

# WASHOE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

## *Grants & Finance Subcommittee*

Tuesday ~ February 16, 2010 ~ 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.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Brian Allen – Sparks Police Department; Eileen Coulombe – Washoe County Health District; Bob Knoll – Reno Fire Department; Theresa Long – Washoe County Health District; Chris Magenheimer – North Lake Fire Protection District; Eric Millette – Sparks Fire Department; Scott Shaw – Reno Police Department; Eugene Spoon – Renown

**ABSENT:** Steve Driscoll – Sparks Emergency Management; Aaron Kenneston – Washoe County Emergency Management; Tom Garrison – Sparks Fire Department; Jim Gubbels – Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority; Bruce Hicks – North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District; Chet Malewski – Truckee Meadows Water Authority; Mike Mieras – Washoe County School District; Val Moser – Washoe County Sheriff's Office; Dale Richardson - Washoe County School District; and Chris Smith – Washoe County School District.

Mary Kandaras – Deputy District Attorney, was also present.

### 2. **GRANTS AND FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE** – *Review and prioritize requests and recommend action to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) General Membership on the 2011 State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), Planning, Training and Equipment Grant, not to exceed \$30,000.00*

Chris Magenheimer opened the agenda item and explained that the Grants and Finance Subcommittee's action is to make a recommendation to the General Membership Committee on the 2011 SERC (State Emergency Response Commission) Planning, Training and Equipment grant of \$30,000.00 should be allocated.

Cathy Ludwig – Grants Administrator, provided an overview of the 2011 SERC Planning, Training and Equipment Grant that has a total of \$30,000.00 available for Planning, Training and Equipment and \$4,000.00 for LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) Operations. \$2,500.00 of the \$4,000.00 grant is for SERC administration and \$1,500.00 for recording services for the LEPC provided by Robert Cox – Robert Cox Enterprises. Ms. Ludwig noted that there is \$147,014.79 in requests that must be reviewed and prioritized to meet the \$30,000.00 in available grant funding.

#### **Reno Police Department**

Three (3) SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) totaling \$11,475.00  
Thirty (30) SCBA Training at \$525.00 each totaling \$15,750.00

Total request: \$27,225.00

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Scott Shaw – Reno Police Department, noted additional SCBA units would be used for the SWAT Team who assists the HazMat Tem from time to time. The intent is to secure an additional eighteen (18) units incrementally so that the team has their own equipment at hand.

Dan Thompson – Reno Police Department, outlined the training request and recounted the issues encountered during a recent event on Fourth Street. The mobile training team will come to the City of Reno and provide training for groups of at least 25 individuals.

Ms. Ludwig noted the request was accompanied by the required certification letter from the State Fire Marshal that they cannot provide the training.

### **REMSA (Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority)**

Eleven (11) Gas Mask Annunciators at \$306.00 each total \$3,366.00

Three-hundred ninety (390) DuoDote Auto Injectors at \$39.23 each total \$15,299.70.

Twenty-five (25) DuoDote Trainers at \$14.57 each total \$364.25.

Five (5) SCBA's – 60-minute at \$795.00 each total \$3975.00 less a volume discount of \$198.75 for the order).

Respiratory masks as follows:

Fifteen (15) small at \$258.39 each total \$3,875.85.

Sixty (60) medium at \$258.39 each total \$15,503.40.

Fifteen (15) large at \$258.39 each total \$3,875.85.

Fifteen clear outsert – small at \$26.50 each total \$397.50.

Seventy-five (75) clear outset – medium/large at \$26.50 each total \$1,987.50.

One-hundred (100) B-CBRN Cap 1 filter at \$41.05 each total \$4,105.00

Total request: \$29,745.10

Todd Kerfoot – REMSA noted that there is an eleven (11) member operations team that uses gas masks under certain circumstances. The current masks do not allow communications other than through the use of hand signals. Mr. Kerfoot noted the importance of having the protective masks during transport of contaminated patients. Mr. Kerfoot then outlined the need to have antidotes on hand for both first responders as well as others. The current stock has or will expire in the near future.

Ms. Ludwig asked that additional detail be provided for the grant application should the request be recommended for approval.

Mr. Kerfoot explained that the additional 60-minute SCBA bottles can be used to assist other responders. The requested masks are for use during a hazardous environment response.

### **Washoe County Health District**

SCBA's with extra cylinders:

Two (2) air packs at \$4,280.00 total \$8,560.00

Two (2) facepiece at \$215.65 each total \$431.30.

