jessie Latchaw – IHCC; Rob Reeder – RTC; Matt Williams - UNR; Scott Alquist – TMCC; Ben Davis – TMCC; Sara Skroch - RPSD; Don Pelt – Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Ian Dasmann – TMWA; Elizabeth Breeden – NV Energy; and Tim Hill - NV Energy.

ABSENT: Daniel Bond - RPD; Elizabeth Kunz – RPD; Jason Woodard - SPD; Clinte Bellamy - SPD; Marc Bello – WCSO; Bill Harvey - WCSO; Aaron Wike – RFD; Jim Kindness - SFD; Ryan Sommers – NLTFPD; Russell Bamum - NLTFPD; Ryan Rizzuto – TMFPD; Charles Moore – TMFPD; Dale Carnes - RTAA; Chris Hicks – DA; John Gurriere – DA; Jessica Adams – WCEM; Gary Zaepfel – WC Tech Services; Chris Long – WC Tech 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; Rebecca Knapp – RPSD; Cody Shadle - RPSD; Ciera Sampson – RS Indian Colony; 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: Legal, Nate Edwards; Francisco Ceballos- LEPC Secretary/Treasurer; Joe Oleciregui – WCSO; Tami Beauregard- SERC

2. PUBLIC COMMENT –

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of June 16, 2022, General Membership Minutes – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – Brian Taylor, LEPC Chair

It was moved by Kelly Echeverria, seconded by Rob Reeder 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) MidCycle Grants. Information and upcoming FY 23 LEPC grants, member information, and trainings. – Francisco Ceballos, LEPC Secretary/Treasurer

Francisco Ceballos explained that the FY 22 OPTE grant came to an end on June 30th and reimbursement has been submitted. One of the toxic vapor analyzers was not yet in possession, so reimbursement cannot yet be processed. Documentation has been requested from the vendor to present as evidence of the purchase to SERC for a potential extension.

FY 23 OPTE was approved by BCC and will go to Reno Council on the 9th for formal approval so Reno Fire Department can start processing their order for the USAR Task Force Kit.

FY 23 UWS was approved by BCC last Tuesday. LEPC is still waiting for formal signatures. Once those are received, REMSA can move forward with the purchase of ballistic vests for \$14,900 and TMFPD can move forward with their purchase of Cyanokits for \$16,987.

He said that for the Homeland Security Grants, the FY 20 HSGP COOP has \$503.69 left, and Program Assistant has \$12,124.77 left. Once those funds are utilized, Washoe County EM will move on to the FY 21 grant.

Francisco explained that the FY 22 HMEP Mid-Cycle grant for COVID relief was rejected. There were additional parameters discovered later that kept the grant from being approved. He said this would be discussed later in the agenda. He added that he would also be talking later about the FY 22 HMEP Mid-Cycle grant for FireShows West.

5. Presentation and approval of the Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Mid-cycle applications – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – Francisco Ceballos, LEPC Secretary/Treasurer

Francisco explained that FireShows West will have a HazMat Conference as well put on by the Nevada State Fire Marshal. LEPC is putting in an application to send 31 people to the conference this year. This application was approved by the Grants and Finance Committee for \$6,041. He explained that the conference will provide helpful training for first responders.

Brian Taylor said that this is up for approval from the General Membership. He asked for public comment. Nick Klaich asked how the slots would be filled. Francisco said that he sent an email already to everyone, asking how many people they would like to send this year from their entity. He said that he heard back from North Lake, Reno, Sparks, Truckee Meadows, and the Health District and that was included in the application.

It was moved by Andy Ancho, seconded by Roy Anderson to approve the Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Mid-cycle application for FireShows West as presented.

There was no public comment.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Presentation on Ballistic Plates- Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

Zeb Nomura explained that TMFPD received the ballistic plates a few months ago. They are in the process of replacing steel plates with newer ballistic plates which are lighter and last longer. They have a 3+ rating which means they can stop multiple rounds of 308s and a single shot from a 338. There is better energy disbursement, which means less injuries. They don't fragment rounds which also decreases injury. He explained that they are half way through the distribution. They are utilizing the old plate carriers for the plates which seem to fit.

Brian Taylor thanked Zeb for his presentation and the work that TMFPD does.

7. Presentation and approval to LEPC of SERC letter for clarification - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – Brian Taylor, LEPC Chair

Brian Taylor explained that LEPC helped Reno Fire apply for an HMEP grant for COVID relief recently. A lot of work went into preparing the grant. Ultimately the grant was rejected however, because of parameters that were not communicated at the beginning of the process. Brian explained that a letter has been written to SERC, for the General Membership's approval, to ask that any parameters for future grants be presented beforehand to avoid another rejection. He asked if there was public comment on this item.

It was moved by Scott Alquist, seconded by Sara Skroch to approve the LEPC letter to SERC as written.

There was no public comment.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Kelly Echeverria explained they are working on creating a wildland fire annex to the Regional Emergency Operations Plan. This is to grant people who come to fight fires in the region access to information needed to best fight fires here. She thanked those who attended the workshop held yesterday. She explained that they are working on a debris management plan update which should be completed by the end of September. They are also working on an alternate EOC exercise. It will be a HazMat scenario and more information should be available in September. They are also preparing for Preparedness Month in September as well. Next Tuesday they will be going to the board of county commissioners to make a proclamation for Preparedness Month. She explained that the meeting begins at 9am and all are welcome.

There will also be some tabling at the final Food Truck Friday in September. The focus is on why people should be prepared. They are looking for other opportunities to support preparedness and asked the membership for suggestions for collaboration or events.

Brian Taylor thanked Kelly for the presentation and said the training held yesterday was a good one.

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

Scott Alquist explained that there is not much going on in terms of radiological issues. He said that he recently met with the new Nevada State Commercial Trooper who just finished his training on how to inspect the whip shipments when they come to the state.

10. 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 said they had 78 volunteers for 1,208 hours. They held 18 meetings, 8 trainings, 10 cast missions and 6 events. They are working for the UNR move-in. They also have the K9-11 with 17 volunteers from 8/29-9/2, the Balloon Races 9/9-11, the Air Races 9/11-18, Dirts and Dozers and FireShows West. In October, they will have a Construction Career Day and an academy.

Kelly Echeverria asked if a list of those events could be shared with the General Membership. He said he would send them in an email.

Brain thanked Joe and the Citizen Corp for their support of all the events in the area.

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

Tami Beauregard explained that the HMEP Mid-Cycle applications are still open and on the website. This has been extended until September of 2023 because there is still \$300,000 to spend. The grant will remain open until the funds are used. Tami explained that at SERC there will be a new AA, named Desiree, starting in September. Next week, Tami said she will be attending an HMEP Grant Conference. When she returns, she plans to send a synopsis of her learning to all the LEPCs. She said that it was

requested that she speak about policy changes within SERC. She said that policy 8.1 Plan Review, 8.3 Assurances and Compliance, 8.5 Funding of Grants, 8.7 Grant Changes, and 8.9 LEPC Bylaws and Memberships received a general language clean-up and were updated to include current information on practices. For policy 8.1, they added all of the items that are due to SERC by January 1st. Policy 8.5 added more examples of proof of payment needed for reimbursements. 8.9 spelled out the articles that need to be in the LEPC bylaws at a minimum.

Brian Taylor asked for an email with all those alterations if possible. Tami said she can send them again.

12. 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 said that other than what was already mentioned by Kelly, he has nothing to add.

13. 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 October 20, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

There was no comment.

14. Public Comment –

There was no public comment.

15. Brian Taylor adjourned meeting at 10:32am.