

MINUTES
of the Meeting of the
Carson City
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
March 7, 2023

The Carson City Local Emergency Planning Committee held a public meeting on March 7, 2023, beginning at 1:31 p.m. in the meeting room of Fire Station 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 Immanuel Beeson, Rick Cooley, Jason Danen, Jeanne Freeman, Andy Hummel, Aaron Lowe, Vicky Olson, Sean Slamon, Jerome Tushbant, and Sandy Wartgow which constituted a quorum.

Voting members absent were Ann Cyr, Ken Furlong, Joe McCarthy, P.K. O'Neill, Craig Robinson, and Dave Yohey. Non-voting members absent were Keith Forbes and Chris Smallcomb.

Also present were Adam Tully (Carson City District Attorney's Office) and Deni French (Carson City Resident).

3. Public Comment**

Deni French thanked the Committee members for being there.

4. For Possible Action: Approval of Minutes – December 6, 2022

It was moved by Andy Hummel, seconded by Sandy Wartgow, with all ayes in favor that the minutes of the December 6th meeting be approved as submitted.

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

Jason Danen reported that the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) has been proactive with continued meetings, building SOPs (standard operating procedures), a flag retirement box, trainings, and more. They are actively recruiting and just adopted a code of conduct.

Jerome Tushbant reported that VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service) are having trouble keeping people recruited. They do have a citizen's academy coming up and they changed these meetings from Wednesdays to Thursdays. For the quarter, VIPS have come across 167 abandoned vehicles with 15 of those towed away, 46 home checks and 50 VIN checks.

Jeanne Freeman reported that MRC (Medical Reserve Corps) has been on hold with recruitment as they revamp the program. They received a small grant to do this. They are in the process of bringing it in line with Carson City's Human Resources volunteer processes. Background checks and fingerprinting are being added to their new protocols.

6. For Discussion Only: Reports of Committee Members.

Jeanne Freeman reported that Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS) has been busy with Legislative session and the dynamics associated with that. CCHHS has revamped their department and the epi division is now on its own. They are one position shy of being fully staffed in the epi division.

Vicky Olson reported that Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center (CTRMC) is working on getting their leadership through disaster response training. She added that this would be her last LEPC meeting as she is going per diem at CTRMC and going to Colorado.

(Rick Cooley arrived at the meeting).

Rick Cooley reported how busy Public Works has been with weather and preparation for the potential rainstorms.

Jerome Tushbant reported that there has been an insurrection of gang activity. They have arrested 11 and filed on multiple others. There have been traffic accidents lately with the snow.

Sandy Wartgow reported on the following for EMS:

EMS has been steady and there have been lots of motor vehicle accidents.

Carson City Fire Department (CCFD) went live with the new reporting system; so far this has been good.

EMS did a follow up with Carson City Health and Human Services for whether CCFD could get high flow nasal cannulas for ambulances, but the cost was very high so at this time it is not feasible.

Aaron Lowe reported that CCFD graduated three from the Regional Fire Academy and was staffed fully for the first time in a very long time. He added that CCFD crews have been checking equipment to be prepared in the case of a water rescue.

Jason Danen reported that on Friday, March 10th Carson City Fire and Emergency Management and Carson City Sheriff's Office will be hosting a Leadership Class with Southwest Gas.

Jason provided an update on the fuels side for Carson City with a lot of burn piles and trying to burn but haven't been able to because of the heavy snow.

Lastly, Jason reported that this was his last LEPC meeting as he is retiring. Sean Slamon added on to that and reported with Chief Danen's retirement there is movement in the works with promotions and a budget request to change the way Emergency Management is being done but that won't happen until July.

Sean noted that CCFD is involved in the CareFlight Memorial on March 8th.

Lastly, Sean reported that CCFD is working with Public Works on weather from an Emergency Management perspective. An EOC 101 tabletop is in the works.

7. For Discussion Only: Next Meeting Date: June 6, 2023

8. Public Comment**

Deni French thanked the Committee for working together to keep the City safe. He added that he was part of CERT many years ago. Deni said he was concerned of flood areas in the City and Sean Slamon reassured him that Carson City Public Works has done a fantastic job shoring up known flood areas and infrastructure reinforcement in areas.

9. For Possible Action: To adjourn

It was moved by Vicky Olson to adjourn the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

Recorder: Shelby Price