

WASHOE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Grants & Finance Subcommittee

MINUTES

Wednesday ~ February 23, 2011 ~ 9:00 a.m.
Washoe County Regional Emergency Operations Center
5195 Spectrum Boulevard, Reno, Nevada

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL *

Chair Magenheimer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was established.

PRESENT: Jim Caughron – Washoe County Risk Management; Bruce Hicks – North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District; Aaron Kenneston – Washoe County Emergency Management; Bob Knoll – Reno Fire Department; Teresa Long - Washoe County District Health; Chris Magenheimer – North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District; Val Moser – Washoe County Sheriff's Office; Michael Munda – Renown; and Scott Shaw – Reno Police Department. Joe Nishikida – Reno HazMat and Chris Smith – Washoe County School District, joined the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

ABSENT: Brian Allen – Sparks Police Department; Eileen Coulombe – Washoe County District Health; Jim Gubbels – Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority; Chris Maples – Sparks HazMat; Sandy Munns – Reno Emergency Management; and Dale Richardson – Washoe County School District.

Terry Shea – Deputy District Attorney, was also present.

2. GRANTS AND FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE – *Review and prioritize grant requests and recommend action to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) General Membership on the 2012 State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), United We Stand (UWS) grant, not to exceed \$30,000.00.*

Cathy Ludwig – Grants Administrator, explained that grant applications totaled \$43,686.58 for a grant pool of \$30,000.00. Ms. Ludwig suggested that each applicant provide an overview of their request and pointed out that she had included historical data on previous grant applications for the same equipment. For example, REMSA (Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority) previously requested eight (8) 60-minute tanks but had only received funding for five (5) with a current request for the remaining three (3) units. Ms. Ludwig also noted that equipment chosen from the Approved Equipment List did not require a price quote.

Joe Nishikida – Reno HazMat and Chris Smith – Washoe County School District, joined meeting at 9:03 a.m.

REMSA

Brian Taylor – REMSA, explained that as a partner agency in responding to hazardous materials incidents, that the standard is for a 60-minute air tank. Currently REMSA is using

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30-minute tanks and are inappropriate for such incidents in the event the tank has to be used as part of the “buddy system”. Additionally, the request includes Liberator III Secure Dual-Comm Tactical Headsets.

Bob Knoll – Reno Fire Department, left the meeting at approximately 9:04 a.m.

Mr. Taylor commented that the additional equipment would bring the REMSA team up to other operators’ equipment standards.

Ms. Ludwig noted that the hand written notes were for shipping charges she added to the request, that REMSA had left off, but were allowed within the grant.

SPARKS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Matt Marquez – Sparks Police Department, outlined their request for Baker Ballistic Batshield with LED (Light Emitting Diode) Light System and shipping.

RENO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dan Thompson - Reno Police Department, outlined the request noting that the starter kit armbands would allow responding personnel to detect a hazardous environment as well as IED (Improvised Explosive Device) before entering a contaminated environment without protective equipment. Mr. Thompson pointed out that the Reno Police Department is in the process of developing a CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear) Team. The laptop will be used in conjunction with the CBRN Team. Additionally, the request includes high-power binoculars that will assist personnel in the identification of suspected targets or probable component or other devices related to WMD (Weapons of Mass Destruction) or terrorism. The additional SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) will provide a sufficient number of units for the responding personnel. The ultimate goal is to have thirty (30) SCBA units on hand.

Joe Nishikida – Reno HazMat, outlined the additional mechanisms needed to support the detection devices, which must be calibrated monthly.

Mr. Thompson then outlined a 2009 incident that is a prime example of not only WMD but also hazardous materials wherein responding personnel identified an IED. The intent of the request is to provide an additional layer of protection for responders to hazardous materials and/or terror related incidents.

Mr. Thompson noted that Reno Police Department has a good working relationship with the Reno Fire Department who provides maintenance for certain types of equipment.

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WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sergeant Mike Wright – Washoe County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit, outlined the request noting that the K-9 unit is used to assist in the disruption of drug trafficking. Sergeant Wright noted that disruption of the LA (Los Angeles) power line would cut off nearly 15-percent of the electrical power to Los Angeles (California). Additionally, a new natural gas pipeline (Ruby Pipeline) is being constructed across northern Washoe County. Other areas include a Fox Mountain repeater site that controls power and aquaduct functions. Along the I-80 corridor a variety of potential targets include the water treatment plant, waste water treatment, Sparks Tank Farm within Washoe County.

During the discussion the following reductions were offered: 1) REMSA reduced their request to 1) two (2) Liberators; 2) Reno Police removed the laptop computer; 3) Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSCO) reduced the number of Night Vision sets and mounts from five (5) to three (3); 4) RPD further removed binoculars from their request as well as reducing the number of Chameleon Starter Kit Armband from thirty (30) to twenty-one (21).

