

Washoe Local Emergency Planning Committee General Membership Meeting

Minutes

Thursday ~ June 18, 2015 ~ 9:00 A.M.

Regional Emergency Operations Center

5195 Spectrum Boulevard, Reno, Nevada

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (Non-action item)

Acting Chair Tim Spencer called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was established.

PRESENT: Scott Alquist – Truckee Meadows Community College; Jerry Baldrige – Washoe County Sheriff’s Office; Chris Cenac – Truckee Meadows Water Authority; Kent Choma – Inter-Hospital Coordinating Council; Pat Dyer – Sparks Police; Michelle Gitmed – Reno Police; Timothy Hill – Nevada Air National Guard; Erin Holland – Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District; Elaina Hooper – Reno Emergency Communications Center; Eric James – University of Nevada, Reno; Mike Kramer – American Red Cross; Chad Leonard – University of Nevada, Reno; Chris Maples – Sparks Fire Department; Brian Reeder – Associated General Contractors; Suzy Rogers – Reno Emergency Communications Center; Robert Smith – Washoe County Regional Animal Services; Ryan Sommers – North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District; Tim Spencer – Reno Fire Department; Stanton Tang – KOLO-TV; Brian Tayler – Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority; and Jeff Whitesides – Washoe County District Health.

ABSENT: Wade Barnett – KOLO-TV; Gary Beekman – Washoe County Technology Services; Julie Bender – Regional public Safety Training Center; Jim Bolton – Sparks Fire; Lance Boekenoogen – Nevada Air National Guard NV CERFP; Kelly Boyd – American Red Cross; Steve Burlie – Regional Transportation Commission; Paul Burton – Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority; Jack Byrom – Truckee Meadows Water Authority; Darryl Cleveland – Truckee Meadows Community College; Christina Conti – Washoe County Health District; Grant Cruise – KRNVTV; Cassie Darrough – Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Jeff Deitch – KRNVTV; Diane Drinkwater – Washoe County District Attorney’s Office; Jason Elorza – Sparks Fire Department; James English – Washoe County Health District; Dan Gonda – Inter-Hospital Coordinating Council; Tom Green – Washoe County Sheriff’s Office; Nida Harjo – Reno Sparks Indian Colony; John Helzer – Washoe County District Attorney’s Office; Greg Herrera – Washoe County Sheriff’s Office; Bruce Hicks – North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District; Chris Hicks – Washoe County District Attorney’s Office; Sam Hicks – Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District; Dave Hunkup – Reno Sparks Indian Colony; Logan Ingersoll – Nevada Air National Guard; Aaron Kenneston – Washoe County Emergency Management; Todd Kerfoot – Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority; Andy Koski – Sparks Fire Department; Jace LaFever – Inter-Hospital Coordinating Council; Beth Langan – Regional Public Safety Training Center; Steve Leighton – Reno Fire Department; Tim Leighton – Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District; Spencer Lewis – University of Nevada, Reno; Chris Long – Washoe County Technology Services; Teresa Long – Washoe County Health District; Matthew McConico KRNVTV; Ian McEwen – Nevada Air National Guard NV CERFP; Casey Micone – Reno Tahoe Airport Authority; Landon Miller – KTVN-TV; Oliver Miller – Reno Police; Tom Miller – Sparks Police; William Miller – Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Eric Millette – Sparks Fire; Tracy Moore – Washoe County School

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District; Tom Nelson – Reno Tahoe Airport Authority; Jason Pasco – KTVN-TV; Ed Pearce – KOLO-TV; Don Pelt – Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Debbie Penrod – University of Nevada, Reno; Ray Price – Washoe County School District; Jim Reagan – Nv Energy; Rob Reeder – Regional Transportation Commission; Mark Regan – North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District; Al Rogers – Washoe County Management Services; Mike Rogers – KTVN-TV; Bob Sack – Washoe County Health District; Shyanne Schull – Washoe County Regional Animal Services; Eric Stringer – Nevada Air National Guard NV CERFP; Jason Trevino – Washoe County School District; Greta Woyciehowsky – Sparks Police; and Dominica Yturbide – Reno Emergency Communications Center.

