

**MINUTES
of the meeting of the
CARSON CITY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
March 2, 2010**

The Carson City LEPC held a public meeting on March 2, 2010, 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, Kevin Curnes, Stacey Giomi, Linda Hurst, Hank Lucas, Bonnie Parnell, Lee Radtke, Ray Saylo, Tom Tarulli, and Marena Works (which constituted a quorum).

Voting members absent were Jonathan Crawford, Dave Dawley, Phillip Harrison, and Darren Selby. Non-voting members absent were Jerry Evans, Keith Forbes, and Rhett Milne.

Also present was Michael Hurick (American Red Cross).

3. Approval of December 1, 2009, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Robert Charles, seconded by Ray Saylo, with motion carried, that the minutes of the December 1 meeting be approved as submitted.

4. Public Comments and Discussion

There were no public comments or discussion.

5. Discussion and Action to Appoint Michael Hurick of the American Red Cross as a Community Group Member Representative on the LEPC

Stacey Giomi said that Michael Hurick had expressed an interest in joining the LEPC and that the committee could use an additional community member as a representative. It was then moved by Lee Radtke, seconded by Brian Crowe, with motion carried, that Michael Hurick be appointed as a member of the LEPC.

6. Discussion and Action to Approve the FY 2011 State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Planning, Training, Equipment, and Operations Grant Application

A copy of the proposed grant application was distributed to the committee, with Stacey saying that this was the annual grant application under which items for the haz-mat team were applied for. Requested in this grant was \$30,000 for equipment and \$4,000 for operations.

He stated that in 2008, there had been some white powder incidents to which the Nevada Civil Support Team had responded and that one of the pieces of specialized equipment they had was a haz-mat sensor that could detect unknowns, even through containers. He said that from a responders's perspective, it was much safer to analyze a product through a sealed envelope or bag than by opening it. He said that the purchase price of this equipment would exceed the amount that could be requested through the grant but that the City would absorb the remainder of the cost. He felt this would be a very worthwhile piece of equipment, particularly in ruling out those things that turned out to be nothing, as it would cut down the responders' time on scene as well as give both them and the public more peace of mind in knowing that the substance was not hazardous. Stacey mentioned that this piece of equipment could also be used by others in the community, such as the hospital or the health department.

Upon a question as to whether the device contained any consumables, Stacey said that most devices such as these had consumable sensors that would need to be calibrated and occasionally replaced. He mentioned that this purchase would include a one-year warranty with extended libraries and that it was hoped to then find funds in the future to buy the unlimited library which would include an unlimited maintenance schedule.

It was moved by Hank Lucas, seconded by Bonnie Parnell, with motion carried, that the committee approve the submission of the grant application to the State Emergency Response Commission for the purchase of a FirstDefender handheld Raman spectrometer. (This purchase would also include on-site training and extended libraries for the device).

7. Discussion and Action to Approve the Formation of a Citizen Corps Advisory Subcommittee and the Appointment of a Chairperson

Stacey mentioned that there were several volunteer agencies within the community—including the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) primarily out of the Fire Department, the Medical Reserve Corps primarily out of the Health Department, and the volunteer group working out of the Sheriff's Department. He stated that the State Division of Emergency Management, in order to continue its oversight and funding through various agencies, wanted the creation of a Citizen Corps Advisory Subcommittee to oversee all these volunteer organizations.

Stacey felt that this advisory group could become a subcommittee of the LEPC, with the LEPC electing a chairperson for it, and that when there were issues to be addressed, the subcommittee could meet (following the Open Meeting Law) prior to the meeting of the full committee. This would allow the volunteer agencies to have the necessary oversight. In

regard to the chairperson for this subcommittee, Stacey suggested Lee Radtke as he was an active member of the CERT.

After further discussion regarding this matter, it was moved by Ray Saylo, seconded by Kevin Curnes, with motion carried, that the committee approve the formation of a Citizen Corps Advisory Subcommittee, with Lee Radtke as its chair and the committee as a whole serving as its members.

8. Report of the January 14 Quarterly Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Meeting

Stacey stated that there was some discussion at the meeting regarding mining and the industry's reporting of hazardous materials and fees paid. He said that when mines were being actively mined, they fell under MSHA (Mining Safety and Health Administration) regulations, but when they were not, they fell under OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration). It was stated at the meeting that the industry was reporting but the question was whether they should be exempt from the fees paid to the SERC. (This matter will be looked into and a report presented at the SERC's next quarterly meeting.)

Stacey said that the HazMat Explo in Las Vegas had been cancelled last year because Clark County was no longer able to conduct it, but that the Nevada Fire Chiefs Association will be adding a haz-mat component to its conference to be held this October in Reno. This component, however, will be geared mainly to responders rather than the conference offering the numerous other tracks that had been available at the Explo.

9. Reports from LEPC Members

- William Bergquist stated that he had contacted the tribe's legal counsel regarding Rupert's Auto Body and his providing the hazardous materials information he maintained on the facility to the Fire Department. Although he has not yet received a reply, he hoped to have an opinion on this matter by the next committee meeting.
- Bonnie Parnell reported on the special session held last week by the legislature and stated that no local dollars were attached by the state (which had been a concern of the locals). She said that only three sets of fees were increased—affecting the Secretary of State, the Gaming Board, and the mining industry. State employees received no further salary decreases and will begin working 4/10s—and education was not cut as much as had been expected. Bonnie then briefly discussed some of the other issues addressed at the session.
- Michael Hurick said that February had been a very quiet month for the Red Cross (with no calls throughout the state). He mentioned that in regard to the earthquake in Haiti, people in Northern Nevada donated over \$100,000 for the relief effort and that \$323 million was raised nationwide. There was then some discussion as to whether the recent worldwide earthquakes would be affecting the tectonic system in Nevada and California, and it was felt that they would and that the odds of a significant earthquake occurring in

this area increased each year.

- Lee Radtke said that Gary Dunn (Carson City's Emergency Preparedness Coordinator) will be coordinating a citywide exercise to be held in May, which will involve evacuating the Clear Creek area and setting up a shelter in Fuji Park, and that some assistance with this exercise may be requested.
- Hank Lucas said that Renown has an emergency operations exercise planned for the second or third week in May involving a partial evacuation of the hospital, in which Carson-Tahoe will be participating. An empty floor at Renown will be used for the exercise, with area hospitals supplying staff to observe and monitor the actual function of an evacuation. The second day of the exercise will involve the area regional hospitals functioning as receiving facilities for Renown's patients based on the assumption the building was no longer viable (which will satisfy Carson-Tahoe's need for a patient surge required for certification). He also mentioned that others, including REMSA and Sparks Fire, will be putting together a tabletop on the actual transportation component.

Hank also mentioned for the benefit of the Fire and Sheriff's Departments that there were now access controls on the hospital's behavioral health building, which was the same system and which used the same codes as the back door of the emergency department.

10. Next Meeting Date

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

11. Adjournment

It was moved by Hank Lucas, seconded by Brian Crowe, with motion carried, that the meeting be adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Recorder: Judy Dietrich