

MINUTES
of the meeting of the
CARSON CITY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
September 9, 2014

The Carson City LEPC held a public meeting on September 9, 2014, beginning at 1:34 p.m. in the meeting room of Fire Station No. 51, 777 S. Stewart Street, Carson City.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Stacey Giomi.

2. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Voting members present were Nicki Aaker, Stacey Belt, Brian Crowe (arriving at 2:00 p.m. during discussion of Item No.10), Mark Cyr, James Freed, Stacey Giomi, Phillip Harrison, Ray Saylo, Dan Shirey, and Tom Tarulli, which constituted a quorum. Non-voting member present was Chris Smallcomb.

Also present were Jennifer Mayhew (Carson City District Attorney's Office), Taylor Radtke (Carson City Health & Human Services), and Kelly Thomas (Nevada Division of Environmental Protection).

Voting members absent were Lisa Christensen, Dave Dawley, Pete Livermore, and Joni Maestretti. Non-voting members absent were Jerry Evans and Keith Forbes.

3. Agenda Management Notice — Items on the agenda may be taken out of order; the public body may combine two or more agenda items for consideration; and the public body may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.

4. Public Comments and Discussion

There were no public comments or discussion.

5. For Possible Action: Approval of June 3, 2014, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Phillip Harrison, seconded by Ray Saylo, with motion carried unanimously, that the minutes of the June 3 meeting be approved as submitted.

6. Report on activities associated with the Citizen Corps Council Initiatives

Stacey Belt reported that two of the Citizen Corps units—the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)—would be partnering this Saturday at the Home Depot in Carson City. They will be meeting with the public between

9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and educating them about personal preparedness, family communication plans, and how to build disaster preparedness kits (including different ones for elderly adults, small children, and pets).

They will also be collaborating with Douglas County the following weekend on a CERT academy for those citizens interested in volunteering for the CERT as well as for those who just have a personal interest in learning about preparedness and response in their own neighborhoods. This academy will be held at Station 12 in Douglas County on September 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on the following Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The CERT and the MRC will also be supporting Carson City Health & Human Services for its 11th POD (Point of Dispensing) event in October.

Taylor Radtke added that the MRC had also supported the Nevada State Fair by providing first aid services. In addition, they have begun the vaccinator screener and admin training to make sure all the volunteers are prepared for the clinics beginning next week.

Ray Saylo stated that the Sheriff's Office volunteers—the VIPs—also participated at the Fair, assisting in traffic control and manning the parking entrances.

7. Report on activities associated with the Community Health Care Coalition

Nicki Aaker reported on the following Coalition activities:

- Participated in the planning and execution of the Rural Health Preparedness Summit and arranged for the hazmat decontamination training for Rural Hospitals and the Mental Health first aid training.
- Participated in the Inter-Hospital Coordinating Council meeting with Northern Nevada acute care hospitals and the Rural Hospital Preparedness Partners meeting in Battle Mountain.
- Worked on the planning for the Storey County and the Snap-On Tools Health Fairs.
- Participated in HICS V training.
- Participated in closed POD planning with Carson Valley Medical Center and Carson Tahoe Regional Health—and the closed POD training and exercise will take place October 9 with CTRH.
- Co-chaired the Northern Nevada Access and Functional Needs Workgroup and presented the Carson City Health & Human Services pandemic flu plan.
- Completed the Remote Area Medical (RAM) After Action Report/Improvement Plan—and the RAM will return to three rural communities in Northern Nevada in October 2015 to provide the free health services to the un- and underinsured.
- Participated in the State Health's annual Training and Exercise Planning Workshop.
- Participated in the State Health Monitoring Visit, reviewing both PHP and Hospital Preparedness grant progress and deliverables.

Nicki mentioned that the upcoming POD, which will be held October 24 and 25, was being made possible through grant funds received from the state. They will also be starting school inoculations beginning next week in Carson City as well as Douglas and Storey Counties.

8. Update on drought and latest winter outlook

Chris Smallcomb said that although it's been a fairly generous monsoon thunderstorm season, it meant nothing in terms of improving the area's long-term drought situation—as basically a higher snowpack was needed to alleviate it. However, the summer rain probably kept things from getting worse as it kept the vegetation from drying out as much as it could have.

Over the last few years, because the area has accumulated such a large deficit in precipitation, they were essentially missing an entire year's worth of precipitation—which means they would have to have double the normal amount this winter to erase that deficit—which would be virtually impossible. So, in all probability, this drought condition will continue to next summer.