David Watts-Vial – Deputy District Attorney, was also present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Non-action item)

There were no public comments.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (For possible action) – *April 16, 2015 General Membership meeting minutes.*

It was moved by Jeff Whitesides, seconded by Brian Taylor, to approve the April 16, 2015, minutes, as submitted. MOTION CARRIED.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT (For possible action) – *A review, discussion and possible action to accept Revenue and Payables reports.*

Cathy Ludwig - Grants Coordinator, drew attention to the 2015 SERC grants, which close on June 30, 2015. The only expenses not recorded are for operations and will be expended by the end of the quarter. Ms. Ludwig then commented that all but \$256.00 of the \$30,000 the SERC UWS grant has been expended and that the SERC mid-cycle HMEP grant will be expended for the upcoming Continuing Challenge in September 2015. The COOP and SPARTAN project grants run through March 2016. Ms. Ludwig noted that a COOP conference and Citizen Information workshops took place this week in Las Vegas.

Hearing no public comment Acting Chair Spencer asked for Board discussion or a motion.

It was moved by Brian Taylor, seconded by Mike Kramer, to accept the Revenue and Payables Report, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

5. GRANT OPPORTUNITIES (For possible action) – *Information and discussion of upcoming and /or existing LEPC grants.*

Cathy Ludwig, Grants Coordinator, noted that a grant opportunity has been opened for FireShows West. The conference is set for October 2015. Ms. Ludwig noted that she had distributed the information and would confirm the due date for applications later in the meeting.

There were no public comments.

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No specific action was taken.

- 6. GRANT APPROVAL** (For possible action) – *Approval to submit a 2015 State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Mid-Cycle grant in the amount of \$2,854.00 for regional responder's to attend the 2015 Continuing Challenge Hazmat Conference in Sacramento, CA, September 2015.*

Cathy Ludwig - Grants Coordinator, outlined the grant request to cover costs to send three representatives from North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District to Continuing Challenge.

Hearing no public comment, Acting Chair Spencer asked for Board discussion or a motion.

It was moved by Jeff Whitesides, seconded by Chris Cenac, to approve the 2015 SERC HMEP Mid-Cycle grant in the amount of \$2,854.00 to send three firefighters from the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District to Continuing Challenge Hazmat Conference in Sacramento, California, September 2015. MOTION CARRIED.

- 7. UPDATE ON REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EVENTS** (Non-action item) – *A briefing of regional meetings, events, trainings and exercises.*

Acting Chair Spencer invited member agencies to participate in the June 25, 2015 2015 Regional Safety and Emergency Preparedness Expo in Wingfield Park, Downtown Reno, 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

FY-2015

Yearly Regional Training and Exercises



JUNE

"Severe Weather"

3- Hazard Mitigation Planning Meeting

9 –Air Race TTX

9-13 – Northern Nevada Sentinel Exercise (NV Nat'l Guard)

16 – PW/PI Workshop (LV)

17 – PREPARE Washoe (REOC)

18 – LEPC

25 – Regional Public Safety Fair

27/28 – ARRL Field Day

JULY

"Evacuation Awareness"

14- Reno Public Warning/Public Information Workshop

16 –800 MHz & E911 Meeting

22 – ICS/EOC Interface

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AUGUST

“School Safety”

4- Public Warning Meeting (Elko)

5 –VOAD

12- TEPW

19- Balloon Race TTX

20 – LEPC

SEPTEMBER

“Preparedness Month”

17 – 800 MHz & E911 Meeting

17 – PREPARE Washoe (Off site)

