

MINUTES
of the Meeting of the
Carson City
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
June 7, 2022

The Carson City Local Emergency Planning Committee held a public meeting on June 7, 2022, beginning at 1:30 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, Sean Slamon.

2. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Voting members present were Nicki Aaker, Rick Cooley, Ann Cyr, Jason Danen (by phone), Andy Hummel, Aaron Lowe, Vicky Olson, P.K. O'Neill, Sean Slamon, and Sandy Wartgow which constituted a quorum.

Voting members absent were Jerry Evans, Ken Furlong, Craig Robinson, Mark Stearns, Jerome Tushbant, and Dave Yohey. Non-voting members absent were Keith Forbes and Chris Smallcomb.

Also present were Adam Tully (Carson City District Attorney's Office), Brett Bindley (by phone – Carson City Sheriff's Office) and Megan Hall (Nevada Division of Emergency Management).

3. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

4. For Possible Action: Approval of Minutes – March 28, 2022

It was moved by Jason Danen, seconded by Sandy Wartgow, with all ayes in favor that the minutes of the March 28th meeting be approved as submitted.

5. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding appointment of Vicky Olson from Carson Tahoe Health as the hospital representative to the LEPC.

It was moved by Jason Danen, seconded by Andy Hummel, with all ayes in favor to appoint Vicky Olson as the hospital representative to the LEPC.

6. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding appointment of alternate members to the LEPC.

Sean Slamon reported that in the packets were the alternate members listed that were received from Committee members. He asked that anyone who does not have an alternate work with Staff to find an alternate and designate them.

It was moved by Andy Hummel, seconded by Ann Cyr, with all ayes in favor to appoint the designated alternate members to the LEPC.

7. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding review and submission of LEPC's Membership List, including alternate members, to SERC.

(Aaron Lowe arrived at the meeting.)

Sean Slamon asked members to review this document in the packet and state if there were any needed corrections.

It was moved by Ann Cyr, seconded by Nicki Aaker, with all ayes in favor that the LEPC's Membership List with alternate members be accepted as presented and submitted to the SERC.

8. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a mid-cycle grant application for \$975.00 to the State Emergency Response Commission ("SERC") for training at the Fire Shows West conference. (Jason Danen)

Jason Danen reported that this is the LEPC's annual submittal for grant funding. He said many Quad County HazMat Team members have been sent to this training in the past with this source as funding for that. This is focused on Hazardous Materials that attendees can bring back to the Quad County HazMat Team and local community.

It was moved by Andy Hummel, seconded by Aaron Lowe, with all ayes in favor to approve submission of the mid-cycle grant application for \$975.00 to the SERC for training at Fire Shows West.

9. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding the Fiscal Year 2023 United We Stand grant application for \$32,000 to acquire two camera-equipped tactical robots to support Carson City Sheriff's Office and Carson City Fire Department operations. (Brett Bindley)

Brett Bindley reported on the detail of the United We Stand grant application. He said with this grant they are requesting to acquire a package from a company called Vantage Tactical; this is a large platform robot that has an infrared camera, two-way speaker, a chemical aging deployment system, and it is able to climb stairs/navigate inside buildings. The whole idea is they will be able to enter a building remotely and locate any down victims, locate a suspect, initiate negotiations, deescalate prior to committing any kind of

human assets into a building.

Brett said they are also requesting to purchase a smaller robot, more for the patrol environment, to give this same type of capability to patrol officers. Both have a counterterrorism initial response nexus.

It was moved by Rick Cooley, seconded by Aaron Lowe, with all ayes in favor to approve submission of the grant application for \$32,000 to the SERC to acquire two camera-equipped tactical robots to support Carson City Sheriff's Office and Carson City Fire Department operations.

Sean Slamon added that these are very important grants for Carson City Sheriff's Office and Carson City Fire Department and both grants have been well utilized from law enforcement, fire, and the HazMat Team for numerous years.

10. For Discussion Only: Update on the Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan. (Jason Danen)

Jason Danen provided an update on the Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan update. He said he had some funding available in his Emergency Management budget to update this Plan. Every year this Plan is reviewed with minor updates and submitted to the SERC and there is never any problem with that, but this is an older Plan.

Galena Properties, a third-party vendor out of Washoe County, is the company updating the Plan and they are almost done with the first draft. Jason can bring this draft to the next meeting. Sean Slamon thanked Jason for taking this project on and updating the Plan.

11. For Discussion Only: Report and discussion on activities associated with the Citizen Corps Council Initiatives. (Jason Danen, Jerome Tushbant, and Jeanne Freeman).

Jason Danen reported on Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) activity for the quarter. He said they meet on a regular basis and have had routine meetings and outside trainings focused on communications, etc. They are working directly with Red Cross and the focus of that is what they do once they get there.

There was no VIPS update given.

Nicki Aaker reported on the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and said they are revamping the MRC through a \$25,000 grant. Staff is reaching out to current members to see if they are interested in being in the MRC. For those who are interested an updated profile and background check is being done.

Nicki said the next steps will be building the MRC mission ready packs.

12. For Discussion Only: Reports of Committee Members

Sandy Wartgow reported that we are in summer now and looking at those heat emergencies that can happen and CCFD has conducted training on that. She also reported that call volume is remaining fairly consistent with 30 per day.

Vicky Olson reported that the Hospital just had their Emergency Response Team training, and she is working to rebuild the Emergency Management Program with Carson Tahoe.

Nicki Aaker reported that Carson City Health and Human Services is doing Covid shots once a week in each county and are ramping up for flu shots in the fall. Flu is on the increase right now.

Megan Hall introduced herself to the Committee; she is the LEPC Coordinator at NDEM. She said they are deep in the grant process and working on getting grants done and approved. She reported that school plans are due in July.

Ann Cyr reported that the School District is preparing to submit their updated EOP. School is out. Schools are preparing for fire inspections. The School District is enhancing security at schools.

Aaron Lowe reported that he initiated the training for the Calm the Chaos and attendees are working on their 32-hour online course to get ready for the three-day hands-on train the trainer. The next steps will be interfacing with agencies and communities and different departments on incident management.

Sean Slamon reported that Carson Fire has two firefighters deployed to New Mexico right now working on the wildfires.

Sean said Carson Fire was notified through NDEM that they have been awarded 2 million dollars in federal earmarks for the new build on the emergency operations center (EOC).

The Regional Fire Academy Graduation is June 24th, there are 12 graduates.

Sean also reported that FEMA notified Carson and Douglas County that they were identified as high hazard drought areas.

13. For Discussion Only: Next Meeting Date: September 6, 2022.

14. Public Comment**

None.

15. For Possible Action: To adjourn

It was moved by Sandy Wartgow to adjourn the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

Recorder: Shelby Price