It was moved by Jim Caughron, seconded by Teresa Long, to approve the UWS (United We Stand) grant requests as follows: REMSA two (2) Liberator Secure Dual-Comm Tactical Headsets (\$1,570.00) plus (\$18.00) shipping for a total request of \$1,588.00; Sparks Police Department one (1) each Baker Ballistic Batshield with LED light system (\$3,895.00), LED light system (\$399.00) and shipping \$50.00 for a total request of (\$4,344.00); 3) Reno Police Department twenty-one (21) Chameleon Starter Kit – Arm Bands (\$3,726.45); four (4) M40 Multi-Gas Monitors Atmospheric Detectors (\$2,156.00), and two (2) SCBA's (\$8,580.00) for a total request of \$14,462.45; Washoe County Sheriff's Office three (3) Generation 3 monocular night vision goggles (\$8,812.65), three (3) MICH mount (\$660.00) and shipping (\$80.00) for a total request of \$9,552.65. The total grants request of \$29,947.10. MOTION CARRIED.

- 3. GRANTS AND FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE – Review and prioritize grant requests and recommend action to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) General Membership on the 2012 State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), Planning, Training, Equipment and Operations grant, not to exceed \$34,000.00.**

Cathy Ludwig – Grants Administrator, outlined the two grants, which includes \$30,000.00 for training, planning and equipment and \$4,000.00 for LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) operations to include clerical assistance for LEPC recording services in the amount of \$2,000.00.

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Reno Fire USAR (Urban Search and Rescue)

Ross Rytting – Reno Fire Department, summarized the gas monitor request which will allow the unit to be self-sufficient and work in conjunction with the Reno Police Departments CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear) team without having to use the HazMat team.

REMSA (Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority)

Brian Taylor – REMSA, outlined the request to add five (5) 60-minute bottles as well as MSA ESP II Communications System for Millennium Chemical-Biological Face Masks. Mr. Taylor noted that the team had been reduced to seven (7) members.

Reno Fire USAR

Ross Rytting – Reno Fire, outlined the CMC Rope Rescue Manual and Confined Space Rescue text books request that will be used in training for all members of the USAR team. Mr. Rytting suggested that the number of books be reduced to thirty (30).

Reno Police Department

Scott Shaw outlined the request for the fit test machines to replace aging equipment that is no longer manufactured and typically costs \$600.00 to repair.

Regional Hazmat Team (TRIAD)

Joe Nishikida summarized the request for Photo Ionization Detectors and noted that the equipment is no longer manufactured or supported and will be out of service by January 2012.

During the discussion the following reductions were made: 1) Reno Fire USAR reduced their request from two (2) to one (1) Industrial Scientific Gas Monitor (\$1,626.65), two (2) to one (1) sampling pump (\$400.42) and two (2) to one (1) BLA Case (\$44.25) total request \$2,071.32; 2) REMSA withdrew five (5) the 60-minute SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) based on Ross Rytting - Reno Fire Department's, offer to loan five (5) SCBA units and retained their request for seven (7) MSA ESP II Communications System for Millennium Chemical-biological face masks (\$2,268.00); 3) Reno Fire USAR from fifty (50) to thirty-one (31) CMC Rope Rescue Manual Text Books (\$1,325.25), and fifty (50) to thirty-one (31) CMC Confined Space Rescue Text Books (\$1,178.00) and shipping (\$35.00) total request \$2,538.25; 4) Reno Police Department retained two (2) Portacount 8030 Pro Respirator Fit Test Machines for a total request of \$16,670.00 and 4) Regional Hazmat

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Team (TRIAD) from four (4) to two (2) RAE Systems MiniRAE 3000 Photo Ionization Detector (\$3,210.00) for a total request of \$6,420.00. Total grant request \$29,967.57.

Discussion then noted that the \$4,000.00 grant is for operational and recording services.

It was moved by Jim Caughron, seconded by Joe Nishikida, to approve the following: 1) Reno Fire USAR reduced their request to one (1) Industrial Scientific Gas Monitor (\$1,626.65), one (1) sampling pump (\$400.42) and one (1) BLA Case (\$44.25) total request \$2,071.32; 2) REMSA withdrew five (5) the 60-minute SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) based on Ross Rytting - Reno Fire Department's, offer to loan five (5) SCBA units and retained their request for seven (7) MSA ESP II Communications System for Millennium Chemical-biological face masks (\$2,268.00); 3) Reno Fire USAR thirty-one (31) CMC Rope Rescue Manual Text Books (\$1,325.25), thirty-one (31) CMC Confined Space Rescue Text Books (\$1,178.00) and shipping (\$35.00) total request \$2,538.25; 4) Reno Police Department two (2) Portacount 8030 Pro Respirator Fit Test Machines (\$8,335.00) for a total request of \$16,670.00 and 5) Regional Hazmat Team (TRIAD) two (2) RAE Systems MiniRAE 3000 Photo Ionization Detector (\$3,210.00) for a total request of \$6,420.00. Total grant request \$29,967.57. MOTION CARRIED.

