

**MINUTES
of the meeting of the
CARSON CITY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)**

September 14, 2010

The Carson City LEPC held a public meeting on September 14, 2010, beginning at 1:31 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 Alternate Chair Tom Tarulli.

2. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Voting members present were William Bergquist, Brian Crowe, Kevin Curnes, Linda Hurst, Hank Lucas, Lee Radtke, Ray Saylo, Darren Selby, Tom Tarulli, and Marena Works (which constituted a quorum). Also present were Caroline Panches (American Red Cross) and Mary Ellen Radtke.

Voting members absent were Robert Charles, Jonathan Crawford, Dave Dawley, Stacey Giomi, Phillip Harrison, and Bonnie Parnell. Non-voting members absent were Jerry Evans, Keith Forbes, and Rhett Milne.

3. Approval of June 1, 2010, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Hank Lucas, seconded by Lee Radtke, with motion carried, that the minutes of the June 1 meeting be approved as submitted.

4. Public Comments and Discussion

There were no public comments or discussion.

5. Discussion and Action to Appoint John Arneson (Carson City Fire Department Training Chief) as Replacement for Bob Charles as the Firefighting Representative on the LEPC

Tom Tarulli said that Bob Charles was now on shift and John Arneson has replaced him as the Carson City Fire Department Training Chief. So because John was a 40-hour a week staff person, the Fire Department would like him to replace Bob as the firefighting representative on the LEPC.

It was then moved by by Kevin Curnes, seconded by Ray Saylo, with motion carried, that John Arneson, Carson City Fire Department Training Chief, be appointed to the LEPC.

6. Discussion Regarding Michael Hurick of the American Red Cross No Longer Being a Member of the LEPC

Tom Tarulli said that they have received notice that Michael Hurick resigned from the American Red Cross (ARC) and that he would therefore no longer be a member of the LEPC. Caroline PUNCHES said that Michael has moved out of state and that the ARC was currently interviewing for his former position and hoped to have someone in place by October 1. She said, however, that they were not sure whether that person would be the appropriate one to participate on the LEPC or whether the committee would prefer to have a more local person, such as a volunteer who had some expertise in emergency management and the EOC concept, and could act as a government liaison.

Tom felt that the ARC would be better able to make that decision as to which staff person or volunteer would be the best person to join the committee after its new person was in place.

7. Discussion and Action to Approve the FFY 2010 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Mid-Cycle Grant Application

Tom Tarulli distributed a copy of the letter application submitted to the State Emergency Response Commission requesting funds to send ten personnel to the HazMat Conference being held in conjunction with Fire Shows Reno, at a cost of \$195 each. Tom said that he has received four to five requests to attend this conference, so there was still room for other LEPC members to participate if they so desired. The conference will be held October 25-27.

It was moved by Hank Lucas, seconded by Darren Selby, with motion carried, that the LEPC approve the grant application to send ten attendees at \$195 each to the HazMat Conference at Fire Shows Reno.

8. Report on School Flu Vaccination Campaign

Marena Works reported that Carson City Health & Human Services will be going into the Carson City schools next week, offering free immunizations to all students who have obtained parental permissions. They are doing the campaign this year because of the success of last year's H1N1 campaign. The cost of the vaccine will be subsidized by the State Health Department. In addition, they have received community grants, mainly from local businesses, supporting the purchase of the actual immunization supplies. She mentioned that this year's seasonal flu vaccine does include H1N1.

Kevin Curnes said that the school district was very thankful for all of this support because last year when the absenteeism rates were spiking in all the schools surrounding them, their rate was flatlined.

9. Report on Setting Up Mobile Medical Facility for Testing Purposes

Marena Works said that the Health & Human Services' mobile medical facility was an air-filled tent meant to be used when a temporary medical facility needed to be set up very rapidly. The department set up this facility in mid-August for testing purposes, both because they had not set it up for over a year and because they wanted to determine if it could be cooled down enough in order for it to be used as a temporary morgue. The tent was set up inside the pavilion at Fuji Park, and although they were able to cool it down to the recommended 45 degrees, that temperature could not be sustained and quickly went back up to about 60 degrees. So although they did not feel the facility could be used for this purpose, the exercise was worthwhile as it gave them a chance to remember how to set the tent up, get the generators running, etc.

Ray Saylo mentioned that the facility being set up inside rather than outside was good from a security standpoint because if they needed to do anything, they could then do it within a secured area.

10. Submission of Sierra Surgery Hospital's Hazard and Vulnerability Analysis for Review and Comment

Hank Lucas distributed Sierra Surgery Hospital's Hazard and Vulnerability Analysis, stating that they were required by Joint Commission Standards to share this analysis with the local emergency operations committees—which in Carson City would be this committee. He said that the analysis consisted of rating the probability of various events offset by their preparedness for them. Some of the hospital's biggest risks were the same as the Regional Medical Center's—such as earthquakes, civil disturbances, and water failure (loss of water supply). Hank mentioned that one of the major concerns relating to water would be if there was a break in the line as it could lead to possible contamination, necessitating flushing the systems, water testing the systems, sending samples to the state, etc. He then mentioned the various operations of the hospital dependent upon water and how a water disruption would affect them.

11. Report of the July 8 Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Meeting

Tom Tarulli reported on a few of the items covered at the July 8 SERC meeting as follows:

A fuel tanker had overturned in Elko, spilling 4500 gallons onto Highway 93, which closed the highway for a period of time. Tom then mentioned that there had also recently been a hydrochloric acid leak in the Fallon Water Treatment Plant, to which the Quad County Hazardous Materials Team responded along with other agencies and contractors. An after-action review on this incident will be conducted on Friday, and Tom mentioned that Chief Giomi would probably share those results with the committee at its next meeting. Darren Selby added that the plant has had two other spills since that incident.

Senate Bill 60 was currently being worked on, which will set standards on how meth labs will be cleaned up. Tom said that one of the problems they have been seeing is when renters turn houses into meth labs and, then, after they vacate the premises, the owners are faced with the aftermath, with the resulting confusion as to who is responsible for all the cleanup. So SB60 will establish rules and standards as to who cleans the lab, how it is cleaned, etc., with the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection being the lead in how this will be implemented.

12. Next Meeting Date

The next committee meeting is scheduled for December 7 at 1:30 p.m. in the meeting room of Fire Station #1.

13. Adjournment

Lee Radtke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Recorder: Judy Dietrich