

MINUTES
of the meeting of the
CARSON CITY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
June 2, 2009

The Carson City LEPC held a public meeting on June 2, 2009, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the meeting room of Fire Station No. 1, 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 William Bergquist, Robert Charles, Brian Crowe, Stacey Giomi, Phillip Harrison, Linda Hurst, Hank Lucas, Lee Radtke, Ray Saylo, Darren Selby, and Tom Tarulli (which constituted a quorum).

Voting members absent were Steve Albertsen, Jonathan Crawford, Kevin Curnes, Dave Dawley, Bonnie Parnell, and Marena Works. Non-voting members absent were Jerry Evans, Keith Forbes, and Rhett Milne.

Also present were Stacey Belt (Carson City Health & Human Services), Michael Hurick (American Red Cross), and Lily Reedy (Carson City School District).

3. Approval of March 3, 2009, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Lee Radtke, seconded by Hank Lucas, with motion carried, that the minutes of the March 3 meeting be approved.

4. Public Comments and Discussion

There were no public comments or discussion.

5. Discussion and Action to Approve the FY 2010 United We Stand Grant Application

Stacey Giomi stated that after requesting input regarding these grant funds, he received only one request from the Fire Department, which was to purchase mobile data computers that will allow the display of critical infrastructure and other facility information by the field units and also allow them to receive dispatch information. Ray Saylo then stated that the Undersheriff

wanted to know if it would be possible to acquire additional portable radios through these grant funds. Stacey responded that it would be possible to request them but that all information regarding the radios would have to be submitted to him by the next day, and the Committee would need to approve that request at this meeting. The Fire Department's request was for the entire grant amount of \$30,000, but that could be lowered to accommodate the radio request. Ray said that they would like to request two radios as they are in the process of getting all the radios within the city basically the same, at an approximate cost of \$2,300 each.

There was then discussion regarding these requests and the importance of purchasing the radios versus additional computers. Ray responded that not only regular patrol officers responded to hazardous spill type situations, but reserves and volunteers responded as well, and in the event a situation required the use of encryption, the majority of the people beyond the perimeter would not have communications. Stacey said that when this grant is written, it will have to be tied into all the components he had previously sent to the Undersheriff, and unless that can be done, this request cannot be submitted to the SERC because it would not be approved. He said that the three components needing to be addressed were threat and risk mitigation, infrastructure protection, and accomplishment of the objectives in the State Homeland Security Strategy. Ray responded that this could be done, and Stacey said that this information would need to be submitted to him by the end of the following business day in order for the grant to be prepared in time to submit by the deadline date of June 8. A question was then raised as to how much the radio request would reduce the number of computers to be requested, and Stacey replied one less.

It was then moved by Ray Saylo, seconded by Lee Radtke, with motion carried, that the committee approve the purchase of two XTS 2500 hand-held radios up to \$5,000 and the purchase of mobile data computers (MDCs) for the remainder of the \$30,000, and if the Undersheriff cannot get the necessary information on the radios to the LEPC Chair to adequately write the grant, all \$30,000 will be allocated for the MDCs.

6. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Carson Tahoe Regional Health Care (CTRHC) Hazard Vulnerability Analyses

Hank Lucas said that these hazard vulnerability analyses were required to be shared by CTRHC with the community, and the two community entities were the LEPC and the Carson City Public Health Care Coalition. The analyses were distributed—one for the Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center (CTRMC) and one for the Behavioral Health Services (BHS). Hank briefly went over the forms, which listed various events with a grading for their probability, magnitude, mitigation, and severity, along with an overall percentage of their relative risk. Hank then mentioned that the regional medical centers in Washoe County used a different format for this report as they had different issues but that CTRHC will be switching over to that format next year as a matter of consistency by just modifying some of those issues.

7. Report of the April 9 Quarterly State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Meeting

Stacey Giomi reported that there had been an interesting presentation at this SERC meeting by the Defense Logistics Agency (a division of the U.S. Department of Defense) which is responsible for maintaining the U.S. Government's strategic stockpile of precious metals. One of those metals is mercury, and it is planned to move all the strategic stockpiles of that metal to one location—Hawthorne. There have been some obstacles to this process over the last few years, including one posed by the state when the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (DEP) heard about the plan and wanted to know more about it. The transportation is now scheduled to begin late fall or early winter from various sites around the country and the exact route is not yet known. Once the Nevada DEP permits them, a transportation route will be announced, with the material then being moved five to six months later. Stacey did not believe the material would come through Carson City on its way to Hawthorne, but it could come through the four-county region which was served by the Quad-County HazMat Team, of which Carson City was a member.

8. Reports from LEPC Members

- Phillip Harrison asked Stacey about their present capabilities to access the combined agency hazmat facility reports which facilities were now entering online in the new state hazmat database. Stacey responded that he planned a small demonstration of this system immediately following today's meeting. Phillip said that this online process went very smoothly on his facility's part, but Stacey mentioned that perhaps it was a bit more difficult for the smaller "mom and pop" places that were just meeting the threshold to report but that even those should become easier over time.
- Ray Saylo stated that a couple of their people participated in evacuation training a couple of days ago through the EOC in Reno. Also, on May 22, there was a mass mailing of aspirin samples, and because these white tablets can turn into white powder after being tossed around, complaints have been received around the country regarding suspicious white powder.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next committee meeting is scheduled for September 1 at 1:30 p.m. in the meeting room of Fire Station #1.

10. Adjournment

It was moved by Robert Charles, seconded by Darren Selby, with motion carried, that the meeting be adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Recorder: Judy Dietrich