It was moved by Jim Caughron, seconded by Joe Nishikida, to approve the \$4,000.00 grant request as follows: 1) \$2,000.00 for operations; and 2) \$2,000.00 for clerical services for recording services (Robert Cox Enterprises). MOTION CARRIED.

- 4. GRANTS AND FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE – Review and prioritize grant requests and recommend action to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) General Membership on 2011 State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning and Training (HMEP) Mid-Cycle grants.**

Cathy Ludwig – Grants Administrator, commented that as of Thursday, February 10, 2011, a total of approximately \$64,000.00 in training grant funding for the SERC (State Emergency Response Commission) Mid-cycle HMEP (Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning grant) was available. While it is unlikely that the amount will decrease significantly, Ms. Ludwig asked that the board prioritize the requests. Ms. Ludwig emphasized that funds must be expended before September 30, 2011, to avoid forfeiture of the grant.

During the discussion it was noted that Continuing Challenge provides similar information and training that was offered at the former HazMat Expo in Las Vegas (Nevada).

Ross Rytting – Reno Fire Department, outlined the Hazmat Safety Officer training program offered in San Diego (California) that will be used to train safety officers.

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Bruce Hicks – North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, outlined the intent to include other agencies in the HazmatIQ First Responder Offensive training program noting that the training will enable agencies to better cope with reduced staffing of mutual aid partners. The program will provide training for up to thirty (30) individuals per day. It is hoped that law enforcement and others will participate in the training.

Joe Nishikida – HazMat TRIAD, outlined the Rae Systems training program that will provide training on the calibration and maintenance of existing equipment and will provide opening for the Nevada Air National Guard, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District and others to self-manage and maintain their Rae equipment.

Michael Munda – Renown, explained that the goal of the First Receiver Awareness & Operations training is to provide additional training so that each of the hospitals can enhance their Train-the-Trainer program. Mr. Munda noted that he believes that additional information on the HAZWOPER (Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Standard) training could be provided by Christina Conti at Washoe County Health District.

Teresa Long – Washoe County Health District, outlined the McCoy RCRA Training being offered in Portland Oregon, noting that Washoe County Health District is involved in the disposal and clean-up of hazardous materials.

During the discussion it was noted that Reno Fire Department could not guarantee more than four (4) attendees at Continuing Challenge. Other discussion noted that rooms and vehicles would have to be shared as a requirement of the grant. Discussion then focused on the prioritization of remaining requests. It was noted that the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District provides a regional training opportunity.

Other discussion noted that funds not expended on the Reno Fire Shows would be offered as mid-cycle grant opportunities in the future.

Bob Knoll – Reno Fire Department, rejoined the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

Discussion then provided an overview of Continuing Challenge, which provide an opportunity to review new equipment and other types of hazardous materials training that can be brought back to the local agencies. As the discussion continued, it was also noted that emerging technologies are also presented at Continuing Challenge.

After additional discussion the following funding priorities were developed: 1) Continuing Challenge; 2) North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District HazmatIQ First Responder Offensive (OFR) Training; 3) Washoe County Health District McCoy RCRA Training in Portland, Oregon; 4) TRIAD Rae Systems Training; 5) Reno Fire Department Hazmat Safety Officer Training, 6) Inter-Hospital Coordinating Council First Receiver Awareness

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Training, First Receiver Operations Training and HAZWOPER training pending clarification of the training.

It was moved by Jim Caughron, seconded by Bob Knolls, to approve and prioritize the 2011 State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning and Training (HMEP) Mid-Cycle grants 1) Continuing Challenge; 2) North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District Hazmat First Responder Offensive (OFR) Training; 3) Washoe County Health District McCoy RCRA Training in Portland Oregon; 4) TRIAD Rae Systems Training; 5) Reno Fire Department Hazmat Safety Office Training; 6) Inter-Hospital Coordinating Council First Receiver Awareness Training, First Receiver Operations Training and HAZWOPER training pending clarification of the training. MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Ludwig then outlined the \$85,000.00 in statewide mid-cycle funding for Planning. Ms. Ludwig outlined the TMCC (Truckee Meadows Community College) \$7,116.82 request for three (3) table-top exercises. The first table-top will focus on local area responders with the second exercise focused on local emergency medical service responders as well as the Washoe County Coroner Office. The final exercise will include all agencies. The request also includes funds for supplies.

It was moved by Jim Caughron, seconded by Val Moser, to approve the TMCC (Truckee Meadows Community College application in the amount of \$7,116.42, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS *

There were no public comments.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 10:05 a.m.