

MINUTES
of the Meeting of the
Carson City
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
March 5, 2024

The Carson City Local Emergency Planning Committee held a public meeting on March 5, 2024, beginning at 1:30 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 Jason Aceves, Jon Bakkedahl, Rick Cooley, Jeanne Freeman, Kevin Nyberg, P.K O’Neill, Robert Simpson, Sean Slamon, Jerome Tushbant, and Sandy Wartgow which constituted a quorum. Non-voting member present was Dawn Johnson.

Voting members absent were Immanuel Beeson, Ken Furlong, Andy Hummel, Joe McCarthy, Craig Robinson, and Dave Yohey. Non-voting member absent was Keith Forbes.

Also present were Adam Tully (Carson City District Attorney’s Office), Hal O’Brien (Nevada Division of Emergency Management), Scott Hoen (Clerk Recorder), Mr. Deni French, and Robyn Orloff.

3. Public Comment**

Deni French said he brought up subjects at the end of the last LEPC meeting regarding solar flares and how the city would respond. He said our weather has been unusual and the circumstances are changing, and we have to be ready day to day.

Robyn Orloff thanked the public safety agencies for the protection of citizens. Robyn said she has concerns about fire and the OHV area. She said every year we have fire restrictions and she recommended putting a copy of the restriction at the OHV kiosk. She then explained that one of her concerns is uninvited riding in off-trail designated areas which have intact vegetation. She also inquired about what was being done with the red flag days.

P.K. O'Neill arrived at the meeting.

4. For Possible Action: Approval of Minutes – December 5, 2023

It was moved by Rick Cooley, seconded by Sandy Wartgow, with all eyes in favor that the minutes of the December 5th meeting be approved as submitted.

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

Jon Bakkedahl reported on the following Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) activity for the quarter:

- 20 people went through the Academy in January and the next Academy is scheduled for May.
- Jon, Serge, and Barbara attended the NEPA Conference in Las Vegas.
- Have a planning calendar for the year including hybrid medical ops training, wet EOC training, and shelter operations training.
- Completed 831 hours of volunteer time in the last quarter.

Jerome Tushbant reported on the following Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) activity for the quarter.

- Completed 2,642 hours in January with the majority of those being mounted units on different assignments.
- Recently got a second position for the volunteers which is a genetic genealogist and they are using this for unsolved homicides dating back to the 1980s and some of the recovered but unidentified bodies.

Jeanne Freeman said that she didn't have a report for the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and that they are still working with the national office to disband the unit.

6. For Discussion Only: Reports of Committee Members.

Kevin Nyberg reported that they have the first Quad County HazMat Drill at the end of the month. This is a great partnership with the Civil Support Team and they will be teaching the first part of the drill.

Sandy Wartgow – nothing to report.

Robert Simpson reported that the School District is putting a big emphasis on pedestrian safety.

Jason Aceves reported that Carson Tahoe Hospital will be having their Hospital Emergency Response Training in April. They are still working on having a community participation exercise in June with the Quad County.

Job Bakkedahl reported on the following for Emergency Management:

- The Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) is about three months into the planning effort. They have a few more months to work on this.
- Working with the Sheriff's Office on a Jail Evacuation Plan.
- Public Works was working on the City Flood Plan prior to losing staff.
- Training wise - completed the EOC 101 courses in January and February and ICS 300 and G-197. Planning one more EOC 101 course and a Management 346 course in March. Southwest presentation on mass gatherings and ICS 300 are scheduled in April. There are two sporting event classes and a radiation specialist scheduled in May.
- Supported the School District with an exercise in January and going to build off that for a full scale in June.

P.K. O'Neill reported that Interim Committee Meetings are going and there is a copious amount of money still left from the American Recovery Plan. If an agency has a shovel ready program submit it up to IFC or your legislator.

Jeanne Freeman reported that Health is revamping plans and making sure they are ready to support Emergency Management with the expectations of what that looks like.

Health hired a communications specialist in January, and they want him to be trained as their PIO (public information officer).

Rick Cooley – nothing to report.

Jerome Tushbant reported that the Sheriff's Office has been focusing on employee wellness and a peer support team. They are also conducting a public safety employees preparing for retirement training, which will include financial advisors, etc.

Jerome reported that the other big project they are working on right now is Tiburon, which is the software system that runs the City's public safety – the Jail, CAD, etc. This is in RFP with two companies – Central Square and Tyler Technologies.

Working with Emergency Management on replacing Comm51 which is about 20 years old. Looking at a different type of model like an F550 unit. Working on different funding sources for this.

Dawn Johnson arrived at the meeting.

Sean Slamon reported that the Regional Fire Academy is in service at Carson Fire's Training Center and includes five agencies. He noted that internally CCFD is doing a leadership and professional development class.

Hal O'Brien said DEM is proud to support Carson City and they appreciate the support. DEM and Jon Bakkedahl have a meeting next week to discuss mitigation projects.

Dawn Johnson reported that pre-fire season meetings are being scheduled. Have been hosting monthly water outlook supply calls as well. For the HazMat exercise for Quad County if they would like NWS involved let her know.

7. For Discussion Only: Next Meeting Date: June 4, 2024

8. Public Comment**

Deni French asked if there was anticipation of ice freeze ups. Sean Slamon said there is nothing seen in the forecast that would be a major concern.

9. For Possible Action: To adjourn

It was moved by Jeanne Freeman to adjourn the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

Recorder: Shelby Ternes