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Two (2) 60-minute cylinder and valve at \$1,148.95 each total \$2,297.90.

Total request: \$11,289.20

SCBA's with talk around communication system

Two (2) air packs at \$4,280.00 total \$8,560.00

Two (2) face piece at \$215.65 each total \$431.30.

Two (2) 60-minutes cylinder and valve assembly at \$1,148.95 total \$2,297.90

Two (2) talk around mask at \$830.15 each total \$1,660.30.

Two (2) radio communications system at \$1,032.55 total \$2,065.10.

Two (2) bracket for communications system at \$20.65 each total \$41.30.

Total request: \$15,055.90

Theresa Long – WCHD (Washoe County Health District) explained that the intent of the two (2) requests was to provide an option for the board to recommend approval of either proposal. Ms. Long noted that WCHD also responds to hazardous environment such as abandoned tanks, meth labs. The additional equipment also enables the WCHD to assist others in hazardous materials responses and that the communications devices would greatly assist in those instances.

### **Reno Police Department**

Six-hundred (600) CBRN FM-12 gas mask filters at \$43.56 each total \$26,136.00.

Total request \$26,136.00

Scott Shaw – Reno Police Department, noted that the equipment currently on hand is or has reached its expiration date and that this request would provide equipment that is good through 2014.

### **Reno Fire Department Urban Search and Rescue Team**

Scientific Gas Monitors

Two (2) monitors with sensors at \$1,626.65 each total \$3,253.30.

Two (2) sampling pumps at \$400.42 each total \$800.84.

Total request: \$4,054.14

Bob Knoll – Reno Fire Department, outlined the request noting that the equipment is used in confined spaces and that the monitors allow remote sampling without having personnel enter the space. The pump will allow the space to be ventilated to mitigate any hazards before entry.

### **Regional HazMat Team**

Two (2) Scientific Multi-gas Monitors at \$2,042.53 each total \$4,085.06.

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One (1) DS2 Gas badge pro at \$1,990.31 total \$1,990.31

Two (2) Tychem level a suits extra large at \$1,128.75 each total \$2,257.50.

Two (2) Tychem level a double extra large at \$1,185.19 total \$2,370.38.

Total request: \$ 6618.19

Joe Nishikida – Regional HazMat Team, noted that four of the existing gas monitors are no longer usable and that this request will increase the number from the current eight (8) to ten (10). Mr. Nishikida pointed out that eight (8) units had been purchased using existing resources and that the Tychem suits will be used to replace those that have or are reaching the manufacturers stated shelf life of five (5) years.

The cumulative grant request totals \$147,014.79.

There was significant discussion about the use of gas mask by REMSA drivers. Of particular concern is whether the masks would infringe on public, REMSA personnel and patient safety given the limited field of vision and hearing impairment under emergency transport conditions. Other discussion focused on whether the Regional HazMat Team is effectively decontaminating persons before transport.

Chair Magenheimer asked that the board refocus their discussion on the amount and type of request to reduce amount of the grant requests by \$117,014.79.

Member Coulombe suggested various approaches to the necessary reduction in funding request such as a flat dollar amount for each agency. Other means to reduce the requests could be based on past awards with previous awardees taking little or no funding in this grant cycle.

Discussion then turned to SCBA units. It was noted that a 30-minute cylinder is insufficient to allow deployment, entry and any work within a confined or hazardous area thus resulting in requests for the larger 60-minute cylinders. Other discussion noted that the volume discount rate shown in the REMSA request applied to the order as a whole not an individual unit price. Therefore, any reduction in the number of units being request would most likely result in a loss of the \$198.75 discount.

The following reductions were offered based on the extensive discussion: Reduction from 600 to 300 masks for CBRN FM-12 masks by Reno Fire Department; reduction in the number of DuoDote Auto Injectors to 100 from 390 and removal of the respiratory masks in the REMSA request; REMSA also reduced the number of DuoDote Trainers; Reno Police Department withdrew their request for masks entirely with REMSA reduces the number of SCBA bottles to two (2).

Discussion then noted that the cost different in the SCBA was that the higher priced unit was a complete unit with the lower price quoted for only the cylinder. As the discussion continued, it was explained that Reno Fire could refill cylinders as a public service by contacting the on-duty Battalion Chief.

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Mr. Thompson then provide a more complete overview of the SCBA Training program noting that the minimum number of attendees is twenty-five (25). The intent is to provide the necessary tactical, operations and marksmanship under fire training when in full SCBA gear. Most recently officers encountered a trip-wire upon entry that was connected to an IED (Improvised Explosive Device).