TBD- Cyber Storm V

Oct 15- LEPC

Oct 15 – Great Nevada Shake Out

Oct 21- School Statewide Conference

Nov 4 – VOAD

Nov 15 – Bureau of Reclamation Exercise

Nov 19 - 800 MHz & E911 Meeting

Dec 3 – Public Warning/Public Information Event

Dec 16 – PREPARE Washoe (REOC)

Dec 17 – LEPC

FFY- 2017

November 2016- Vigilant Guard-17

May 2017- Broken Wing Airport Full-Scale Exercise

Future Year FFY- 2016

- 8. UPDATE FROM THE RADIOLOGICAL TASK FORCE** (Non-action item) – *A briefing on current radiological issues within the region.*

Scott Alquist narrated a PowerPoint Presentation on the National Transportation Stake Holders Forum (copy on file). Mr. Alquist highlighted the number of organizations participating in the forum including, state, local, federal and tribal organizations to share information on the transport of nuclear materials. Mr. Alquist noted that certain specialized weapons and other materials are transported nationwide using non-descript vehicles and escorts. Typically, notice of such shipments is not provided to local, county or state agencies. Of more concern, in Mr. Alquist’s opinion, is the shipment of large amounts of radiopharmaceuticals using carriers such as FedEx or UPS (United Parcel Service). Mr. Alquist then outlined the 2014 incident at WIPP (Waste Isolation Pilot Plant) that involved non-complaint containers that resulted in a \$73-million fine. Mr. Alquist then noted that TEPP MERRTT training video, materials and contact/needs assessment material had been updated and that he will work towards bringing the updated training to the region. Mr. Alquist then noted that it is anticipated that WIPP should be reopened in 2016 and that Yucca Mountain may still be used for storage. Drawing attention to RadWatch, Mr. Alquist pointed out that the monitoring device has an extended shelf life without the need for expensive calibration at a cost of \$40.00 each. Once WIPP reopens it is Mr. Alquist’s belief that the region will see increasing number of radioactive waste shipments along the approved transportation corridors in the State of Nevada.

- 9. UPDATE OF CITIZEN CORPS** (Non-action item) – *A briefing on events and activities supported by the Washoe County Citizen Corps including, but not limited to, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).*

Shirlee Rhodes outlined recent activities by CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) volunteers including the Incline Village evacuation, and a K through 12 field trip and Child ID event. CERT volunteers will again provide assistance during the Reno Rodeo and participate in a CERT Rodeo in Carson City along with Carson, Douglas and Lyon counties.

10. LEPC PRESENTATION (Non-action item) – Presentation on Washoe County School Districts Hazmat Response Plan for High Schools – Tracy Moore – Washoe County School District

There was no presentation.

11. LEPC OFFICER, ALTERNATE AND/OR MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS (Non-action item) - *No discussion among committee members will take place on this item. The next regular meeting is scheduled at 9:00 a.m. June 18, 2015.*

Cathy Ludwig – Grants Coordinator, stated that the FireShowsWest application deadline was no later than July 8, 2015. The event is scheduled for October 5 through 8, 2015 in Reno.

Scott Alquist commented that Aaron Kenneston had asked him to provide a brief update on the Mill Creek Evacuation, which indicated the need to provide both English and Spanish language Reverse 911 calls and texting. Another issue that was identified was the use of a non-local number and call greeting that resembled a telemarketing call. Additionally, the property that has been used for helicopter landing and take-off is no longer available for use. However, nearby middle and high school football and soccer fields will be used in the future. Overall was a great event, responders, participants and residents were all very happy and impressed. There were some issues identified that need to be addressed but nothing insurmountable. As with any drill there are always lessons learned. The safety fair was a huge success.

Ryan Sommers – North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, noted that the volunteers and other had reached 1,100 homes in a 4-hour period. Another issue involved the development of a consistent color coding (flags) that can be deployed during wildfire or other emergency evacuations so all responder are using the same criteria.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-action item)

There were no public comments

13. ADJOURNMENT

Acting Chair Spencer adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.