The latest projections in regard to an El Niño occurring showed a 65% probability of a weak one occurring—but Chris mentioned that even if one did occur, there was no way to predict whether this area's El Niño winter would be a dry or a wet one. And the official outlook for this winter is calling for an equal probability for above or below precipitation.

Chris said that the NWS was planning on doing another YouTube briefing on the winter outlook in late September or early October, talking about the science of why the predictability was so tricky and some of the tools they used, and then wrapping up as to what they were expecting this winter.

The NWS will be participating in the Nevada Flood Awareness Week (November 10-15; nevadafloods.org), with social media posts and talking about predictability. The Governor will be kicking this event off a month beforehand—on October 10.

Chris then mentioned that as droughts can often end with severe floods, they will need to be prepared for everything this coming winter season.

9. Report on the State Emergency Response Commission's July 10 Quarterly Meeting

Stacey Giomi reported that the Division of Emergency Management was working with the Nevada Fire Chiefs Association to get a bill drafted, sponsored by the Governor, to strengthen mutual aid in Nevada. Mutual aid has always been local government to local government or local government to state government—and this bill would make all governmental entities, including special districts, part of that agreement unless they opted out.

Also discussed at the meeting was Bakken crude oil, which comes from the fracking process in Southern Canada and the Dakotas. This process produces a crude oil much lighter in viscosity with more volatility than crude oil, and this oil is being transported in regular crude oil containers on railcars which are not designed for this lighter oil. There have been several instances of this crude oil being involved in rather explosive incidents both in the U.S. and Canada. The federal government has required rail transporters to notify State Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs) if they were moving more than a million gallons of crude. The Nevada SERC has heard from the two railroads—Southern Pacific and Union Pacific—with SP stating they did not transport any Bakken crude at all and UP responding they didn't transport in a reportable quantity. However, because this oil is being processed in California, they know that UP is transporting it through the rail corridor in the Feather River Canyon and probably through downtown Reno. Because of this knowledge, Stacey said that he has encouraged the SERC to commission a transportation commodity flow study on a statewide basis for a 24-hour period, whereby a person would be stationed by a railroad crossing to count the rail cars, identify the product, and total the quantity (by assuming all railcars were full). At approximately 33,000 gallons per tank, an accident involving even one car would be disastrous.

10. Reports of Committee Members

- Ray Saylo reported that the Sheriff's Office would be conducting an exercise with the Fire Department and the Courts on active shooters in October and that NDOT would be conducting an active shooter tabletop exercise in November. Stacey Giomi mentioned that they might also be involved in an exercise from the Department of Agriculture—which will be some type of livestock hazmat event—in November.
- Tom Tarulli mentioned that he had sent an e-mail to Ray Saylo regarding running power from the facilities to Com 1 so that it would not need to be run on generator power unless necessary.

Tom then expressed appreciation to the National Weather Service as the Fire Department was always on top of the latest weather predictions because of the forecasts provided by them.

- Dan Shirey said that a joint Quad-County and Triad Hazardous Materials drill was conducted the first part of June by a consultant from Florida. They had very specific objectives of things they knew would be issues relative to having two completely different teams working together. The exercise was held at the Kincaid Building and lasted most of the day with multiple entries. He said that the outcome was better than anticipated—because solutions were found during the exercise for all the issues they had expected. One issue not expected, and for which they were working on some solutions, was that the typical close grouping of response vehicles for a major hazmat incident caused a problem in that there was no place for the fumes from the various generators, engines, etc., to go so they were slowly asphyxiating their team.

Dan will be putting together a general synopsis of the findings from the exercise and said that anyone who wanted an electronic copy of the full report could contact him. He said that this had been a very good exercise and that the money had been well spent.

Dan also mentioned that the Quad County was conducting its last haz-mat drill of the year on this day down in East Fork.

- Brian Crowe (who arrived at this point in the meeting) reported that the college will be having a lockdown drill on September 16 and that they have completed their Emergency Operations Plan revision, which they will be sending to the Fire Department within the next week or two.
- Mark Cyr stated that the Salvation Army last summer acquired an emergency disaster canteen and trained two teams—and that they now stand prepared to serve in the case of an emergency. Stacey Giomi said that Mark and his team will be able to deploy this anywhere in the Northern Nevada area for anyone who has an event or an incident where they need emergency food for workers or community members.

11. Next Meeting Date: December 2, 2014

The next meeting will be held December 2 at 1:30 p.m. in the meeting room of Fire Station #51.

12. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

13. For Possible Action: To adjourn

It was moved by Dan Shirey, seconded by Jim Freed, with motion carried unanimously, that the meeting be adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Recorder: Judy Dietrich