Mr. Nishikida noted that the Regional HazMat Teams offers a somewhat similar training course without weapons use that would help other agencies reduce costs.

There was some discussion about the need for member agencies to fund equipment needed to meet OSHA (Occupational, Safety, Health Administration) requirements from local rather than grant funds. As the discussion continued the following items were removed from the grant applications: radio communications system and brackets removed from WCHD; REMSA removed gas mask Annunciators.

Ms. Ludwig summarized the remaining requests: Reno Police - one (1) 60-minute SCBA, SCBA training; REMSA – 100 DuoDote Auto Injectors, five (5) DuoDote Trainers and two (2) 60-minute cylinders; WCHD - two (2) SCBA talk around communications systems; Reno Urban Search and Rescue two gas monitors and sampling pumps; and Regional HazMat Team – DS2 gas badge Pro, Tychem suites two (2) each extra large and double extra large.

Additional discussion resulted in the elimination of the Reno Police Department SCBA request; Reno Urban Search and Rescue reduce to one each monitor and pump; reduction of DuoDote trainers and auto injectors for REMSA.

Responding to an inquiry about mid-cycle grants funds, Ms. Ludwig explained that there is ±\$90,000.00 remaining for training in the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Mid-Cycle Training grant. It is Ms. Ludwig's recommendation that perhaps some of the training request be delayed and submitted as part of that grant cycle process. Additionally, equipment associated with the training can also be included in the request under the established guidelines.

Mr. Shaw withdrew the Reno Police Department SCBA training request noting that the request would be submitted for the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Mid-Cycle Training grant mid-cycle grant process.

The meeting recessed at 9:59 a.m. and reconvened at 10:06 a.m.

Ms. Ludwig noted that an additional reduction of \$2,700.00 was needed.

There was limited discussion about whether the Tychem Level A suits were no longer safe to use beyond the expiration date or if the expiration date was merely a manufacturer recommendation. As the discussion continued, it was pointed out that the failure of a suit during an incident

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exposed the agency to significant liability if used after the expiration date. It was pointed out that while suit testing had shown some safe to use a suit had failed when the shield fell out.

Ms. Ludwig then detailed the remaining requests and noted the HMEP (Hazardous Material Emergency Planning) grant fund could be used for equipment if the equipment was related to the training.

During the discussion the following items were also removed from the applications: Reno Police removed one (1) SCBA. Based on that reduction the following were added to the request: a total of three (3) gas mask annunciators (\$918.00) and two (2) DuoDote Trainers (\$29.14) and fifty-two (52) DuoDote Auto Injectors (\$2,039.96) for REMSA.

***It was moved by Eugene Spoon, seconded by Eric Millette, to recommend that the Washoe Local Emergency Planning Committee General Membership approve the following 2011 State Emergency Response Commission grant applications as follows: 1) Reno Police Department – one (1) SCBA (self contained breathing apparatus) 60-minute \$3,825.00; 2) Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority (REMSA) – three (3) gas mask Annunciators \$918.00, fifty-two (52) DuoDote Auto Injectors \$2,039.96, two (2) DuoDote Trainer \$29.14, and two (2) SCBA 60-minute Bottles \$1,590.00 total \$4,577.10; 3) Washoe County Health District (WCHD) – two (2) SCBA's talk around communication system airpacks \$8,560.00, two (2) facepiece \$431.30, two (2) 60-minutes cylinder and valve assembly \$2,297.90, two (2) talk around mask \$1,660.30, total \$12,949.50; 4) Reno Fire Department Urban Search and Rescue Team – one (1) Scientific gas monitor with sensor \$1,626.65 and one (1) sampling pump \$400.42 total \$2,027.07; 5) Regional HazMat Team – one (1) DS2 Gas Badge Pro \$1,990.31, two (2) Tychem Level A Suit extra large \$2,257.50 and two (2) Tychem Level A Suit double extra large \$2,370.38 total \$6,618.19 for a total grant request of \$29,996.86. MOTION CARRIED.***

***It was moved by Bob Knoll, seconded by Eric Millette, to recommend that the Washoe Local Emergency Planning Committee General Membership approve the following 2011 State Emergency Response Commission Operations grant: \$2,500.00 for Local Emergency Planning Committee operations; and \$1,500.00 for transcription service Robert Cox Enterprises. MOTION CARRIED.***

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT \***

There were no public comments.

### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Magenheimer adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.